

OTAGO DISTRICT, M.U.I.O.O.F.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Dunedin, 12th June, 1906.

THE Otago District, Manchester Unity Independent Order of Odd Fellows, expresses its great regret at the severe loss to the colony by the untimely death of our late Premier, the Right Hon. Richard John Seddon, and extends to the Ministry its deepest sympathy. To the members of his family one can but say it is sad at any time to lose those near and dear to us, but how hard it is under the present circumstances only the bereaved hearts can tell.

J. A. HOPCRAFT, Provincial Corresponding Secretary.

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

SIR,—

Outram, 19th June, 1906.

At the half-yearly summoned meeting of the Loyal Outram Lodge, No. 6173, Otago District, M.U.I.O.O.F., there were a large number of members present, and on the lodge being opened and before the business was begun it was moved and carried unanimously (the members standing), "That the secretary convey to the Government our sincere regret at the sudden call of the late Premier, the Hon. R. J. Seddon."

The colony has lost a great leader of men and measures, and a true friend of the poor and helpless, and a wise statesman, and our lodge would be very pleased if you would convey to his sorrowing wife and family our most sincere and heartfelt sympathy in this time of sore trial and bereavement.

Yours, &c.,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

JOHN GRANT, Secretary.

OWAKA LODGE, I.O.O.F.

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Owaka, 19th June, 1906.

ON behalf of Owaka Lodge, I.O.O.F., I desire to express heartfelt sympathy with the colony generally in the loss sustained by the death of our illustrious Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and ask you to convey to Mrs. Seddon and family our deepest sympathy in their sad bereavement. Mr. Seddon was well known in this district, and we feel we have lost a true friend.

DAVID WRATTEN, N.G.

LOYAL PETONE LODGE M.U.I.O.O.F.

DEAR SIR,—

Petone, 15th June, 1906.

I am directed to forward you the following resolution passed by the above lodge at their meeting last evening, viz: "The members of the Loyal Petone Lodge, 6542, M.U.I.O.O.F., New Zealand Branch, desire to place on record their deep sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family in the irreparable loss they have sustained by the death of the Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, P.C., and trust they will be given strength to bear the affliction cast upon them, and may their sorrow be alleviated by the knowledge that their grief is shared by the whole of the colony, which has lost a great statesman and a faithful friend."

I am, &c.,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

C. W. JOHNSTON, Secretary.

SOUTHERN CROSS LODGE, No. 24, I.O.O.F.

DEAR SIR,—

Wellington, 16th June, 1906.

Will you be good enough to convey to Mrs. Seddon from the members of the Southern Cross Lodge their deepest sympathy with her and the members of her family in the sore affliction which has befallen them through the death of Mr. Seddon.

Yours, &c.,

The Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

FRED J. EVANS, Secretary.

SOUTHERN STAR LODGE.

SIR,—

Nelson, 22nd June, 1906.

At a meeting of the above lodge held last evening the following resolution was carried unanimously: "That this lodge desires to convey to Mrs. Seddon and family their deep sympathy and sorrow on account of their recent sore bereavement; and to express their opinion that the loss sustained by the colony in the death of Mr. Seddon, its premier statesman, is second only to their own personal and irreparable loss."

Will you kindly have the above resolution forwarded to Mrs. Seddon.

I remain, &c.,

Hon. W. Hall-Jones.

JAMES McEACHEN, Hon. Secretary.

STAR OF ANGLESEA LODGE.

(Telegram.)

The Hon. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Lincoln, 13th June, 1906.

PLEASE convey to Mrs. Seddon and family expressions of deepest sympathy at Mr. Seddon's death from the members of the Star of Anglesea Lodge, Lincoln.