TAKAKA LODGE, No. 52, U.A.O.D.

DEAR SIR,— 25th June, 1906.

At the last meeting of this lodge, held on the 21st June, the following resolution was passed: "That this lodge desires to express the great sorrow of its members at the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Premier of New Zealand, and further, to forward to Mrs. Seddon and family the respectful sympathy of the brotherhood."

We shall be very much obliged to you if you will kindly convey to Mrs. Seddon the deep and respectful sympathy we feel at the loss of one whom we have always looked upon as a friend and protector.

Respectfully yours,

The Hon. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington. JAMES B. SAD, Secretary.

TRAFALGAR LODGE, U.A.O.D.

SIR,— Kaiapoi, 15th June, 1906.

I have been directed by my lodge to convey to you resolution carried in silence at lodge meeting held on the 14th June, 1906: "That the members of the Trafalgar Lodge of Druids express their deep distress at news of Premier's death and heartfelt sympathy with his family, and place on record their deep sense of the loss sustained by the colony by his lamented death."

Believe me, &c.,

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington. WM. ROBB, Secretary.

TRAFALGAR LODGE, No. 40, U.A.O.D.

DEAR SIR,— Wakefield, 16th June, 1906.

I am requested to forward you a copy of resolution that was carried unanimously by this lodge: "That, on behalf of the members of this lodge, they desire to express their most profound feeling of regret at the sudden and untimely death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Privy Councillor, the distinguished Premier of New Zealand, and honorary member of the United Ancient Order of Druids; and further, that this lodge tenders its most sincere and heartfelt sympathy to his most beloved wife, Mrs. Seddon, and his family."

I remain, &c.,

Mr. Hall-Jones, Premier, Wellington. A. HOULT, Secretary.

WANGANUI DRUIDS LODGE.

(Telegram.)

Hon. William Hall-Jones, Wellington. Wanganui, 19th June, 1906.

DRUID Lodge desire you convey Mrs. Seddon their deep regret at the untimely death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Premier of New Zealand, and respectfully tender their deep sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and family.

WILLIS, Secretary.
DAVIDSON, Arch-Druid.

CANTERBURY UNITED DISTRICT, OF A.O.F.

HONOURED SIR,— Christchurch, 16th June, 1906.

I am directed by the executive officers of the Canterbury United District of the A.O.F. to ask if you will kindly convey to Mrs. Seddon and her family the profound sorrow and regret of the officers and the members of the order in Canterbury at the sudden death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and to express their heartfelt sympathy with them in their sad bereavement.

The members of the above order desire to state that they feel the loss more keenly in consequence of one of the last acts of the late Premier in sending a draft copy of his Bill to the conference of Friendly Societies, lately held in Wellington, in which he showed his goodness, kindness, and large-heartedness in endeavouring to assist, comfort, and better the position of the aged members of friendly societies and others generally.

We remain, &c.,

W. G. WARD, D.C.R.
W. TURVEY, D.S.C.R.
W. H. ROBINSON, D.B.

The Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Wellington. T. GAPES, Permanent Secretary.

NELSON DISTRICT, A.O.F.

SIR,— Nelson, 15th June, 1906.

It was with the deepest regret that the Foresters of the Nelson District (comprising ten courts) heard of the death of our highly esteemed Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon. They recognise that the deceased statesman ever evinced much sympathy for the aged, sick, and distressed; and such, by his death, have lost one of their truest and ablest friends.

Please convey to Mrs. Seddon and family the united sympathy of our members in their heavy bereavement.

Yours, &c.,

Hon. W. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington. ROBERT HUNTER, District Secretary.