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NEW ZEALAND.

FRIENDLY SOCIETIES AND TRADE-UNIONS:

THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT BY THE REGISTRAR OF FRIENDLY SOCIETIES, FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1914.

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly pursuant to the Friendly Societies Act, 1909, Section 9, and the Trade-unions Act, 1908, Section 16.

The REGISTRAR OF FRIENDLY SOCIETIES to the Hon. the MINISTER.

SIR,--Wellington, 28th June, 1915. I have the honour to submit herewith, in accordance with the Act, the annual report of this Office for the year ended 31st December, 1914.

I have, &c., R. E. HAYES, Registrar of Friendly Societies.

OPERATIONS OF NEW ZEALAND SOCIETIES.

REGISTRATIONS.

There were registered during the past year 39 new societies and branches, distributed among the various orders as follows: M.U.I.O.O.F., 3 lodges; I.O.O.F., 12 lodges; A.O.F., 2 courts; U.A.O.D., 1 lodge; I.O.R., 1 tent; H.A.C.B.S., 15 branches; P.A.F.S.A., 1 lodge; isolated friendly societies, 3; specially authorized societies, 1.

The following registrations were cancelled:-By dissolution: A.O.S., Sanctuary Epuni.

By request: A.O.F., Courts Excelsior and West End (Auckland District); U.A.O.D., Triumph and Okotuku Lodges (Grand Lodge of the North Island of New Zealand).

The following amalgamation was registered: Waingongoro with Wai Aroha Tent (N.Z. Central District I.O.R.).

Court Pride of Dunedin seceded from United Otago District A.O.F.

The following change of name was registered: "N.Z. Collieries, Railway, and Oil Syndicate Employees' Benefit Society," to "Kaitangata Employees' Benefit Society."

The position of the orders in respect of registration is shown by the following summary as at the beginning and end of 1914:-

Name of Order.			Registrations at 1st January, 1914.	Established.	Closed.	Registrations at 31st De- cember, 1914
Manchester Unity Independent Order of Odd l	Fellows		226	3	3	229
Independent Order of Odd Fellows			90	12	• •	102
National Independent Order of Odd Fellows			3			3
British United Order of Odd Fellows			1			1.
Ancient Order of Foresters			149	2	2	149*
Ancient Order of Shepherds			2		1	1
United Ancient Order of Druids			139	1	2	138
Independent Order of Rechabites			76	1		77
Sons and Daughters of Temperance			11			11
Hibernian Australasian Catholic Benefit Socie	ty		51	15		66
Protestant Alliance Friendly Society of Australasia			12	1		13
Isolated friendly societies			25	3		28
Working-men's clubs			16			16
Independent Order of Good Templars			55		• • •	55
Specially authorized societies			19	1	• •,	20
Totals			875	39	5	909

^{*} Includes three courts under expulsion but position undetermined.

A complete list of societies and branches on the register as at the end of 1914 is given in Appendix I.

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