

Sick and Funeral Funds.

The contributions and entrance fees paid to Sick and Funeral Funds in 1921 amounted to £136,795. Divided by the mean number of members the average for 1921 was £1 15s. 11d., as compared with £1 16s. in 1920.

The interest and rent received by the lodges and central bodies amounted to £111,825 in 1921, equal to £1 9s. 5d. per member, as against £1 8s. 5d. for 1920.

The amount of sickness benefit paid was £90,994 in 1921, equal to £7 11s. 5d. per member sick, and £1 3s. 11d. per member, as against £6 15s. 4d. and £1 6s. 6d. respectively for 1920. Viewing the amount paid in relation to the weeks of sickness, the average benefit per week is found to be 13s. in 1921, as compared with 13s. 4d. in 1920.

The funeral benefit paid amounted to £25,267 in 1921, equal to 6s. 8d. per member, as compared with 7s. 11d. for 1920.

The total worth of the Sick and Funeral Funds of 731 lodges at the beginning of 1921 was £2,037,554, and at the end of the year £2,164,011. The balance of gain for the year was £126,457, or £1 13s. 3d. per member, in 1921, as compared with £113,205, or £1 11s. 3d., in 1920.

Investment of Funds.

The net income from investments credited to the Sick and Funeral Funds for 1921 amounted to £111,825, the average rate being £5 9s. 4d. per cent., as against £5 6s. 8d. in 1920.

TABLE SHOWING THE TOTAL WORTH OF SICK AND FUNERAL FUNDS OF 731 LODGES AS ON 1ST JANUARY, 1921, AND 31ST DECEMBER, 1921, INCLUSIVE OF ACCUMULATIONS HELD BY CENTRAL BODIES, ALSO AMOUNT AND AVERAGE RATE OF INTEREST EARNED.

Name of Society.	Total Worth of Sick and Funeral Funds as on		Amount of Interest.	Average Rate per Cent.
	January 1, 1921.	December 31, 1921.		
	£	£	£	£
M.U.I.O.O.F.	808,055	835,693	42,743	5·36
I.O.O.F.	143,715	151,723	7,286	5·06
N.I.O.O.F.	5,255	5,327	182	3·50
B.U.O.O.F.	4,095	4,266	214	5·25
A.O.F.	483,574	509,540	25,508	5·27
A.O.S.	1,280	1,303	77	6·15
U.A.O.D.	359,831	400,673	22,186	6·09
I.O.R.	101,827	107,234	5,571	5·48
S.D.T.	25,746	27,000	1,415	5·51
H.A.C.B.S.	43,168	51,450	2,610	5·67
P.A.F.S.A.	28,238	29,390	1,582	5·65
Other societies	37,770*	40,412	2,151	5·66
Totals	2,037,554*	2,164,011	111,825	5·47

* Includes £1,002 Wellington Corporation Tramways and Electric Lighting Friendly Society.

TRADE-UNIONS.

One trade-union was cancelled during the year—viz., the Whangamomona Railway and Road Construction Workers' Trade-union (Whangamomona).

There were 31 unions on the register at the end of the year.

INCORPORATED SOCIETIES ACT.

During 1921 there were 109 societies, clubs, or associations incorporated under this Act, and amendments of rules of 93 societies were accepted. Fifty-eight societies were dissolved, and eight were wound up. On the 31st December, 1921, there were 1,382 incorporated bodies on the register. A classification of these societies gives: 491 sports clubs; 384 automobile, social, and musical clubs; 255 professional, commercial, industrial, &c.; 104 public-hall societies; and 148 miscellaneous.

EXPLANATORY NOTE OF TERMS USED IN REPORT.

A.O.F.	Ancient Order of Foresters.
A.O.S.	Ancient Order of Shepherds.
B.U.O.O.F.	British United Order of Odd Fellows.
H.A.C.B.S.	Hibernian Australasian Catholic Benefit Society.
I.F.S.	Isolated friendly society.
I.O.G.T.	Independent Order of Good Templars.
I.O.O.F.	Independent Order of Odd Fellows.
I.O.R.	Independent Order of Rechabites.
M.U.I.O.O.F.	Manchester Unity Independent Order of Odd Fellows.
N.I.O.O.F.	National Independent Order of Odd Fellows.
P.A.F.S.A.	Protestant Alliance Friendly Society of Australasia.
S.A.S.	Specially authorized society.
S.D.T.	Sons and Daughters of Temperance.
U.A.O.D.	United Ancient Order of Druids.
W.M.C.	Working-men's Club.