

The HON. SECRETARY, Maniototo Farmers' Club, to the Hon. the PREMIER.

SIR,—

Springfield, Hyde, 10th May, 1893.

I am instructed by the Maniototo Farmers' Club to request you to convey to the honoured widow of the late Premier an assurance of my club's regret at his early death, our recognition of the great services rendered by him to this colony, and our sincere sympathy with Mrs. Ballance in her sad affliction.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Premier.

JOHN J. RAMSAY, Hon. Secretary.

Mr. J. PARR to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

(Telegram.)

Hamilton, 28th April, 1893.

DEEPLY lament the death of our honoured chief.

Messrs. WITHERS and POWELL, Churchwardens, Wanganui, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

(Telegram.)

27th April, 1893.

PARISHIONERS, Christ Church, Wanganui, request churchwardens to express their deepest sympathy with you in your great bereavement.

Mr. LEVI COUPLAND to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

DEAR SIR,—

Wellington, 28th April, 1893.

Permit me to add my humble drop to the ocean of very great regret which must be expressed at the sad death of the late Premier.

Mr. Ballance's loss will be keenly felt by his late colleagues and the party, but their grief can be "as nothing" to that of his late life partner and relatives, for all of whom I feel the warmest sympathy.

I am, &c.,

The Hon. R. J. Seddon.

LEVI COUPLAND.

The CHAIRMAN, Public Meeting, Dunedin, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

DEAR MADAM,—

Cumberland Street, Dunedin, 2nd May, 1893.

In accordance with a resolution passed at a public meeting here last night, it is my duty to forward you the following *re* the lamented death of your much-esteemed and lamented husband, with the hope that you may be strengthened to bear up under your sad bereavement:—

Before resuming his seat the chairman referred to the lamented death of the Hon. Mr. Ballance, and, in connection with the sad event, he moved, "That this meeting, being the first held in Dunedin since the lamentable death of the Premier of the colony, desire to pass a vote of condolence to Mrs. Ballance, and record the highest appreciation of the distinguished, loyal, and self-denying services rendered by the late honourable gentleman; that the audience rise in silence to pass this motion; and that the chairman be requested to send a copy of the resolution to the widow of the late Premier."

The resolution was unanimously carried as suggested, all present standing in solemn silence.

The chairman thanked the audience for their concurrence in the resolution.

Believe me to be, dear madam (on behalf of the said meeting),

Yours, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance.

ALEX. JUDGE, Chairman.

The HON. SECRETARY, Ellesmere Agricultural and Pastoral Association, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

DEAR MADAM,—

Doyleston, 2nd May, 1893.

At the annual meeting of the Ellesmere Agricultural and Pastoral Association, held to-day, I was instructed to convey to you the regret of the members at Mr. Ballance's death, and their sincere sympathy with you in your bereavement.

Yours, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance.

GEORGE RENNIE, Hon. Secretary.

Mr. H. DE CLIFTON to Mrs. BALLANCE.

MADAM,—

Woodville, 22nd May, 1893.

I cannot tell how deeply I feel for you in the loss of your noble husband, our late Premier.

He was to all a friend—one who has made himself beloved alike by both sides of politics, and all kinds of people.

For years I have noted his career; and it has been one of sterling honour and consideration for his fellow-man. New Zealand has suffered a loss in Mr. Ballance never to be regained. None can ever replace him. He was a nature's nobleman, and a true patriot. He died for love of his country. Of Mr. Ballance it might truly be said, "To do good was his religion." Liberalism has lost her brightest star in Mr. Ballance's death. How it must console you to know in what great esteem his name is held by all classes.

The great good he has done for those at present in our colony, and the future millions unborn, will be a lasting monument to his name for ever.

I am, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance.

H. DE CLIFTON.

The SECRETARY, Southland Education Board, to the Hon. the PREMIER.

SIR,—

Education Office, Invercargill, 16th May, 1893.

I have the honour, by direction of the Southland Board of Education, to transmit the following copy of a resolution having reference to the lamented death of the Hon. Mr. Ballance, late Premier of the colony, and which was unanimously adopted by this Board at its last meeting:

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