

"That this Trust expresses its sense of the services rendered to the Wanganui River Trust by the late Mr. Ballance, and of the great loss sustained by his death, and that they beg to express their sympathy with Mrs. Ballance in her bereavement.

Mrs. Ballance.

I have, &c.,

JOHN T. STEWART, Chairman.

The SECRETARY, Wanganui District Hospital Board, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

DEAR MADAM,—

Wanganui, 4th May, 1893.

The District Hospital Board of Wanganui have desired me to convey to you their deep and heartfelt sympathy with you in the loss you have sustained by the death of your noble husband. They know full well that no words of theirs can bring comfort to your sorely-tried heart, but at the same time they trust you will accept their warmest sympathy in your sad affliction.

I have, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance.

A. C. RITCHIE, Secretary.

The SECRETARY, Wairarapa and East Coast Pastoral and Agricultural Society, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

DEAR MADAM,—

Carterton, 29th April, 1893.

I am instructed by the above society to tender you their sincere sympathy in your bereavement.

Yours, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance.

E. W. DORSET, Secretary.

The HON. SECRETARY, Auckland Prohibition League, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

DEAR MADAM,—

Karangahape Road, Auckland, 4th May, 1893.

At our last committee meeting the following resolution was passed: "The committee of the Auckland Prohibition League write to tender their deep sympathy to Mrs. Ballance and family in their sad bereavement which has befallen to them, and to the colony of New Zealand at large, at the serious loss of so great and good man as the late Mr. Ballance."

Yours, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance.

G. TOMLINSON, Hon. Secretary.

Messrs. BOND, FINNEY, AND Co. to Mrs. BALLANCE.

DEAR MADAM,—

Nelson, 27th April, 1893.

We desire to pay a tribute to the memory of your late, and much beloved, husband. Therefore we request the wreath we are forwarding by this mail may be placed with those from his friends.

We feel the country, by his death, has sustained a heavy blow, and ourselves the loss of a true-hearted friend. We tender you our deepest sympathy, as we know the keenness and severity of our loss is nothing to be compared with that of yours.

Your wounded heart can take consolation from the fact that no man in New Zealand was more beloved by the people than was your late husband, and the people are mourning for him with a grief that is not expressed by words—a grief that is deep down in their hearts.

May strength be given you to bear your heavy bereavement is the prayer of

Yours, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance.

BOND, FINNEY, AND Co.

The SECRETARY, Wellington Education Board, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

DEAR MADAM,—

Wellington, 4th May, 1893.

I am directed by the Chairman of the Education Board to express the deep sympathy of the members of this Board with you in the irreparable loss you have sustained in the death of your late husband.

I am, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance.

A. DORSET, Secretary.

The SECRETARY, Wanganui Education Board, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

MADAM,—

Wanganui, 2nd June, 1893.

I have the honour, by direction of the Board, to forward you the following resolution, passed at its last meeting:—

"That at this, the first meeting held by the Wanganui Education Board since the death of the late Hon. J. Ballance, it was unanimously resolved that the following resolutions be placed on record:—

'1. That the Board deeply deplores the great loss caused by the death of the late Premier, who, as the first Minister of Education, so successfully inaugurated the present colonial system, and who continued to show an active interest in the cause of education generally.'

'2. That a letter of condolence be forwarded to Mrs. Ballance expressing the sincere sympathy of the members of the Board in her great bereavement.'"

I have, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance.

A. A. BROWNE, Secretary.