

controls all our destinies guide you in the beautiful path of resignation, till time, the partial healer of all our earthly troubles, will have soothed the memories of the past into a calm and happy hope of meeting with the dear departed in the regions of eternal bliss.

We are, dear madam, with the greatest sympathy and respect,

Yours, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance.

E. CROSS, Hon. Secretary.
WILLIAM SLOAN, Chairman.

The AMALGAMATED SOCIETY OF CARPENTERS AND JOINERS to Mrs. BALLANCE.

DEAR MADAM,—

Wellington, 11th May, 1893.

I am instructed by the members of the above society to convey to you their sympathy in the great loss you have sustained by the death of your much-esteemed husband, and that the remembrance of his devoted life to his country, the many useful measures he was enabled to conceive and be the means of bringing into law for the welfare of the toilers, may help to console you in the loss of one so dear to yourself, and held in such high esteem and affection by the people of New Zealand. On behalf of the above society, we beg to subscribe ourselves your humble servants,

THOS. MOSS, Branch President.
A. P. WESTBURY, Secretary.

Mrs. Ballance.

The HON. SECRETARY, Trades Council, Canterbury, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

DEAR MADAM,—

Christchurch, May, 1893.

I have the honour, by request of the above Council, to forward you a copy of resolution passed at the last meeting, viz.: "That this Council desires to express its sincere sympathy with Mrs. Ballance in her sad bereavement, and also to record its deep sense of the loss the country has sustained by the death of its Premier, and its appreciation of the great efforts made by the deceased statesman to benefit the people of New Zealand."

I remain, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance.

ARTHUR C. ANDREWS, Hon. Secretary.

The SECRETARY, United Boilermakers, &c., of New Zealand, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

DEAR MADAM,—

Moir Street, Wellington, 12th May, 1893.

I have been instructed by my society to forward you this letter of sympathy, sympathizing with you in your affliction in the bereavement of your late dearly beloved husband, the Hon. John Ballance, and we pray that God will give you physical strength to bear the loss you have sustained. He is not lost, but gone before, and you will again meet him by-and-by. Hoping you will kindly accept this letter of sympathy in the spirit that it is written,

I remain, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance.

W. CLIFFE, Secretary.

The HON. SECRETARY, National Liberal Association, Dunedin, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

DEAR MADAM,—

16th May, 1893.

As secretary of the National Liberal Association, I desire to approach you with the following resolution passed by the council of our association at its last meeting. We offer it with affectionate regard, as a tribute to the memory of your late husband, and as a token of our sincere sympathy with you in your bereavement.

I am, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance.

W. M. BOLT, Hon. Secretary.

Resolved, "That, at this first meeting of the National Liberal Association since the lamented death of the Hon. John Ballance, it is resolved that this association desire to place on record its highest appreciation of the great services rendered to the colony by the late Premier, and tender the heartfelt sympathy of the members of the association to his widow in her sad bereavement."

Mr. W. R. TREMAIN, M.W., Palmerston North, to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

28th April, 1893.

CONFIDENCE Assembly, Knights of Labour, express sympathy with Government in its bereavement.

Mr. R. N. JONES, Hon. Secretary, Liberal Association, Cook County, to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Gisborne, 28th April, 1893.

Cook County Liberal Association, in special meeting, desires to express its sympathy with Ministers in the great loss they and the country have sustained by the untimely death of the Premier, who was so universally respected and trusted by the public, and to wish Ministers all success in the arduous work they have now before them.

MARION HATTON, President, Women's Franchise League, Dunedin, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

(Telegram.)

28th April, 1893.

PLEASE accept our sincerest sympathy in your sad bereavement. We pray that God may bless and comfort you in your great sorrow.

A. DALDY, President, Women's Franchise League, Auckland, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

(Telegram.)

29th April, 1893.

THE Women's Franchise League, Auckland, sincerely sympathize with you in the great loss which you, the colony, and their cause has sustained.