A word of lamentation: Tararua's Range is obscured with a clinging cloud, and Wellington is hidden in mist, for the parent has vanished from the arena of the house of knowledge. Ended are the greetings to you.

O lady (Mrs. R. J. Seddon), may it be well with you and your children, notwithstanding your great grief. May God comfort you with every blessing. From

To Captain Seddon.

HORI TE HUKI,
And the Remnant of the People of the Wairarapa,
within the Rongokako Boundaries.

SETTLERS, RESIDENTS, ETC.

(TO THE GOVERNMENT.)

RESIDENTS OF ALFREDTON. .

(Telegram.)

Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Alfredton, 20th June, 1906.

MEETING of residents of Alfredton vote of sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and family in their and the colony's great loss was passed; also sending Mr. Bonstead to represent district at funeral.

George Benton, Chairman.

RESIDENTS OF CLYDE AND DISTRICT.

DEAR SIR,— Clyde, 13th June, 1906.

On behalf of the residents of the Town of Clyde and immediate district, I desire to express their sincere sympathy to yourself and the other members of the Ministry at the irreparable loss which both yourselves and the whole colony have sustained through the death of our late Premier; and I have also to ask you to kindly extend our deepest condolences to Mrs. Seddon and family in the great bereavement which they have sustained in the loss of so noble a husband and father.

I have, &c.,

Hon. Wm. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington.

S. A. STEVENS.

RESIDENTS OF CROSS CREEK.

The Schoolhouse, Cross Creek, 14th June, 1906.

DEAR SIR,-

The late Right Hon. R. J. Seddon.

At a meeting of residents of the Creek, held to-night in the railway library, at which I presided, the resolution hereto attached was passed unanimously, and I was deputed to forward you a copy of it for transmission to Mrs. Seddon and the family.

The various speakers testified the deepest sympathy and sorrow for the sad event.

I am, &c.,

J. H. KIRBY, Chairman of meeting.

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

(Resolution.)

"That this meeting of residents of Cross Creek desires respectfully to convey to Mrs. Seddon (through the Acting-Premier, the Hon. W. Hall-Jones) an assurance of its deep sympathy with her and her family in their sorrow—a sorrow in which all New Zealand participates—and, further, to assure her that nowhere have the noble character and self-sacrifice of the late Mr. Seddon commanded more sincere admiration or grateful regard than in this community."

RESIDENTS OF HUNTLY.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Residents of Huntly, in public meeting assembled, beg to place on record their deep sense of the loss which the Empire and the colony have sustained through the tragically sudden death of the late Premier, the Right Hon. Richard John Seddon, who sacrificed his strenuous life in the increasing endeavour to ameliorate the condition of his fellow-colonists. They fully appreciate his magnificent services, and request you to convey to the sorrowing widow and bereaved family the sincere condolences of the residents of Huntly, who also mourn with them in the hour of their tribulation.

J. P. BAILEY, Chairman.

· RESIDENTS OF ISLINGTON.

(Telegram.)

Acting-Premier, Wellington.

Islington, 11th June, 1906.

Islington residents send deepest sympathy to relatives of the late Hon. R. J. Seddon, and feel deeply the last of their old and tried friend.