

The CHAIRMAN, New Zealand Brewers' Association, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

MADAM,—

Featherston Street, Wellington, 29th April, 1893.

The members of the executive council of the Brewers' Association of New Zealand desire to convey to you their respectful and heartfelt sympathy in your bereavement, and to record their sense and deplore the grievous loss the colony has sustained in the death of your honoured and esteemed husband.

I beg, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance.

MARTIN KENNEDY, Chairman.

Mr. G. LUMSDEN, Chairman, Southland High School Board, to the Hon. J. G. WARD.

(Telegram.)

Invercargill, 29th April, 1893.

It is with deep regret that the members of the Southland High School Board contemplate the great loss the colony has sustained by the death of the Hon. John Ballance, Premier of the colony, and desire to express their condolence with Mrs. Ballance in her sad bereavement.

The HON. SECRETARY, Wanganui Volunteer Fire Brigade, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

DEAR MADAM,—

Wanganui, 1st May, 1893.

I am requested by the members of the Wanganui Volunteer Fire Brigade to convey to you their sincere sympathies in your recent sad bereavement.

The members of the brigade feel this the more as your late husband was, at an early period of the brigade's history, not only a warm supporter, but a sterling member.

We shall always cherish his memory, and feel the loss of a good and valued friend.

Again assuring you of our heartfelt sympathies, believe me, dear madam,

Yours, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance.

T. D. CUMMINS, Hon. Secretary.

The SECRETARY, N.Z. Freethought Association, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

DEAR MADAM,—

Manchester Street, Christchurch, 29th April, 1893.

I am instructed by the members of the above association to convey to you their heartfelt sympathy in your bereavement.

We trust that the knowledge of the fact that all classes of the community unite in testifying to the many virtues possessed by your late husband and friend may go far to assuage the poignancy of your grief.

I have, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance.

FRANCIS J. QUINN, Secretary.

The SECRETARY, Gore Farmers' Club, to the Hon. J. G. WARD.

SIR,—

Gore, 2nd May, 1893.

At a meeting of this club, held on Saturday last, it was unanimously resolved, on the motion of Mr. Bell, of Wantwood, the president, "That the Gore Farmers' Club express its regret at the death of the Premier of New Zealand, and that its sympathy in her loss be conveyed to Mrs. Ballance."

From your intimate connection with the members of the Gore Farmers' Club, I have no hesitation in asking you to have the goodness, at a time suitable for yourself, to communicate to Mrs. Ballance the sympathetic message.

I am, &c.,

The Hon. J. G. Ward.

DAVID DUN, Secretary.

Mr. W. A. MURRAY to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

DEAR SIR,—

Bothwell, Glen Murray, Auckland, New Zealand, 5th May, 1893.

I heard with surprise and sorrow of Mr. Ballance's death. As an old colonist and friend, I sympathize in deploring his loss.

Yours, &c.,

The Hon. R. J. Seddon.

W. A. MURRAY.

The CHAIRMAN, Meeting of Opunake Settlers, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

13th May, 1893.

"This meeting deeply sympathize in the loss the country has sustained in the death of the late Premier, the Hon. John Ballance, and considers that any resolution will fall far short of what might be expressed as to their feelings, but desires to state that this district has lost a true and tried friend, and desires the chairman of this meeting to convey to Mrs. Ballance its deep sympathy in her loss of one who was at the present time not only necessary as a man but as a politician to the welfare of New Zealand." Above resolution proposed and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ballance.

C. M. HARDY, Chairman.

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

(Telegram.)

Tekopuru, 9th May, 1893.

Am instructed by inhabitants of this place, at public meeting last night, convey to Government their deep feeling of sympathy at death of Mr. Ballance, and condolence with Mrs. Ballance.

The HON. SECRETARY, New Zealand Journalists' Institute (Auckland Branch), to Mrs. BALLANCE.

DEAR MADAM,—

Auckland, 8th May, 1893.

I am requested by the Auckland Branch of the New Zealand Journalists' Institute to convey to you their most sincere sympathy and condolence in the loss of your husband, the late Hon. John Ballance, and to place upon record their recognition of the great services rendered