CITY OF NORWICH LODGE.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington. Lyttelton, 14th June, 1906. KINDLY convey to Mrs. Seddon deepest sympathy and regret from City of Norwich Lodge, Lyttelton. FOSTER, Secretary.

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

DEAR SIR,-

New Plymouth, 12th June, 1906.

I have the honour to convey to you the following resolution passed at a meeting of the lodge held last evening: "That the heartfelt sympathy of this lodge be tendered to the widow and family of our late brother, Past Grand R. J. Seddon, Premier of New Zealand, for their sudden and sad bereavement, and our deep sense of the loss sustained by the colony and the friendly societies by the death of our esteemed brother."

Personally, I feel that the friendly societies have lost their best friend—one who thoroughly understood their objects, and was always willing and anxious to legislate for their best interests.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

H. T. AINSWORTH, Permanent Secretary.

HAND AND HEART LODGE, M.U.I.O.O.F.

SIR,-

Odd Fellows' Hall, Stuart Street, Dunedin, 18th June, 1906. I have been instructed to forward you a copy of a resolution which was carried at a lodge meeting recently held: "The members of the Loyal Hand and Heart Lodge of the M.U.I.O.O.F. join in the universal sorrow and regret at the mournful intelligence of the pathetic close of the distinguished career of the Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon. This lodge, one of the earliest founded branches of a friendly society in New Zealand, deplores the loss of so distinguished a member of friendly societies as the late Premier, and recognises the interest he constantly took in friendly society affairs

and remembers that some of his last thoughts and acts were given to questions pertaining to their welfare and progress. The lodge further desires to record its deepest sympathy with the widow and family of the late Premier, in this their time of affliction.'

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

I have, &c., JAMES BROWN, Secretary.

LOYAL JOHN LEYDON LODGE, M.U.I.O.O.F.

SIR,-

Waihi, 21st June, 1906. I beg to submit to you the following resolution, which was passed at our half-yearly meeting held last night: "That this lodge places on record its profound sense of sorrow at the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Prime Minister of New Zealand, and appreciation of his life's work in the interests of friendly societies, and extends to Mrs. Seddon and the members of her family heartfelt sympathy in their sad bereavement." 1 remair., &c.,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

H. E. J. REA, Secretary.

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

(Telegram.)
The Acting-Premier, Wellington. Kaiapoi, 13th June, 1906. THE Loyal Kaiapoi Lodge, M.U.I.O.O.F., desires to express its deepest sympathy with the bereaved D. Brown, N.G. family.

LINDA REBEKAH LODGE, No. 1, I.O.O.F.

DEAR SIR,-

Roslyn, Dunedin, 23rd June, 1906.

I am directed by the officers and members of the Linda Rebekah Lodge to forward you the following resolution passed at its meeting on Friday, the 22nd June, 1906: "That the lodge desires to express its appreciation of the many valuable services rendered by the late Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, in connection with the affairs of this colony, and expresses its heartfelt sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family in their sad bereavement. The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

C. M. WILKINSON, Secretary.

LINDEN LODGE, No. 19, I.O.O.F.

DEAR SIR,-

Roslyn, Dunedin, 28th June, 1906.

By direction of the officers and members of Linden Lodge, No. 19, I.O.O.F., I beg to forward you a copy of resolution passed at the last meeting: "That this lodge deplores the loss which the colony has sustained by the lamentable death of the Hon. R. J. Seddon, and expresses the deepest sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and her family in their bereavement."

With kind regards,

I have, &c.,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

JAMES S. NELSON, Secretary.