

IVANHOE LODGE, U.A.O.D.

HONOURED SIR,—

Dunedin, 11th June, 1906.

I have been instructed by the Ivanhoe Lodge, U.A.O.D., to convey heartfelt sympathy at the great loss the colony has sustained by the death of the late Right Hon. R. J. Seddon.

The news has cast quite a gloom over us all.

I have, &c.,

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

E. A. GIBSON, Secretary.

INGLEWOOD LODGE, U.A.O.D.

DEAR SIR,—

Inglewood, Taranaki, 18th June, 1906.

On behalf of the members of the Inglewood Lodge, U.A.O.D., I beg you to convey our heartfelt condolence and sympathy in the irreparable bereavement Mrs. Seddon and family have been called upon to bear.

Yours, &c.,

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

GEORGE BIRD, Secretary.

LODGE LILY OF BURWOOD, U.A.O.D.

SIR,—

Lancaster Street, Christchurch, 15th June, 1906.

Lodge Lily of Burwood, No. 20, U.A.O.D., desires to place on record its deep regret at the loss sustained through the death of our late Prime Minister.

The striking personality of the great statesman who has passed away impressed itself on the people, and friendly societies in particular. Had he lived a few years longer he would have made his beloved colony "God's own country."

The members of the Lily of Burwood, U.A.O.D., deeply sympathize with the widow and family in their sad bereavement.

Yours, &c.,

Mr. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier.

C. CARPENTER, Secretary.

NAUMUI LODGE, U.A.O.D.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Motueka, 15th June, 1906.

KINDLY convey to Mrs. Seddon the following resolution passed last evening: "That this meeting of Lodge Naumui, U.A.O.D., hears with regret of the untimely death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and desires to express its heartfelt sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family in their great loss, and that this lodge places on record its high appreciation of the many services rendered to friendly societies by the deceased statesman."

GEO. H. BUDDEN, Secretary.

OROUA LODGE, U.A.O.D.

(Telegram.)

Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Palmerston North, 15th June, 1906.

PLEASE convey to Mrs. Seddon and family Oroua Lodge Druids' sympathy.

C. RUSH.

PIONEER LODGE, No. 1, U.A.O.D.

HONOURED SIR,—

Christchurch, 18th June, 1906.

I am instructed by the officers and members of the above lodge to kindly request you to convey to the widow and family of our late Premier, the Hon. R. J. Seddon, the sense of sorrow they feel, and the deep sympathy they desire to express, with them in their sudden and sad bereavement.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

J. SWINNERTON, Secretary.

PONEKE LODGE, No. 21, U.A.O.D.

SIR,—

Petone, 19th June, 1906.

The members of the Poneke Lodge of Druids desire you to convey to Mrs. Seddon and family our heartfelt sympathy in their recent sad bereavement, and the loss to the country of our late illustrious Premier.

BRO. W. BROWNHILL, Provincial Secretary.

The Hon. Hall-Jones.

BRO. J. W. LIST, Arch-Druid.

ALL NATIONS LODGE, No. 172, U.A.O.D.

DEAR SIR,—

Port Chalmers, 20th June, 1906.

I have the honour to inform you that at the meeting of All Nations Lodge, No. 172, U.A.O.D., held in the Friendly Societies' Hall, Port Chalmers, last evening, the following minute was passed, and a copy ordered to be forwarded to you: "That this lodge of Druids sincerely regrets the sudden death of the late Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, recognising the deep interest the deceased gentleman took in friendly societies, and the great loss sustained by the colony through the sudden removal of such an able statesman; and that the lodge also begs to express its deepest sympathy with the bereaved widow and family."

Words simply fail to express our feelings, and we can only beg of you, sir, to accept our sympathy on behalf of the Government and Mrs. Seddon and her family.

I have, &c.,

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

WM. GIBB, Secretary.