

PRIDE OF WAIHI LODGE, No. 20, U.A.O.D.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, and Family.

Waihi, 18th June, 1906.

THE Waihi Lodge of Druids having unanimously passed a motion of sympathy with you and yours in your great loss, I, their secretary, have been directed to forward same to you through our District Grand Secretary, James Mackay.

We feel for you deeply, and as a section of a community, which have honoured and loved our departed friend and Premier, we mourn his loss with you, and extend you our sympathy in this your time of sorrow.

Faithfully yours,

J. J. Box, Secretary.

TOTARA LODGE, U.A.O.D.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—

Carterton, 20th June, 1906.

I am directed by the Totara Lodge to request you, on behalf of that lodge, to convey to Mrs. Seddon and family their heartfelt sympathy and condolence on the loss they have sustained in the death of our worthy and respected Premier, the Hon. R. J. Seddon, a loss which is deplored throughout the length and breadth of New Zealand as a national misfortune.

On behalf of the officers and brothers of Totara Lodge,

J. Mackay, Esq., D.G., Secretary.

I remain, &c.,

W. W. MANSFIELD, Secretary.

REEFTON LODGE, No. 41, U.A.O.D.

DEAR MADAM,—

Reefton, 18th June, 1906.

I am instructed by the Reefton Lodge, No. 41, United Ancient Order of Druids, to convey to you our deepest sympathy in your sad bereavement, and although conscious that our feeble words can in no way recompense you for your sad loss, yet we assure you that our sympathy is heartfelt.

May God give you and your family strength to bear your sad trial, and may he grant to your loved one eternal rest, is the humble prayer of every member of our lodge.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

I remain, &c.,

CHARLES NEVIN, Secretary.

SEDDON LODGE OF DRUIDS, GREYMOUTH.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Greymouth, 15th June, 1906.

THE members of the Seddon Lodge of Druids desire to tender to you and your family their deepest sympathy with you in your saddest of all trials. The sudden removal of your devoted husband is a loss to all friendly societies, who have lost a true friend.

FRANK BROWN, Secretary.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT, A.O.F.

DEAR MADAM,—

Wellington, 15th June, 1906.

I have been directed by the Wellington District Ancient Order of Foresters to convey their deepest sympathy with you and your family in the sad bereavement sustained through the death of your beloved husband.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Molesworth Street, Wellington.

I am, &c.,

DISTRICT SECRETARY.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT, A.O.F.

DEAR MADAM,—

20th June, 1906.

By direction of the executive of the Auckland District of the Ancient Order of Foresters, I have the honour to convey the sincere and heartfelt sympathy of the members of this society to yourself and family on the untimely death of your esteemed husband.

We beg to assure you that the members of this society had great respect for and confidence in him, and can never forget that one of his latest acts before departing from New Zealand on his last eventful mission was to leave, for the consideration of the delegates at the Friendly Societies Conference in Wellington, the details of a scheme to assist those desirous of helping themselves through the medium of friendly societies. He himself was a member of the brotherhood, and his actions proved that he was imbued with the spirit which animates those who recognise they are not here for the gratification of personal desires only.

May the remembrance of his achievements embolden others to follow in the noble work he had mapped out, thus establishing a lasting monument to the name of R. J. Seddon, Premier of New Zealand, who so ably and patriotically cared for the people of this colony, and the interests of the Empire generally.

With the assurance of our deepest sympathy, and the hope that He who cares for the widow and the fatherless may assuage the pangs of grief and relieve the burdened spirit.

Believe me, &c.,

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

D. J. WRIGHT, District Secretary.