

The SECRETARY, Auckland Provincial Agricultural Association, to Mrs. BALLANCE.

MADAM,—

Queen Street, Auckland, 13th May, 1893.

I am instructed by the above association to express the deep sympathy they feel with you in the loss of your late lamented husband, a loss that they feel sure will be felt not only by our association, but by the entire colony. Apologizing for troubling you in your sore bereavement.

I have, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance.

EDWIN HALL, Secretary.

The SECRETARY for EDUCATION to Mrs. BALLANCE.

MADAM,—

Department of Education, Wellington, 1st June, 1893.

I have the honour, by direction of the Minister of Education, respectfully to forward to you the enclosed copy of a letter which he has received from the Education Board of the District of Otago.

I have, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance.

W. J. HABENS.

SIR,—

Education Office, Dunedin, 22nd May, 1893.

I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of a resolution passed by the Otago Education Board at its meeting on the 17th instant, and to request that you will convey it to Mrs. Ballance: "That the Board desires to place on record its extreme regret at the untimely death of the late Premier and Colonial Treasurer, the Hon. John Ballance, and its desire to acknowledge the great service he has rendered to New Zealand, as well as its recognition of the many great and good traits in his character, he being one of the few men whose services New Zealand can very ill afford to lose. That a copy of this be sent to Mrs. Ballance through the Minister of Education, along with a letter expressing the Board's sincerest sympathy with her in her sore bereavement, and praying that He who is the husband of the widow and the father of the orphan may comfort and sustain her in her great affliction.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Minister of Education.

P. G. PRYDE, Secretary.

The UNITED STATES CONSUL, Wellington, to the Hon. R. J. SEDDON.

SIR,—

United States Consulate, Wellington, 29th April, 1893.

I much regret that it is impossible for me to attend the funeral of the late Premier at Wanganui to-morrow, for I should have much liked, in my Consular and private capacity, to have paid a last tribute of respect to one who has given his life to New Zealand.

I sat in Parliament with Mr. Ballance, and there and since I have learned to admire the singleness of his purpose and the lofty motives which governed his public actions.

I am, &c.,

The Hon. R. J. Seddon.

W. H. LEVIN.

TIMOTI PUHIPI and Others to Mrs. BALLANCE.

Mangonui, 28th April, 1893.

O LADY! Greeting to you. The remembrance of your husband has been taken from us.

We, the Native people of the northern part of the Island, are in deep grief in consequence of the death of our friend the Premier, and we desire to express our deep sympathy for you in the great affliction that has befallen you. Well, then! We greet you. May God have you in His safe keeping, and assuage your grief.

Mrs. Ballance, Wellington.

From TIMOTI PUHIPI and others.

FROM AUSTRALIA.

Sir CHARLES LILLEY to Mrs. BALLANCE.

MADAM,—

Brisbane, 9th May, 1893.

I have been deputed by three thousand of the citizens and electors of Brisbane, in public meeting assembled, to convey to you the following resolutions, passed by them unanimously:—

"1. That this meeting deplores the untimely death of that noble statesman and patriot John Ballance, whose removal from his useful labours is a loss not only to New Zealand, but to all Australasia; and we desire to convey to his widow our expression of sorrow and condolence with her in her sad bereavement."

"2. That Sir Charles Lilley convey this resolution to Mrs. Ballance on our behalf."

I now respectfully forward to you these resolutions, passed with every token of profound respect for Mr. Ballance's memory by my fellow-citizens.

Mrs. Ballance.

CHARLES LILLEY.

The EDITOR of the *Eagle* to Mrs. BALLANCE.

MADAM,—

Eagle Office, Charters Towers, 29th April, 1893.

I have the honour to forward herewith a copy of the *Eagle* newspaper, containing a memorial tablet to the memory of your late husband. As a mark of the esteem in which the workers on this goldfield held your late husband, I thought you might like to possess a copy.

Assuring you, madam, of the heartfelt esteem in which the democracy not only of Queensland, but of Australia generally, held the late John Ballance, whose untimely decease we all deplore, and assuring you also of our keen sympathy with you in your affliction,

Believe me, &c.,

Mrs. Ballance.

R. M. COCHRANE, Editor.