

The position of the orders in respect of registration is shown by the following summary as at the beginning and end of 1927 :—

Name of Order.	Registrations at 1st Janu- ary, 1927.	Established.	Closed.	Registrations at 31st De- cember, 1927.
Manchester Unity Independent Order of Oddfellows ..	235	4	..	239
Independent Order of Odd Fellows	178	13	1	190
National Independent Order of Oddfellows ..	3	..	..	3
British United Order of Oddfellows	1	..	..	1
Ancient Order of Foresters	160	..	..	160
Ancient Order of Shepherds	1	..	..	1
United Ancient Order of Druids	141	2	..	143
Independent Order of Rechabites	66	1	1	66
Order of Sons of Temperance	10	..	..	10
Sons and Daughters of Temperance	1	..	..	1
Hibernian-Australasian Catholic Benefit Society ..	71	1	1	71
Protestant Alliance Friendly Society of Australasia ..	13	2	..	15
Grand United Order of Oddfellows	12	..	..	12
Isolated friendly societies	56	4	..	60
Working-men's clubs	16	..	..	16
Independent Order of Good Templars	11	..	..	11
Specially authorized societies	16	..	..	16
Totals	991	27	3	1,015

A complete list of societies and branches on the register as at the end of 1927 is given in Appendix I.

RULES.

The rules of fifty-six societies and branches were amended during 1927.

Complete Amendments of Rules registered.

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

- M.U.I.O.O.F.—Wellington District ; City of Christchurch Lodge (North Canterbury District) ; South Canterbury District ; Palmerston Lodge (Otago District).
- I.O.O.F.—Grand Lodge of New Zealand.
- A.O.F.—Court Ruahine (Hawke's Bay District).
- U.A.O.D.—Grand Lodge of Otago and Southland, New Zealand.
- I.O.R.—New Zealand District ; New Zealand Central District.
- I.F.S.—Pukemiro Medical Society ; The Bluff United Friendly Societies' Dispensary ; The Devonport United Friendly Societies' Dispensary.
- W.M.C.—Auckland Working-men's Club and Mechanics' Institute ; Blenheim Working-men's Club.
- S.A.S.—Timaru United Friendly Societies' Dispensary.

Partial Amendments of Rules registered.

Partial amendments for the following were registered during the year, viz. :—

- M.U.I.O.O.F.—Hawke's Bay District ; Ruahine Lodge (Hawke's Bay District) ; Waitara Lodge (Taranaki District) ; Benevolent Lodge (North Canterbury District) ; Hand of Friendship Lodge (Lyttelton District) ; Timaru Lodge (South Canterbury District) ; Otago District ; Outram Lodge (Otago District) ; Shamrock, Rose, and Thistle Lodge (Southland District).
- A.O.F.—Hawke's Bay District (2) ; Court Taranaki (Taranaki District) ; Court Papanui, Court Star of Belfast, and Court Star of Greendale (Canterbury United District) ; United Otago District ; Court City of Auckland (2) (Court out of District) ; Court Pride of Napier (Juvenile).
- U.A.O.D.—Grand Lodge of the North Island of New Zealand (2) ; Grand Lodge of Canterbury, New Zealand.
- I.O.R.—New Zealand Central District (2).
- O.S.T.—National Division of New Zealand.
- I.F.S.—Millerton Colliery Medical and Accident Relief Association ; Nightcaps Wairio and Ohai Collieries Medical Sick and Accident Relief Association ; The Fountain of Friendship Lodge, Friendly Society (3) ; Te Akatea Miners and Settlers' Medical Association ; The Wellington United Friendly Societies' Medical Institute ; The Waiuta Miners' Medical Association ; Public Works Medical Association (2) ; Karamea Medical Association.
- W.M.C.—Auckland Working-men's Club and Mechanics' Institute ; Petone Working-men's Club and Literary Institute (2) ; Blenheim Working-men's Club.
- S.A.S.—Sydenham and Suburban Co-operative Money Club.