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

DEAR SIR. Bunnythorpe, 20th June, 1906.

The following was moved at our last meeting: "That the members of this lodge express their deep regret at the news of the death of the late Premier, the Right Hon. Mr. Seddon, and place on record their high appreciation of his endeavours to benefit friendly societies; and that this motion be forwarded to Mr. W. T. Wood with the request that it be forwarded to Mrs. Seddon.

W. T. Wood, Esq., M.H.R., Palmerston North.

Yours, &c., DUNCAN REID, Permanent Secretary.

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

DEAR SIR,-Blenheim, 20th June, 1906.

I am directed by a resolution of the above lodge to request you to kindly convey to Mrs. Seddon and family the expression of heartfelt sympathy of the members of this lodge at the loss sustained through the sudden and unexpected death of their late husband and father, our late Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon.

The late Hon. Bro. R. J. Seddon had long been a most energetic member of the order, and always took a lively interest in the working of the lodges, and his loss is greatly deplored.

I have, &c.,

Hon. C. H. Mills, Wellington.

A. J. MACLOINE, N.G.

GRAND LODGE OF OTAGO AND SOUTHLAND, U.A.O.D.

14 Bond Street, Dunedin, 19th June, 1906. SIR,-

I am directed by the Grand Lodge of Druids, Otago and Southland, to convey to you the sincere regret of the order in this district, representing some two thousand brethren, at the loss which the colony has sustained in the death of the late Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon.

In the opinion of the Grand Lodge, the friendly societies of the colony have lost one of their staunchest friends and advocates. I am, &c.,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

DAVID LARNACH, D.G., Secretary.

No. 31 DISTRICT, U.A.O.D.

(Telegram.) The Hon. the Premier, Wellington.

Napier, 19th June, 1906.

KINDLY convey the sincere sympathy of the No. 31 District of Druids to Mrs. Seddon and family in their late sad bereavement. H. YARRALL, District Secretary.

ENTERPRISE LODGE, U.A.O.D.

Sir,—
South Dunedin, 22nd June, 1906.

I have been instructed to forward to you the following resolution: "That the members of the Enterprise Lodge, U.A.O.D. of Otago and Southland District, record their high appreciation of the great services rendered to the colony and empire by the late Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and especially for those humanitarian measures founded on benevolence, philanthrophy, and thrift. They also desire to tender to Mrs. Seddon and family their profoundest sympathy at the sad and sudden bereavement of an honoured and distinguished husband and father."

Yours, &c.,

The Hon. the Premier, Wellington.

WILLIAM WARDROP, Secretary.

EXCELSION LODGE, U.A.O.D.

Wellington, 20th June, 1906. DEAR SIR,

I am instructed by my lodge to ask you to kindly convey to Mrs. Seddon and family our sym-

pathy and condolence in their bereavement.

In unison with other friendly societies, we feel that a true and sincere friend has been removed from our midst, as one of his final acts prior to this visit to Australia was to endeavour to improve the financial status of the friendly societies of New Zealand. I remain, &c.,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

FRANK JENNINGS.

HOPE OF ST. ALBANS LODGE, No. 2, U.A.O.D.

DEAR SIR.-St. Albans, 13th June, 1906.

At last night's half-yearly meeting of the above lodge, the undermentioned resolution was passed unanimously, and ordered to be forwarded to you with a request that you will forward it to Mrs. Seddon: "That this lodge place on record its profound regret at the untimely decease of the Premier, Mr. Richard John Seddon, and expresses its deep sympathy with his bereaved family."

I am, &c.

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

T. Walker, Secretary.