

## WELLINGTON COLLEGE.

DEAR MRS. SEDDON,—

Wellington College, 13th June, 1906.

Sometimes words seem but poor instruments with which to express the feelings. They seem so to me now. But, on behalf of this school and all connected with it, I wish to express to you and to all the members of your family the most heartfelt sympathy in your loss and grief, and the greatest admiration for your beloved husband. His very greatness would make it unseemly for me to attempt any eulogy of him, and I venture to hope that the greatness of the loss is, in a sense, a consolation; for, as Arnold sings,

He thou lovest slept  
Dead on thy bosom yesterday: to-day  
Thou knowest the whole wide world  
Weeps with thy woe:  
The grief which all hearts share  
Grows less for one.

With my warmest and kindest regards and best wishes—

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Believe me, &c.,  
J. P. FIRTH.

## WELLINGTON WOMEN TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

DEAR MRS. SEDDON,—

9, Fitzherbert Terrace, 20th June, 1906.

I am instructed by the Wellington Women Teachers' Association to convey to you their sincere sympathy with yourself and family in your deep sorrow and irreparable loss. To them, as to all women, he ever proved himself a warm and sympathetic friend, by whose means many great and lasting benefits were conferred on them. When time, the great healer, has dulled the keen edge of your grief, the thoughts of the many blessings mankind will owe to him whom every one is now mourning must prove a great consolation to you and your dear ones.

In sincere sympathy,

I am, &c.,  
PHOEBE MYERS, Hon. Secretary.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

## WEST CHRISTCHURCH EDUCATIONAL DISTRICT.

DEAR MADAM,—

15th June, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction of the Committee of the District High School, to forward to you a copy of a resolution passed at their meeting on the 13th instant as follows: "This Committee desires to express its deep sense of grief at the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Minister of Education, and sincerely condoles with Mrs. Seddon and family in their sad bereavement."

Yours, &c.,

Mrs. R. J. Seddon.

A. P. FARROW, Secretary.

## WESTLAND EDUCATION BOARD.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Hokitika, 16th June, 1906.

PLEASE accept from members Westland Education Board their heartfelt sympathy and condolence. It will perhaps be no little comfort to you in your deep sorrow to know that all are mourning with you the loss of Westland's best friend.

T. W. BEARE, Chairman.

## THE WESTLAND DISTRICT EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTE.

DEAR MRS. SEDDON,—

49 Ellice Street, Wellington, 19th June, 1906.

The Westland District Institute (Educational) at a meeting held in Hokitika on Saturday last passed a resolution of deepest sympathy with you all in your inexpressible sorrow, and asked me to convey the same to you.

Words fail to express the grief felt by the teachers of the colony in general, and of Westland in particular, in the loss of such a true, loyal friend. The many reforms he has brought in education, his large-hearted sympathy with the teachers, and last but by no means least—for was it not this that lured him on?—his intense love for the children will ever cause his name to be held in loving remembrance by the people of New Zealand, but nowhere with an affection so deep and strong as by the people of Westland—a spot ever dear to him.

Yours, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

THOMAS H GILL.

## WESTLAND TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Hokitika, 13th June, 1906.

THE members, Westland Teachers Institute, tender their heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and family in sad bereavement.

DOROTHY MOORE, Secretary.

## SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS OF WESTLAND.

DEAR MADAM,—

Education Office, Hokitika, 10th July, 1906.

I beg to inform you that at the quarterly meeting of the School Commissioners of Westland, the following resolution was passed: "That a record be entered in the minutes of the extreme regret