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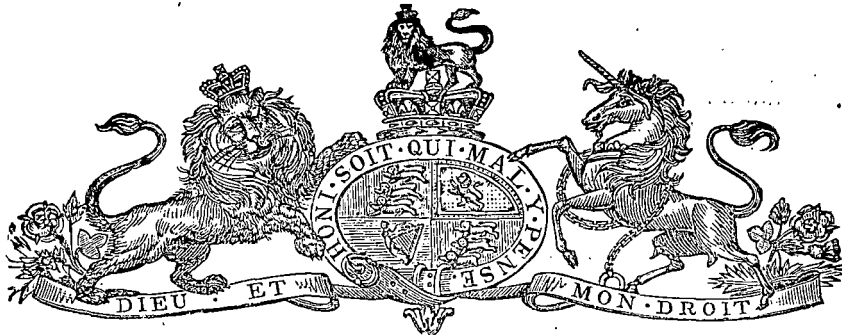
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FRIENDLY SOCIETIES:

REPORTS OF THE REGISTRAR AND THE STATISTICIAN FOR  
THE YEAR 1891.

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Presented to both Houses of Parliament by His Excellency's Command.



*Public Buildings, Hobart, 11th July, 1892.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to furnish the following Report of transactions registered by me as Registrar of Friendly Societies and Trades Unions during the year 1891 :—

*Friendly Societies.*

New Branches .....	1
Amended Rules.....	4
Appointment of Trustees .....	8
Change of Office .....	3
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*Trades Unions.*

The Builders and Contractors Association of Tasmania was registered on 16th March, 1891. being the first Society which has taken advantage of "The Trades Unions Act, 1889."

I have the honor to be,  
Sir,

Your very obedient Servant,

PHILIP S. SEAGER, Registrar.

*The Hon. the Attorney-General.*

*General Register Office, Hobart, 23rd July, 1892.*

SIR,

*Friendly Societies.*

IN accordance with the provisions of "The Friendly Societies Act, 1888," I have the honor to furnish the following Report with respect to the year 1891.

*Model Forms of Accounts and Circulation of Information.*

The authorised model forms were supplied to the various Secretaries of Friendly Societies at the beginning of the present year, for the purpose of obtaining a full statement of the business of each Society for the year 1891. The detailed statistical account, however, is not yet completed, as there are still a few of the minor Lodges which have failed to supply the necessary information.

It is expected, however, that the whole of the Returns for the year will be ready for publication in a very short time. Copies of this publication will immediately thereafter be distributed among the various Branch and District Societies throughout the Colony.

Elaborate statistical information, prepared from the Returns of the various Societies in respect of the year 1890, was furnished to the Secretary of every known Society (copy enclosed). The extent and progress of the various Societies at the close of the year 1891 may be ascertained by reference to the brief summary relating to the years 1880, 1885, and 1891.

*Progress between the Years 1880 and 1891.*

	1880.	1885.	1891.	Increase between 1880 and 1891.	
				Actual.	Per cent.
Branches and District Societies .....	47	83	95	48	102·12
Members .....	No. 3937	7541	9625	5688	144·48
Receipts.....	£ 13,282	20,893	28,615	15,433	116·24
Expenditure .....	£ 10,415	18,728	26,092	15,677	150·51
Capital .....	£ 30,026	49,723	67,474	37,488	124·71
<i>Per Member.</i>	<i>£ s. d.</i>	<i>£ s. d.</i>	<i>£ s. d.</i>	<i>£ s. d.</i>	
Receipts .....	3 7 6	2 15 6	2 19 5	-0 8 1	—
Expenditure .....	2 12 11	2 9 10	2 14 2	0 1 3	—
Capital .....	7 12 6	6 12 2	7 0 2	-0 12 4	—

It would therefore appear that within the eleven years there has been rapid progress, Branches and Districts having increased 102·12 per cent; members, 144·48 per cent.; receipts, 116·24 per cent.; expenditure, 150·51 per cent.; and capital, 124·71 per cent. The receipts and capital, however, have not advanced at a corresponding ratio with membership, the former having fallen 8s. 1d. per member, and the latter 12s. 4d. per member.

The benefits distributed during the year 1891 amounted in all to £26,092, or £2 10s. 2d. per member, as shown in the following summary:—

*Expenditure, 1891.*

(Members, 9625; cases of sickness, 1775; number of deaths of members, 89.)

Particulars.	Expenditure, 1891.		Per Member.	Per Case.
	Amount.	Per cent. to total.		
	£		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Sick Pay .....	7972	30·55	0 15 4	4 9 10
Medical Expenses.....	8193	31·17	0 15 8	—
Funeral Donations .....	3628	13·91	0 7 0	—
Other Funds .....	3565	13·66	0 6 10	—
Management .....	2794	10·71	0 5 4	—
	26,092	100·00	2 10 2	—

The average duration of sickness of the 1775 cases recorded was below the average of former years, being 42·34 days for the year 1890, and 30·91 days for the year 1891, per each sick person.

*Audit and Preparation of Accounts.*

I regret I can only say that in regard to the preparation of Accounts the improvement is but slight. Many of the Secretaries pay little attention to my communications; and the amount of correspondence is, in consequence, very considerable.

My recommendation to place the audit and local inspection of the accounts under the supervision of the Auditor-General would, I am sure, be of great advantage, and would be regarded as a boon by the members if carried out in the manner suggested by me in my Report dated 10th June, 1890.

I have, &c.

ROBT. M. JOHNSTON, *Registrar-General.*

*The Hon. A. INGLIS CLARK, Attorney-General.*