

LODGE ST. JOHN KILWINNING, 662, S.C.

MADAM,—

North-east Valley, 30th June, 1906.

At the monthly meeting of this lodge, held in the Masonic Hall, North-east Valley, on the 28th June, 1906, the following resolution was carried: "That this lodge expresses its heartfelt sorrow at the death of esteemed Bro. the Hon. R. J. Seddon, P.G.M.; and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the bereaved widow and family."

Mrs. R. J. Seddon.

I am, &c.,

H. B. ANDERSON, Secretary.

LODGE TARINGATURA, No. 100, N.Z.C.

DEAR MADAM,—

Lumsden, 6th July, 1906.

I have the honour to transmit to you the following resolution adopted by the brethren of this lodge at its meeting held on Monday evening, 2nd instant: "That this lodge of freemasons expresses its sincere regret at the loss sustained by the colony and this ancient craft in the sad death of M.W. Bro. the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, P.G.M., and extends to Mrs. Seddon and her family its heartfelt sympathy with her and them in their bereavement."

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

I am, &c.,

W. H. CLARK, Secretary.

LODGE TE AROHA, No. 52.

DEAR MADAM,—

Te Aroha, 5th July, 1906.

It is my duty to acquaint you of the following resolution: "That the brethren of Lodge Te Aroha, No. 52, assembled in 'lodge of sorrow,' place on record their deep regret at the loss sustained by the craft through the death of M.W. Bro. R. J. Seddon, and beg respectfully to tender their sincere sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family in their great bereavement."

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Yours, &c.,

A. S. MACKAY, Secretary.

TURANGANUI LODGE, No. 1480.

DEAR MADAM,—

Gisborne, 11th June, 1906.

The Worshipful Master, Past Masters, officers, and brethren of Turanganui Masonic Lodge, No. 1480, E.C., Gisborne, wish most sincerely to extend to you their heartfelt sympathy and condolence in your sad hour of trial and affliction, and, in expressing this, communicate to you in only the slightest degree the sense of the irreparable loss sustained by yourself in particular, the people of the colony and freemasonry in general.

It is most difficult to estimate what in any way would be adequate, as a fitting tribute, to express our feelings of respect and admiration in one so noble, upright, just, and generous; so universally beloved by all classes of the community, and in whose heart the colony's welfare was ever predominant, and who never lost an opportunity of advancing the cause of truth, of honour, and of virtue.

I can assure you the brethren of the lodge feel very keenly the great loss you have sustained, but there is consolation in knowing that his good works will always remain as a lasting memorial for generations to come.

In conclusion, we sincerely pray that the Great Architect of the Universe in His unbounded goodness and mercy will direct and strengthen you and yours in nobly bearing the great bereavement you have so suddenly and unexpectedly sustained.

Mrs. Seddon and members of family.

I have, &c.,

ROBERT ROBERTSON, Secretary.

LODGE ULSTER, No. 62.

DEAR MRS. SEDDON,—

Petone, 14th June, 1906.

At a meeting of the above Lodge held last night, I was directed to convey to yourself and family our most sincere sympathy at the sad and unexpected death of your dear husband, a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge in New Zealand, and a worthy and widely respected mason.

His many sterling qualities and the great good he wrought for the colony he so dearly loved were best known and most highly appreciated by those who knew him best, but we all join with you in mourning the loss of one of nature's gentlemen, whose name will be honoured and revered throughout the universe while time lasts.

Our prayer is that the Great Architect of the Universe will give you and your family strength to bear the burden He has cast upon you, and comfort and support you all in this your time of sore trouble and sad bereavement.

Allow me also to tender my own humble expression of sympathy.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Believe me, &c.,

A. W. STEVENS, Secretary.

LODGE VICTORY, No. 40.

DEAR MADAM,—

Nelson, 16th June, 1906.

The members of the lodge desire me to express to yourself and the members of your family their sincere sympathy in your great loss.

Our late most worshipful brother was one who truly fulfilled to the highest degree his duties as a freemason, and it will always be said of him that he lived respected, and died regretted.

Praying that our Loving Father will keep and sustain you all in your great affliction,

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

I am, &c.,

W. W. DE CASTRO.