The following statement shows the disposal of the total funds (including those of the central bodies) as at the 31st December, 1935:-

Funds.		Assets.				
Sick and Funeral Funds Surplus Appropriation Funds, &c. Management Funds, goods, &c. Widow and Orphans' Funds Distress, Benevolent Funds, &c.	 $\begin{array}{c} & & \\ \dots & 3,993,566 \\ \dots & 456,574 \\ \dots & 200,905 \\ \dots & 32,791 \\ \dots & 128,951 \end{array}$	Investments at interest Value of land and buildings Cash not bearing interest Value of goods Other assets Owing by Management Funds			£ 4,095,632 527,842 125,872 22,962 34,423 6,056	
Total	 £4,812,787	Total		• •	£4,812,787	

The next table shows the number of members of friendly societies, the amount of their accumulated capital, and the average capital per member in each of the Australian States according to the latest received statistics and in the Dominion of New Zealand as at the 31st December, 1934, arranged in order of membership:-

State or Dominion.				Date of Return.	Number of Lodges.	Number of Members.	Amount of Funds.	Capital per Member.	
New South Wales Victoria New Zealand South Australia Queensland Tasmania Western Australia				30th June, 1934 31st Dec., ,, 30th June, ,, 1933 31st Dec., ,, 30th June, 1934	2,436 1,449 929 858 609 190 341	205,053 162,216 100,708 91,938 65,220 24,661 22,744	£ 4,363,568 5,599,164 4,676,427 2,600,813 1,784,618 443,281 548,721	£ s. d. 21 5 7 34 10 4 46 8 9 28 5 9 31 9 3 17 19 6 24 2 6	

Sickness.

The number of members sick during 1935 was 21,763, equal to 22.8 per 100 members at risk. The sickness experienced during 1935 was 259,811 weeks, equal to 12 weeks per sick member, and 2 weeks 4 days for each member at risk.

Mortality.

A statement of the average mortality experienced during the years 1931-35 is given below, but it takes no account of age incidence:-

				Men	bers.	Wives.		
		Year.		Number who died.	Number per 1,000 Members at Risk.	Number who died,	Number per 1,000 Members at Risk.	
1931	 		 	874	8.18	372	3.48	
1932	 		 	834	8.00	393	3.77	
1933	 		 	852	8.39	363	3.57	
1934	 		 	935	9 · 26	326	3.23	
1935	 		 	887	8.64	364	$3 \cdot 55$	

Sick and Funeral Funds.

The contributions and entrance fees paid to Sick and Funeral Funds in 1935 amounted to Divided by the mean number of members the average for 1935 was £1 16s. 7d., as £186,736. against £1 16s. 3d. for 1934.

The interest and rent received by the lodges and central bodies amounted to £170,117 in 1935, equal to £1 13s. 4d. per member, as against £1 13s. 2d. for 1934.

The amount of sickness benefit paid was £160,012 in 1935, equal to £7 7s. 1d. per member sick, and £1 11s. 4d. per member, as against £7 0s. 3d. and £1 12s. 6d. respectively for 1934. Viewing the amount paid in relation to the weeks of sickness, the average benefit per week is found to be 12s. 4d. in 1935, as against 12s. 7d. for 1934.

The funeral benefit paid amounted to £41,245 in 1935, equal to 8s. 1d. per member, as compared with 8s. 5d. for 1934.

The total worth of the Sick and Funeral Funds at the beginning of 1935 was £3,883,557, and at the end of the year £3,993,566. The balance of gain for the year was £110,009, or £1 1s. 6d. per member, in 1935, as compared with £94,023, or 18s. 9d., in 1934.