

MINISTERS OF RELIGION IN PETONE.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Petone, 16th June, 1906.

THE undersigned ministers of religion in Petone desire to express their deep regret at the great loss our colony has sustained in the sudden death of the lamented Premier, the late Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, and express herewith their heartfelt sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family in their great sorrow.

J. DELACOURT RUSSELL, Vicar of St. Augustine's.

FREDERICK G. MAPLES, Catholic Rector.

JAMES LAMBERTON, Captain, Salvation Army.

ALEXANDER THOMSON, Minister of St. David's, Petone.

RICHARD WILSON, Wesleyan Minister, Petone.

JAMES SPOTTISWOODE, Baptist Minister, Petone.

RALPH J. LIDDELL, Primitive Methodist Minister.

AUCKLAND MINISTERS' ASSOCIATION.

DEAR MADAM,—

Auckland, 30th June, 1906.

We are requested by the members of this association to convey to you the following resolution, which was the expression of a largely attended memorial service held in the Auckland Baptist Tabernacle on Thursday, 21st instant: "This meeting, convened by the Auckland Ministers' Association, hereby expresses its tender sympathy with Mrs. Seddon in the sorrow she suffers from her great and sudden loss; and the earnest desire and hope that she may be enabled to realise the sweetness and strength yielded by the assurances of the fatherly pity of the eternal God, and of the all-sufficiency of His grace. The meeting also expresses its warm sympathy with the sons and daughters of the late Premier, and all other members of his family. It prays that they, in the dark hour of their trial, may have given to them a vivid sense of the presence with them of Him who wept with the sisters of the dead Lazarus, and of the consolations of His infinite compassion and perfect sympathy."

We are, &c.,

W. GRAY DIXON, M.A., President.

WILLIAM BRAKENRIG, Hon. Secretary.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

MINISTERS' ASSOCIATION, INVERCARGILL.

DEAR MADAM,—

Spey Street, Invercargill, 11th July, 1906.

I beg respectfully to forward to you the annexed resolution passed by the Ministers' Association, Invercargill, at its last meeting.

I remain, &c.,

JAMES BAIRD, Secretary.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

"That this meeting of the Ministers' Association, Invercargill, expresses its sense of the great loss the colony has sustained in the removal by death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, P.C., LL.D. His untiring zeal in the cause of humanity and his devotion to duty have given him a place in the records of the nation that will cause his name to rank among its greatest sons.

"The sympathy of the association is also extended to Mrs. Seddon and family in their irreparable loss."

COUNCIL OF THE EVANGELICAL CHURCHES OF WELLINGTON.

DEAR MADAM,—

Wellington, 20th June, 1906.

Our Council adopted the following resolution, and I am bidden convey it to you on their behalf: "The Council of the Evangelical Churches of Wellington desires to convey to Mrs. Seddon and her family the profound sympathy of the churches they represent at the appallingly sudden sorrow that has befallen them. The Council is deeply sensible of the loss sustained by the colony in the removal of one who for so many years directed the destiny of the people. They are assured that his zeal for work and for the land he served will remain as an inspiration to those who follow after him. The Council commends to the mercy of God those left desolate by the Premier's removal."

I am, &c.,

J. J. NORTH, Secretary.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon.

BAPTIST CHURCH, BERHAMPORE.

DEAR MADAM,—

16th June, 1906.

The members of the above church tender to you and your family their sincerest sympathy in your late and sad bereavement, and pray that God will be to you in this your time of mourning truly a comforter.

Commending you all to His care.

I have, &c.,

A. A. WHITELAW, Hon. Secretary.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon and family.