

EMPIRE VETERANS' ASSOCIATION OF AUCKLAND.

DEAR MADAM,—

Auckland, 18th June, 1906.

On behalf of the officers and members of the Empire Veterans' Association, I beg most respectfully to offer you and your family condolence and sympathy on the great loss you and yours have sustained by the death of your late husband and father, Richard John Seddon. He was a man that this young country could ill afford to lose, and whose place it will be hard to fill.

God grant you strength to bear the great sorrow which has fallen upon you by the loss of this great man.

Mrs. Seddon.

I am, &c.,

JAMES STICHBURY, Hon. Secretary.

SOUTHLAND ACCLIMATISATION SOCIETY.

DEAR MADAM,—

Invercargill, 12th June, 1906.

I was instructed to inform you that the following resolution was unanimously passed at a meeting of the council of this society held yesterday: "That this meeting do stand adjourned until Monday, 9th proximo, as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, P.C., LL.D., Premier of New Zealand, and that the Secretary be instructed to write to Mrs. Seddon conveying to her and her family the condolence of this society in their sad bereavement."

Yours, &c.,

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

EUSTACE RUSSELL, Hon. Secretary.

WESTLAND ACCLIMATISATION SOCIETY.

MADAM,—

Hokitika, 6th July 1906.

At the last meeting (the first since the death of our late Premier) of the Westland Acclimatisation Society, I was instructed to convey to you our deep expression of sympathy with you and your family in their sad bereavement. Endeavours were made to secure a wreath to place on Mr. Seddon's grave, but we were unable to purchase one.

The society has always appreciated the great assistance rendered it by the late member for the district.

I remain, &c.,

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

JAMES KING, Hon. Secretary.

AUCKLAND SOCIETY OF ARTS.

DEAR MADAM,—

Coburg Street, Auckland, 19th June, 1906.

I am directed to convey to you, on behalf of the Auckland Society of Arts, its condolence upon the occasion of the decease of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Premier of New Zealand and your late husband, whom all much lament.

Mr. Seddon, in his capacity of Premier, was of essential service to this society in the matter of obtaining a subsidy for purchase of the land upon which its new gallery was built, and his action in connection with the society will always be gratefully remembered.

I am, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon.

T. STEWART, Secretary.

BUNNYTHORPE BAND OF HOPE SOCIETY.

DEAR MRS. SEDDON,—

Rose Glenn, Bunnythorpe, 21st June, 1906.

I am requested by the Bunnythorpe Band of Hope Society to forward to you the following resolution, passed at a meeting held on Monday night: "That this meeting desires to express its deep sympathy to Mrs. Seddon in the severe trial and affliction in the death of her husband, and prays that she may find comfort in the assurance of God's grace and strength."

Yours, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

MABEL DIXON, Hon. Secretary.

NORTH WAIRARAPA BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

MADAM,—

Masterton, 23rd June, 1906.

I have been directed to inform you that the following resolution was carried at the last meeting of the trustees of this society: "That the trustees of the North Wairarapa Benevolent Society place on record their profound sorrow at the death of the Right Hon. the Premier, Richard John Seddon, and their appreciation of his life's devotion to the uplifting of the people, the welfare of the colony, and the unity of the Empire."

Yours, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon, Molesworth Street, Wellington.

R. T. HOLMES, Chairman.

OAMARU CALEDONIAN SOCIETY.

DEAR MADAM,—

Oamaru, 24th July, 1906.

I am directed by the Oamaru Caledonian Society to convey to you the attached resolution passed by the directors at a meeting last night: "That, at this the first meeting of the directors of the Oamaru Caledonian Society since the sad event, the directors place on record their sense of loss to New Zealand caused by the death of our Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and desire to express their sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family in their sad bereavement."

I have, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

R. L. RULE, Secretary.