

## ANNUAL RETURNS OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE, ETC.

The Friendly Societies Act requires these returns to reach me on or before the 31st March in each year. The number outstanding at that date in the respective societies was as follows:—

*Annual Returns outstanding at 31st March, 1928.*

| Name of Society.     | Central Bodies. | Branches. |
|----------------------|-----------------|-----------|
| M.U.I.O.O.F. . . . . | .. ..           | 2         |
| I.O.O.F. . . . .     | .. ..           | 25        |
| A.O.F. . . . .       | 1               | 4         |
| U.A.O.D. . . . .     | .. ..           | 6         |
| I.O.R. . . . .       | .. ..           | 10        |
| O.S.T. . . . .       | .. ..           | 1         |
| H.A.C.B.S. . . . .   | 1               | 28        |
| P.A.F.S.A. . . . .   | .. ..           | 2         |
| G.U.O.O.F. . . . .   | 1               | 4         |
| I.F.S., &c. . . . .  | .. ..           | 26        |
|                      | 3               | 108       |
|                      | 111             |           |

## STATISTICS OF MEMBERSHIP AND FUNDS.

The following table shows the membership of 864 lodges\* of the Dominion for the year 1927:—

|                                            |         |
|--------------------------------------------|---------|
| Number of members, 1st January .. .. .     | 95,383† |
| Number admitted by—                        |         |
| Initiation, &c. . . . .                    | 9,313   |
| Clearance .. .. .                          | 1,125   |
|                                            | 10,438  |
|                                            | 105,821 |
| Number who died . . . . .                  | 776     |
| Number who left by—                        |         |
| Clearance .. .. .                          | 1,183   |
| Arrears, &c. . . . .                       | 5,611   |
|                                            | 7,570   |
| Number of members at 31st December .. .. . | 98,251  |

The above figures show an increase in membership equal to 3·01 per cent., as compared with 3·41 per cent. for 1926.

The total funds of the societies and branches as on the 31st December, 1927, amounted to £3,526,717, made up as follows: Sick and Funeral Funds (inclusive of amounts transferred to special funds out of surplus), £3,277,479; Medical and Management Funds, goods, &c., £249,238. Dividing the total funds by the number of members at the end of the year it is found the average capital per member is now £35 17s. 11d.

Taking the several years 1918–1927, the number of lodges whose returns were tabulated, the number of members, total funds, and average capital per member at the end of each year were as under:—

| Year.        | Number of Lodges tabulated. | Number of Members. | Total Funds. | Average Capital. |
|--------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|--------------|------------------|
|              |                             |                    | £            | £ s. d.          |
| 1918 .. .. . | 731                         | 67,527             | 2,100,443    | 31 2 1           |
| 1919 .. .. . | 735                         | 70,598             | 2,184,653    | 30 18 11         |
| 1920 .. .. . | 732                         | 74,210             | 2,321,176    | 31 5 7           |
| 1921 .. .. . | 731                         | 77,814             | 2,445,843    | 31 8 8           |
| 1922 .. .. . | 746                         | 80,777             | 2,593,692    | 32 2 2           |
| 1923 .. .. . | 774                         | 84,228             | 2,747,952    | 32 12 6          |
| 1924 .. .. . | 782                         | 87,433             | 2,955,340    | 33 16 0          |
| 1925 .. .. . | 817                         | 91,353             | 3,126,237    | 34 6 7           |
| 1926 .. .. . | 843                         | 94,467             | 3,337,683    | 35 6 8           |
| 1927 .. .. . | 864                         | 98,251             | 3,526,717    | 35 17 11         |

These sums are, of course, held against the societies' liabilities under their sickness and funeral insurances, and the actuarial reports issued from time to time indicate how far they are sufficient or otherwise.

The above figures include the latest statistics received from lodges.

\* The word "lodge" when applied to all societies, is to be understood as embracing the synonymous terms "court," "tent," &c., as used in the various orders.

† Includes 916 members Auckland City Tramways Club.