

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, DUNEDIN.

(Telegram.)

The Premier, Wellington.

Dunedin, 14th June, 1906.

SIR, kindly convey to Mrs. Seddon and family the deep sympathy of the Presbyterian Church with them in their sudden and sore bereavement, and sense of the great loss sustained by them and the whole colony in the death of Mr. Seddon, and our prayer that God will abundantly support and comfort them.

DAVID BORRIE, Moderator.

PRESBYTERY OF OAMARU.

DEAR SIR,—

Mann Peebles, *via* Oamaru, 20th June, 1906.

Please kindly receive the enclosure from the Oamaru Presbytery: "The Presbytery of Oamaru hereby solemnly records its deep and sincere sorrow in connection with the sudden and pathetic decease of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, P.C., LL.D., Premier of New Zealand, its high admiration for his great natural ability and force of character and distinguished career as a colonial statesman of Imperial outlook, and its profound sympathy with, and prayers for, the stricken widow and family.

Yours, &c.,

The Premier, New Zealand.

JOHN STEVEN, Clerk, Oamaru Presbytery.

WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION, NELSON.

DEAR SIR,—

Nelson, 15th June, 1906.

We, the members of the Nelson Women's Christian Temperance Union, desire to express our sense of the profound loss the colony has sustained in the lamented death of the Hon. Richard Seddon.

This is neither the time nor opportunity for dwelling at length on the character of the measures which are inseparably associated with his truly great name—measures which have justly earned him an Imperial fame, but we cannot refrain from expressing our sense of indebtedness to the statesman whose Government was the first in the British dominions to grant women the privilege and responsibility of political power, and whose legislation has been signally stamped with the purpose of uplifting every child and citizen of our beloved colony into fuller privileges of life, both educational and industrial.

While we are moved with sympathy for Mrs. Seddon and her family in the terrible blow they have sustained by the swift and unexpected death of a loved husband and father, we cannot but realise that his death, painless and in the midst of his labours, and in the zenith of his fame, is not without its glory and its advantage, for it has already summoned the attention of the world to the man and his work, so that we may truly say, "He being dead yet speaketh."

On behalf of the Union—

We are, &c.,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

EMMA CRUMP, President.

MINNIE WILSON, Secretary.

SALVATION ARMY IN NEW ZEALAND.

SIR,—

Wellington, 13th June, 1906.

I desire, on behalf of the Salvation Army in New Zealand, to tender to you and the Government our deep sympathy in the great loss sustained in the death of the Premier, Mr. Seddon—a brave man, a great heart, and a father of the people for whom he lived and toiled. The Government has lost a leader; the Salvation Army has lost a sincere friend and a staunch supporter.

We bow in common with the nation in sorrow for one who lived for the good of humanity, and our prayers ascend to Almighty God for His consolation to the bereaved ones.

I am, &c.,

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

THOS. E. ALBISTON, Brigadier.

SALVATION ARMY IN THE SOUTH ISLAND.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Christchurch, 15th June, 1906.

ALLOW me, on behalf of officers and Salvationists of South Island, to express to you our deepest sorrow and regret at the great loss country has sustained in the death of Right Hon. R. J. Seddon. Kindly convey to Mrs. Seddon our deepest sympathy in the dark hour of trial, and assure her of our prayers that God will uphold and sustain.

Brigadier KNIGHT.

METHODIST CHURCH OF AUSTRALASIA IN NEW ZEALAND.

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Wellington, June, 1906.

THE representatives of the Methodist Church of Australasia in New Zealand beg respectfully to express their sense of regret at the loss that has fallen on the colony in the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon. His various services in the cause of humanity will long enshrine his name in grateful and honoured remembrance. To Mrs. Seddon and family they beg to convey the assurance of deep sympathy, and they pray that in the bereavement that has darkened their home the eternal God may be their refuge, and underneath the everlasting arms.