

OTAGO EARLY SETTLERS' ASSOCIATION.

DEAR MADAM,—

Dunedin, 10th July, 1906.

I beg to forward copy of a resolution passed by my committee last evening: "The committee of the Otago Early Settlers' Association, at this the first meeting held since the lamented death of the late Premier of the colony, the Right Hon. Richard John Seddon, desires to place on record its appreciation of the many good qualities and conspicuous ability displayed by the late Premier during the long period in which he held high office, and its recognition of the great loss the colony has sustained by his untimely death. It also desires to express its deep and sincere sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family in their sad bereavement. That this resolution be recorded in the minutes, and that a copy thereof be sent to Mrs. Seddon and one to the Premier, Mr. Hall-Jones."

In full accord with which,
Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

I remain, &c.,

L. LANGLANDS, Secretary.

OTAGO FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

DEAR MADAM,—

Dunedin, 12th June, 1906.

At the meeting of the above association, held last evening, a resolution was passed expressing the association's deep sympathy with you and family on the occasion of the death of the late Hon. R. J. Seddon. I beg to convey the message to you.

Mr. Seddon was always a true friend to sport, as he was to all things.

Yours, &c.,

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

W. HAMILTON IRVINE, Secretary.

CANTERBURY FREETHOUGHT ASSOCIATION.

DEAR MADAM,—

Christchurch, 25th June, 1906.

At the weekly meeting of the council of the Canterbury Freethought Association the following resolutions were carried unanimously: "1. That this association desires to extend to Mrs. Seddon and her family their very deep and sincere sympathy with them in the overwhelming sorrow which has fallen upon them." "2. That this meeting now stands adjourned as a mark of respect and an expression of the deep sorrow which, in common with the rest of the colony, we feel under the great loss we have all sustained in the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon." "3. That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to Mrs. Seddon."

With expressions of my own profound sorrow and sincere sympathy.

Yours, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

H. ALLEN, Secretary.

WEST COAST HOCKEY ASSOCIATION.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Greymouth, 15th June, 1906.

OUR sincerest sympathy to you and yours. The Empire mourns a noble statesman, New Zealand its able leader, but the Coast its truest friend.

J. HANNAN, Hon. Secretary.

LICENSED VICTUALLERS OF THE GREY.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon and family, Wellington.

Greymouth, 18th June, 1906.

THE licensed victuallers of the Grey electorate respectfully tender you most heartfelt sympathy in your sad bereavement.

DANIEL SHEEDY, Chairman.

OTAGO AND SOUTHLAND LICENSED VICTUALLERS' ASSOCIATION.

DEAR MADAM,—

23 Crawford Street, Dunedin, 26th June, 1906.

At the last general meeting of this association, held on the 19th June, the President (Mr. G. L. Denniston) moved, and Mr. Haglett seconded, the following motion, which I have the honour to convey to you, relative to the death of your late husband: "That this association desires to express its deep sense of the great loss which the colony and the Empire has sustained in Mr. Seddon's death. The remarkable expressions of sorrow from all classes throughout New Zealand are the greatest tribute from a mourning people to his unique personality, his stainless character, and to the esteem and affection in which he was universally held. As a statesman he was beyond question the greatest in Australasia; as a politician his untiring labours on behalf of the workers, the aged and infirm, the poor and distressed, will ever serve to keep his memory in affectionate remembrance. The extraordinary force of character which carried him successfully from comparative obscurity until he held the foremost position in the colony, his patriotism and loyalty to his sovereign and country in the hour of trouble were special features of his greatness, in all of which he showed the true spirit of a British subject. As husband, father, and friend, Mr. Seddon was guided by the spirit which these words beautifully serve to convey—love and loving service. In these as in all other respects he revealed his great sense of destiny, and now we bid him farewell while he has moved into larger day. We most heartily sympathize with Mrs. Seddon and the family in their overwhelming sorrow, and request that this minute be sent to Mrs. Seddon as expressive in a small measure of the feeling of this association for her late husband."

With profound sorrow for the death of so good and great a man, in all which I join with you in your sorrow and trial.

I am, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon, Premier's Residence, Wellington.

WM. THOMSON.