

Hon. Mr. Seddon), and place on record their appreciation of his untiring efforts on behalf of education ; and tender to Mrs. Seddon and family deepest sympathy in their sad bereavement ; and that this Committee do now adjourn as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Premier."

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

E. SCANTLEBURY, Hon. Secretary.

RIVERLEA SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

DEAR MADAM,—

14th June, 1906.

The Riverlea School Committee, in their extraordinary meeting of last night, instructed me to forward to you the following resolution "That this Committee tender their heartfelt sympathy to the widow and children of the late Right Hon. R. J. Seddon in their sad bereavement, and hope that the universally felt loss of so great a man may be in some measure a consolation to them."

I beg to add, personally and for my wife, our condolence, and to state that although politically always opposed to the late statesman, I always admired his genius and character. May I state, too, that, with the exception of one member of the Committee, all were politically of different opinions, still every one of us were convinced that the right honourable gentleman did till the last his best according to his ideas for this country, and died on the bed of honour.

I have, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

A. VOULLAIRE, Chairman.

ROSENEATH SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

DEAR MADAM,—

Roseneath, 21st July, 1906.

I am instructed by my Committee to convey to yourself and family their heartfelt sympathy on the death of our late Premier and Minister of Education.

He had been very good to us as a Committee on several occasions, and we mourn his loss as one who loses a personal friend.

I remain, &c.,

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

J. SMITH, Secretary.

RUSSELL PUBLIC SCHOOL.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, care of Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington.

Russell, 12th June, 1906.

WE, the teachers and scholars of the Russell Public School, recognising the innumerable benefits that the late Right Hon. R. J. Seddon while Minister of Education and Premier of New Zealand conferred on education and on us as present and future citizens, respectfully beg to show our acknowledgment of the irreparable loss this colony has sustained by his death, and our heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and family in their sad bereavement.

HEADMASTER, Russell School.

WARDEN, FELLOWS, AND STUDENTS OF SELWYN COLLEGE.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Selwyn College, Dunedin, 14th June, 1906.

ON behalf of the warden, fellows, and students of Selwyn College, and the masters and pupils of the Selwyn Collegiate School, Dunedin, I am requested to convey to Mrs. Seddon and her family our deep sorrow at the great loss the colony has sustained in the death of the Right Hon. the Premier, and respectful appreciation of the great services he has rendered to New Zealand and the Empire by his strenuous life of devotion to the common weal, and our sincere sympathy with them in their sad bereavement.

R. A. WOODTHORPE, Warden.

SHANNON SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

DEAR MADAM,—

June, 1906.

I beg to inform you that the Shannon School Committee at its meeting last Monday night adjourned for ten minutes out of respect to your late husband, our worthy Premier and friend. My Committee also desire me to convey to you and your family their deepest sympathy in your great trouble. A great man has passed away ; a kind husband, father, and friend has gone to his long rest, and his death is the colony's loss. May God grant you strength of body and fortitude of mind to bear up under your sad bereavement.

Our head teacher, Mr. Voysey, also desires me to add that kindly and sympathetic reference was made in the school to the many good qualities of our late Premier and Minister of Education ; and the teaching staff and children of the school stood in silence whilst according you and yours a heartfelt vote of condolence in the severe trouble that has so unexpectedly fallen upon you and your family.

Yours, &c.,

Mrs. R. J. Seddon, Wellington.

J. W. BATCHELOR, Secretary.

SKIPTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Fairlie, South Canterbury, June, 1906.

THE Skipton School Committee wish to place on record their appreciation of the good work done by the late Premier as Minister of Education, and deplore the loss sustained by the Colony of New Zealand by the death of the Hon. Richard John Seddon, and respectfully offer Mrs. Seddon and family their sympathy in their sad bereavement."

WILLIAM DIXON, Chairman.