

colony has suffered in the death of the late Premier, the Hon. J. Ballance, and request the chairman to convey to Mrs. Ballance the cordial sympathy of the meeting, and of the residents in this part of the West Coast, in her sad bereavement."

Mr. W. N. SYME, Chairman, Mr. McGuire's Meeting, to the Hon. the PREMIER.

(Telegram.)

Okato, 10th May, 1893.

AT Mr. McGuire's meeting here the following resolution was passed: "That the settlers of Okato deeply and sincerely regret the death of the Hon. Mr. Ballance, and express their deep sympathy with Mrs. Ballance in her sad bereavement."

The CHAIRMAN, Mr. Smith's Meeting, New Plymouth, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

MADAM,—

New Plymouth, 30th May, 1893.

At a largely attended public meeting held at New Plymouth last evening, when Mr. E. M. Smith, M.H.R., addressed the electors, the following resolution was carried by acclamation: "That this meeting desires to express to Mrs. Ballance its deep sympathy with her in her bereavement, and its high appreciation of the valuable services her late husband has rendered to New Zealand, and to Taranaki in particular, and the great loss the colony has sustained by his death."

I have much pleasure in transmitting this resolution to you. With much sympathy,

Believe me, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance.

J. B. ROY, Chairman.

Mr. R. M. HOUSTON to the Hon. the PREMIER.

(Telegram.)

Mongonui, 2nd June, 1893.

I AM instructed by the settlers of Kaitara, Victoria Valley, Herekino, Orua, and Takahue to convey to you their sympathy in the great loss the Government and colony have sustained through the death of Mr. Ballance, and their condolence with Mrs. Ballance under her sad bereavement. Please convey. These resolutions were passed at my public meeting held in these places.

The CHAIRMAN, Mr. Lawry's Meeting, Parnell, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

DEAR MADAM,—

Parnell, 1st June, 1893.

Mr. F. Lawry, M.H.R., addressed a very large meeting of Parnell electors in the Parnell Hall last evening. At the close of his address he moved the following resolution, which I, as chairman of the meeting, have the honour to convey to you, with personal expression of my entire sympathy with the same: "That this large meeting desires to express its deep regret at the irreparable loss the country has sustained by the death of the late Premier, the Hon. John Ballance, and also expresses its deep sympathy with Mrs. Ballance in her great bereavement."

The motion was seconded by Mr. French, supported by the Hon. W. McCullough and the Hon. W. Jennings, and was passed unanimously, the audience all rising, thus showing its deep feeling.

I am, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance.

NAPIAN W. POLLARD, Chairman.

The KNIGHTS OF LABOUR, Greymouth, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

DEAR MADAM,—

4th May, 1893.

I am instructed by the local assembly of the Knights of Labour at Greymouth to acquaint you of their deepest sympathy in the loss of your late husband, the Hon. J. Ballance, knowing, as they do, the feelings that were ever uppermost in all his doings, to render justice to all, and to ameliorate the lot of the working-classes. They also feel that they have lost a sincere and good friend. With deepest sympathy for you in your sad bereavement, and best wishes for your future welfare,

Yours, &c.,

N. ORTON,

Mrs. Ballance.

(For the Knights of Labour, Greymouth).

The BAKERS' UNION, Wellington, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

MADAM,—

Clyde Quay, 10th May, 1893.

At a meeting of the Bakers' Union, held at the Trades Hall on Saturday, 6th May, a resolution was passed of condolence and sympathy to you in your sad bereavement by the death of your beloved husband, the late Premier. Trusting that Almighty God may make your sorrow light,

We remain, &c.,

A. COLLINS, President.

Mrs. Ballance.

J. SHALFORD, Secretary.

The LIBERAL ASSOCIATION, Westport, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

DEAR MADAM,—

10th May, 1893.

I am directed by the above association to convey to you and your family our deep and sincere sympathy in your sad bereavement. You, madam, have lost a true and worthy companion. Our adopted country has suffered an almost irreparable loss in the death of your husband. His long and honourable public career, more especially during the last three years, has been of so Liberal a nature that the ages to come will revere the name of the Hon. John Ballance, Premier of New Zealand, founder of the great Liberal reforms that, if continued, will make New Zealand the bright and happy home for millions of our race. We are sure many true friends will gather round you at this time, that your trials may be somewhat lessened; and may He who