

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT INSTITUTE.

MADAM,—

South School, Timaru, 14th July, 1906.

I have the honour to convey to you, on behalf of the members of the South Canterbury District Institute, New Zealand Educational Institute, in annual meeting assembled, on the 7th July, 1906, this motion, which was carried with deep feeling at the meeting: "That this meeting desires to place on record its sense of the irreparable loss sustained by teachers in New Zealand by the death of the late Minister of Education, Mr. R. J. Seddon, that it would bear tribute to his earnest enduring work as Minister of Education; and that members hereby express their heartfelt sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and family in this their hour of sorrow."

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

J. A. VALENTINE, B.A., President.

NEW ZEALAND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTE (SOUTHLAND BRANCH).

DEAR MADAM,—

Lumsden, 6th July, 1906.

I have the honour to transmit to you the following resolution passed by the members of the above Institute at their annual meeting, held on Friday, 29th ultimo: "That the Southland Branch of the New Zealand Educational Institute, in annual conference assembled, place on record its deep sense of the national loss sustained in the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Premier and Minister of Education, and its sincere sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and the family in their bereavement."

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

I am, &c.,

WM. H. CLARK, Secretary.

SOUTHLAND EDUCATION BOARD.

DEAR MADAM,—

Invercargill, 10th July, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction of the Southland Board of Education, to transmit for your acceptance the following copy of a resolution having reference to the death of your late husband, the Right Hon. the Premier of New Zealand: "That this Board desires to place on record its keen sense of the loss sustained by the colony and the Empire in the universally lamented death of the late Premier, the Right Hon. Richard John Seddon, and also its recognition of the great services which, as Minister of Education, the deceased statesman rendered to the cause for the advancement of which this Board exists, and further, to express its sincere sympathy with his sorrowing wife and family."

I am directed to intimate to you that the resolution was unanimously adopted at a meeting of this Board—the first since the sad occasion to which it refers—held on Friday last the 6th instant.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

I have, &c.,

JOHN NEILL, Secretary.

ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL PUPILS, PAEROA.

DEAR MRS. SEDDON,—

St. Joseph's School, Paeroa, 21st June, 1906.

We, the Catholic pupils of St. Joseph's School, Paeroa, assemble here to-day to honour the memory of Mr. Seddon.

Dean Hackett spoke to us on Mr. Seddon's boyhood and told us how he regretted having left school at an early age; and how, by perseverance and industry, he worked his way from a poor miner to the position of Premier of New Zealand.

It was with intense regret that we learned of his death.

He was loved by rich and poor, and when acting as Premier he never forgot the old friends of his early days.

New Zealand children have reason to be grateful to him for education, because, were it not for him, they might, like the children of some countries, have been obliged to leave school and go to work when quite young.

Dean Hackett read to us an address which Mr. Seddon delivered to the boys of Riverview College, Sydney, and in it he told them that their first duty was to love God and after this to honour the country where they were born.

We offer you our deepest sympathy in your sad bereavement.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

We are, &c.,

KATE A. LARNEY.

JAMES POLAND.

ST. MARY'S CONVENT SCHOOL, PONSONBY.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Auckland, 16th June, 1906.

HEARTFELT sympathy to you and family in your great loss from the pupils of St. Mary's Convent School, Ponsonby, Auckland.

SISTERS OF MERCY.

STRATFORD TECHNICAL SCHOOL.

MADAM,—

22nd June, 1906.

At a meeting of the Committee held on the 20th the following resolution was passed, and I was instructed to forward it to you: "That this Committee desires to place on record its appreciation