

WICKLIFFE LODGE, NAPIER.

DEAR MADAM,—

P.A.F.S.O.A., Napier, 16th June, 1906.

On behalf of the members of the above lodge, we beg to express our sorrow at the death of your esteemed and revered husband.

You may be sure that each member feels that we have lost one who had the interests of the colony at heart.

Trusting that you and your family will see many years of prosperity in this "God's own country."

We remain, &c.,

E. J. CORBETT, P.M., Worshipful Master.

H. HARE, Secretary.

Mrs. Seddon.

LODGE WINTON, No. 108.

DEAR MADAM,—

Winton, 23rd July, 1906.

I am directed by the Winton Masonic Lodge to forward to you the following resolution: "That this lodge recognises the loss which the craft has suffered by the death of our most worshipful brother, Richard John Seddon, Past Grand Master, whose conduct through life was ever a faithful representation of the masonic virtues; and this lodge desires to tender to Mrs. Seddon and family its sincere sympathy in the irreparable loss which they have sustained by the death of so affectionate and devoted a husband and father."

I am, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

J. F. WHITE, Secretary.

LODGE ALBANY, E.C.

Captain Seddon, Wellington.

Waikumete, 12th June, 1906.

BRETHREN Lodge Albany, English Constitution, deeply sympathize with your family at sad loss of our esteemed brother and colony's greatest statesman.

G. F. HOSKING, Worshipful Master.

FREEMASONS.

(TO THE GOVERNMENT.)

FREEMASONS OF NEW SOUTH WALES AND WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

DEAR SIR,—

Wellington, 21st June, 1906.

I have received a cable from Admiral Sir Harry Rawson, Grand Master of Freemasons of New South Wales, conveying a message of fraternal sympathy with New Zealand upon the loss of our late distinguished brother and Past Grand Master, Richard John Seddon.

I have also received a cable from the Lord Bishop of Perth, Grand Master of Freemasons of Western Australia, of a similar nature, and instructing me to provide a wreath on their behalf, which has been done.

Yours, &c.,

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

M. NICCOL, Grand Secretary.

LODGE ABERCORN, GISBORNE.

(Telegram.)

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Gisborne, 12th June, 1906.

LODGE Abercorn wishes express deepest sympathy death of Premier and Past Grand Master. Kindly convey same to Mrs. Seddon and family.

COLEBOURNE W. M. BULL, Secretary.

CONYERS LODGE, No. 1916.

DEAR SIR,—

43 Ferry Road, Linwood, Christchurch.

As Secretary of Conyers Masonic Lodge, No. 1916, E.C., I am instructed to inform you that at our regular meeting, held on Thursday, the 14th June, it was resolved to place on record the loss that the craft have sustained through the death of the Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and to ask you to kindly convey our heartfelt sympathy to the wife and family in their sad bereavement, and to express the hope that when our work on this sphere is ended we may all be prepared to meet the G.A.O.T.U. in a similar manner.

I remain, &c.,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones.

JOSEPH NIND, Secretary.

FOREST LODGE, WAKEFIELD.

DEAR SIR,—

Wakefield, Nelson, 7th July, 1906.

At the last meeting of the Forest Lodge of Freemasons, held at Wakefield, on the 4th instant, it was resolved, "That this lodge desires to express its sincere sorrow at the death of our late brother and Past Grand Master, Bro. Hon. R. J. Seddon, and desires to place on record its appreciation of his long, arduous, and self-denying services for the good and welfare of his adopted country. The lodge also desires to express its sympathy with Mrs. Seddon in her great bereavement and the hope that she may be sustained in this her hour of heavy trial."

May I ask if you will kindly forward this to the proper quarter, and oblige.

Yours, &c.,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

E. EDRIDGE, Secretary.