

FRIENDLY SOCIETIES.

(TO MRS. SEDDON.)

AUCKLAND FRIENDLY SOCIETIES.

MADAM,—

Auckland, 23rd June, 1906.

I beg most respectfully to inform you that the following resolution was carried at the memorial service of the friendly societies of Auckland in connection with the much lamented death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, P.C., LL.D., Premier of New Zealand, viz.: "That the united friendly societies of Auckland, in meeting assembled, desire respectfully to tender an expression of their sincere condolence to Mrs. Seddon in the sad and lamentable bereavement which she has suffered by the death of her dear husband, the Right Hon. Richard John Seddon, P.C., LL.D., Premier of New Zealand. They also deeply regret the irreparable loss sustained by the family of the deceased statesman, whose great love for them was ever apparent, and hope the Almighty God will ever keep them and their loving mother under His protecting care. They further desire to express their full sense of the calamity which has befallen the Empire in the untimely removal of a great statesman, whose sole life's aim was the uplifting of humanity."

For the friendly societies of Auckland,
Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

I have, &c.,
JOHN McLEOD.

LOYAL ALBERT LODGE, M.U.I.O.O.F., KUMARA.

DEAR MRS. SEDDON,—

Kumara, 19th June, 1906.

The members of the Albert Lodge join with the rest of New Zealand in sending their sympathy to you in your great bereavement, and we trust that He who ruleth all things will comfort and support you in this sad trial.

I remain, &c.,

WALTER EVENDON, Secretary.

AWHINA LODGE, I.O.O.F.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

Mamaka, 18th June, 1906.

The brethren of Awhina Lodge, I.O.O.F., sorrow with you in your sad affliction.

JAS. W. TODD, Secretary.

LOYAL CITY OF CHRISTCHURCH LODGE, No. 4602, I.O.O.F.M.U.

DEAR MADAM,—

Oddfellows' Chambers, 195 St. Asaph Street,
Christchurch, 20th June, 1906.

I am directed by resolution of the above lodge to convey to you and your family the deep and heartfelt sympathy and condolence of the members of this lodge in your sad bereavement, and to express the deep regret felt by all members of friendly societies at the irreparable loss sustained by the death of your noble husband, the Hon. R. J. Seddon, and also to express a hope that the remembrance of the great abilities, noble character, and honourable appreciation by the people of all nations of the departed one may in some degree lessen the great sorrow you must otherwise endure.

Believe me, &c.,

Mrs. R. J. Seddon.

H. E. ROBBINS, Secretary.

LOYAL COLERIDGE LODGE.

MADAM,—

Glentunnel, 26th June, 1906.

At the half-yearly meeting of the above lodge a motion of condolence and sympathy was passed to you in the great loss you have sustained in the death of your late husband, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, who, by his attention given to all matters in connection with friendly societies, whenever brought before him, has earned the respect and confidence of all the members in the order; and, in conclusion, we trust that when you are called to that home from which none return you will again meet that husband and friend whose loss we all mourn.

I remain, &c.,

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

H. ROLLINSON, Secretary.

LOYAL COMBINATION LODGE, I.O.O.F.M.U.

DEAR MADAM,—

Johnsonville, 18th June, 1906.

I am instructed by my lodge to send you and family our condolence and sympathy in the loss of your dear husband. We feel we not only have lost a great statesman, but also a father who loved both New Zealand and its people.

I remain, &c.,

Mrs. R. J. Seddon.

H. STEBBINGS, Secretary.