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No. 609.

An Act to enable Women and others to avail themselves of the provisions of the Acts relating to Friendly Societies.

[Assented to, December 21st, 1894.]

Be it enacted by the Governor of the Province of South Australia, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly of the said province, in this present Parliament assembled, as follows:

1. This Act may be cited as "The Friendly Societies Amendment Act, 1894."

2. The provisions of all Acts relating to Friendly Societies shall be deemed as and from the passing thereof to have extended and applied to women as well as to men, and to husbands and widowers as well as to wives and widows, so as to enable women to avail themselves of the provisions of the said Acts.

3. All general laws and rules heretofore made by any Friendly Society, so far as they provide for the admission of women as members of such society, are hereby validated and confirmed as from the making thereof.

4. The expression "women" used in this Act includes females of all ages, and the expression "men" includes males of all ages.

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5. The expression "Friendly Societies" shall mean and include—

(a) All Friendly Societies from time to time registered under the Act No. 22 of 1852, intituled "An Act to regulate Friendly Societies":

(b) The Independent Order of Oddfellows, Manchester Unity, Friendly Society, in South Australia, referred to in "The Manchester Unity of Oddfellows Act, 1874":

(c) All Friendly Societies enumerated in Schedule A to "The Friendly Societies Act, 1886," and incorporated thereunder.

In the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, I hereby assent to this Bill.

KINTORE, Governor.