

MATAKANUI SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

DEAR MADAM,—

Matakanui, 23rd June, 1906.

At a meeting of the Matakanui School Committee held on the 21st instant I was instructed to forward you the following resolution passed at the meeting: "That the Committee desires to express its heartfelt regret for the untimely and sudden death of our late Premier, the Right Hon. Richard John Seddon, and its high appreciation of his invaluable life and services devoted to this colony; further, that this Committee convey to Mrs. Seddon and family our expression of its condolence with them under their irreparable bereavement."

Mrs. Seddon.

Yours, &c.,

T. DUGGAN, Hon. Secretary.

MOUNT ALBERT SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

MADAM,—

Auckland, 15th June, 1906.

At the usual monthly meeting of the above Committee the Chairman, F. H. Elledden, Esq., J.P., when opening the meeting, referred to the great loss the colony and Empire had sustained by the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, your esteemed husband, and moved the following resolution, which was carried unanimously: "We, the members of the Mount Albert School Committee, place on record our profound regret at the loss sustained by New Zealand, by the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, in the zenith of his power and usefulness as Premier of the colony. We believe that when he was called to office fourteen years ago New Zealand was in need of such a strong and able man to guide its destinies, and fear it will be long ere his equal will be found."

I was directed to send you a copy of the resolution, and to convey to you our heartfelt sympathy in your great loss.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

Believe me, &c.,

J. W. BADSON, Hon. Secretary.

MOUNT COOK SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

DEAR MADAM,—

75 Wallace Street, Wellington, 24th June, 1906.

I am directed by the Mount Cook School Committee to tender you and your family their sincere condolence in your sad and irreparable bereavement, caused by the death of your beloved husband, the Premier of New Zealand.

Mrs. Seddon.

I am, &c.,

M. A. TASKER, Hon. Secretary.

NELSON EDUCATION BOARD.

DEAR MADAM,—

Education Office, Nelson, 27th June, 1906.

I have the honour to forward the attached resolution, passed by the Nelson Education Board at their first meeting since the lamented death of your illustrious husband, expressive of the Board's regret at his loss and appreciation of his services to his country; in both of which I respectfully join.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

I am, &c.,

STEAD ELLIS, Secretary.

(Resolution passed by the Nelson Education Board, 25th June, 1906.)

"That the Nelson Education Board desire to place on record an expression of their sincere sorrow and regret at the death of the late Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Premier and Minister of Education. They, with the colony at large and many beyond its confines, mourn the loss of one who was truly great. While other Acts of his Administration have directly benefited the colony as a whole and exerted a widespread influence upon the nation, the cause of education has ever regarded him as its champion who endowed it, among others, with such far-reaching and beneficent measures as the Manual and Technical Instruction Act, School Attendance Act, Secondary Schools Act, and Teachers' Superannuation Act; each and all initiating great reforms that are bound to exert a powerful influence upon the training of the youth and upon the future destinies of this young nation. The Board desires to convey to Mrs. Seddon and the members of her family their condolence and sincere sympathy for them in their sad bereavement."

NEW ZEALAND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTE.

DEAR MADAM,—

Wellington, 13th June, 1906.

It is with very deep regret that I write on behalf of the New Zealand Educational Institute to convey to you and your family the sincere sympathy of the teachers of New Zealand with you in the deep sorrow that has overtaken you. The great reform which the late Premier, as Minister of Education, was instrumental in introducing in the schools of this colony will ever be affectionately remembered by the present and future generations of teachers and scholars of New Zealand. To live in the hearts of those we love is not to die, and no greater monument than this can be raised to the memory of the friend who has gone from amongst us. While to us his parting is a national loss, to you and yours it is something far deeper; may your grief be assuaged by the knowledge that the people whom he so loved are grieving with you.

On behalf of my fellow-teachers,

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Molesworth Street, Wellington.

I remain, &c.,

WILLIAM FOSTER, Secretary.