

OPERATIONS OF NEW ZEALAND FRIENDLY SOCIETIES.

REGISTRATIONS.

There were registered during the past year 8 new societies and branches, distributed among the various orders as follows: H.A.C.B.S., 6 lodges; isolated friendly societies, 2.

The following registrations were cancelled by request:—M.U.I.O.O.F.: Loyal Queen of the West Lodge (Southland District). U.A.O.D.: Oraka Lodge (Grand Lodge of Otago and Southland District, New Zealand). I.F.S.: Waihi United Friendly Societies Hospital Conference.

The following amalgamations were registered:—A.O.F.: Court Lady Islington with Court Stratford (Taranaki District). U.A.O.D.: Southern Oak Lodge with Acorn Lodge (Grand Lodge of Otago and Southland District).

The following changes of name were registered:—A.O.F.: Court Shaldrick to Court Edith Cavell (Auckland District). U.A.O.D.: Te Awha Lodge to Northern Oak Lodge (Grand Lodge of the North Island of New Zealand).

The position of the orders in respect of registration is shown by the following summary as at the beginning and end of 1917:—

Name of Order.	Registrations at 1st January, 1917.	Established.	Closed.	Registrations at 31st De- cember, 1917.
Manchester Unity Independent Order of Odd Fellows	227	..	1	226
Independent Order of Odd Fellows	104	..	..	104
National Independent Order of Odd Fellows	3	..	..	3
British United Order of Odd Fellows	1	..	..	1
Ancient Order of Foresters	153	..	1	152
Ancient Order of Shepherds	1	..	..	1
United Ancient Order of Druids	137	..	2	135
Independent Order of Rechabites	77	..	..	77
Sons and Daughters of Temperance	11	..	..	11
Hibernian Australasian Catholic Benefit Society	66	6	..	72
Protestant Alliance Friendly Society of Australasia	13	..	..	13
Isolated friendly societies	36	2	1	37
Working-men's clubs	16	..	..	16
Independent Order of Good Templars	11	..	..	11
Specially authorized societies	20	..	..	20
Totals	876	8	5	879

A complete list of societies and branches on the register as at the end of 1917 is given in Appendix II.

RULES.

The rules of 55 societies and branches came under revision in one form or another for amendment during 1917.

Complete amendments were registered during the year, viz.:—

M.U.I.O.O.F.—North Canterbury District; United Westland District.

A.O.F.—Court Pride of the Leith (United Otago District).

W.M.C.—The Christchurch Working-men's Club and Mutual School of Arts; Richmond Working-men's Club.

S.A.S.—Westport Garrison Artillery Volunteer Band Society.

Partial Amendments of Rules registered.

Partial amendments for the following were made:—

M.U.I.O.O.F.—New Zealand Branch; Hawke's Bay District; South Canterbury District (2); Otago District (3); Southland District (2); Loyal St. George Lodge (Southland District).

I.O.O.F.—I.O.O.F. of New Zealand (juvenile rules); Alfred Lodge (I.O.O.F. of New Zealand).

N.I.O.O.F.—Auckland Provincial District.

B.U.O.O.F.—Aorangi Lodge.

A.O.F.—The Ancient Order of Foresters of New Zealand Friendly Society; Auckland District (2); Hawke's Bay District (2); Taranaki District (2); United Otago District; Court City of Auckland (Court not in any District) (2); Court Pride of Dunedin (Court not in any District) (2).

U.A.O.D.—Grand Lodge of the North Island of New Zealand (2); Grand Lodge of Canterbury District (2); Grand Lodge of Otago and Southland District (2).

I.O.R.—New Zealand Central District (2); Hope of Wellington Tent (New Zealand Central District).

S. and D.T.—Antidote Division; Progress Division.

H.A.C.B.S.—New Zealand District.

I.F.S.—Millerton Colliery Medical and Accident Relief Association; Auckland Tramways Sick and Accident Friendly Society (2); Eden Temperance Benefit Friendly Society (2); The Fountain of Friendship Lodge Friendly Society (2); The Wellington United Friendly Societies Medical Institute.

W.M.C.—Wellington Working-men's Club and Literary Institute.

S.A.S.—Hawke's Bay United Friendly Societies' Dispensary; Wellington United Friendly Societies' Dispensary.