

Our hearts are full of sympathy, for though we are foreigners by birth, we are Englishmen by adoption, and we love and honour the name that has brought our adopted country before the notice of the world. We feel very acutely the loss of our "adopted father," and our thoughts are with you and yours in this hour of greatest sorrow.

On behalf of myself and fellow-countrymen.
Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

I have, &c.,
A. GEOR.

CHINESE RESIDENTS IN THE GREY DISTRICT.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Greymouth, 18th June, 1906.

ON behalf of the Chinese residents in the Grey District, I beg to tender you our most heartfelt sympathy in your great bereavement.

YOUNG SAYE.

LANCASHIRE FOLK, AUCKLAND.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Auckland, 18th June, 1906.

At a meeting of Lancashire folk held in the Chamber of Commerce rooms, Auckland, on Saturday last, resolved, "That this meeting of Lancashire men and women offer their deepest sympathy and condolence to Mrs. Seddon and her family, who have by the untimely death of the Right Hon. Richard John Seddon been bereft of a great and noble husband and an illustrious father, whose loss is mourned by a whole nation."

DOCTOR STOPFORD, Secretary.

OLD-AGE PENSIONERS OF COSTLEY HOME.

Mrs. Seddon.

June, 1906.

WE, the undersigned, on behalf of the old-age pensioners residing in the Costley Home, desire to assure you and your family of our heartfelt sympathy in your great bereavement, and to express our deep sorrow at the sudden death of our dear and esteemed friend the Hon. R. J. Seddon, who has done so much for us and has always had the interests of the old people of the colony at heart.

We remain, &c.,

CHARLES EAST.

WILLIAM HAROLD OUTEN.

UPPER KING-COUNTRY MAORI MISSION.

DEAR SIR,—

Taumarunui, King-country, June, 1906.

I have the honour to kindly ask you to convey the profound sympathy of this Mission to your mother and to the members of your late father's home circle. So many kindly expressions of sympathy and regret have been expressed towards you all by various Upper King-country Natives that it would prove a big task to send them all to you. "Who shall give the time and the course to the big canoe, for the chief is dead and the fugleman is silent with sorrow. Go, thou! Go, thou, to thy predecessors, to the land beyond. Go! Go to thy rest. Enough. Thy deeds are done. Thy words remain."

With sympathy, sorrow, and benediction.

Yours, &c.,

Captain Seddon, Wellington.

J. EGERTON WARD.

WAIARAPA NATIVES.

(The Gospel according to St. John, Chapter xv, Verses 12 and 13.)

A Token of Regard for the Parent, the late Honourable R. J. SEDDON, who has passed away from us.

O SIR,—

Masterton, 12th June, 1906.

A sympathetic greeting to you and your sisters and your mother, who is in great grief for her espoused husband who has now been separated from you—that is, from us all. O sir, O ladies, great is the sorrow and the soreness of the heart for this sudden calamity that has this day so unexpectedly befallen us.

Great is the affection for our parent—that is, the parent of the people of New Zealand and of other isles; well, then, all thoughts are now centred on our parent who has passed away from us. Go, then, O sir; go, the mana (authority); go, the outspoken word; go, goodness personified. O goodness, who upheld the words of your Father in Heaven, go to the place where all great powers and all majesty are, where goodness is, where love for the small, the poor, and the feeble abideth. Go, the director of the canoe, go into the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ and His Father Jehovah. He it was who strengthened your loving heart, enabling you to work out and bring into effect beneficial measures for the wellbeing of the humble. Go into the presence of your gracious sovereign, Queen Victoria, and your rangatira friends who have gone before you—Sir George Grey, Mr. Ballance, Henare Tomoana, Tairoa, and Mahupuku. It will be for you to tell them how well, how successfully, and how energetically those measures that they had under consideration have been carried out. By such measures and works undertaken the people now live in quiet and comfort on the face of the earth, and in peace. Go, O sir, to the resting-place for the body and spirit.