

of the Commissioners on the occasion of the death of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, P.C., LL.D., Premier of New Zealand and Minister of Education; also of their sincere sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and the members of her family."

I venture as their officer to add an expression of my accord with the sentiments of the Commissioners in connection with so sad an event.

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Yours, &c.,

A. J. WORTON, Secretary.

WEST LYTTTELTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

DEAR MADAM,—

West Lyttelton School, 3rd July, 1906.

I have the honour, by direction of the Committee of the above school, to forward you our most sincere sympathy in the loss you and your family, as well as the whole colony, have sustained in the death of the late Premier and Minister of Education, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, P.C., LL.D.

We feel that, although Mr. Seddon has been removed, his work will live, and his memory will be ever fresh and respected by the many who have learnt as the years rolled by to value his great worth.

That you and yours may be comforted by the universal sympathy shown is the sincere wish of our Committee.

I remain, &c.,

Mrs. Seddon, "The Residence," Wellington.

E. ELIOT CHAMBERS, Hon. Secretary.

WHANGAREI DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

(Telegram.)

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Whangarei, 12th June, 1906.

ON behalf of the Committee I beg to tender our deepest sympathy in the loss we have all sustained.

C. CLARK-WALKER, Chairman.

YALDHURST LADIES' SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

DEAR MADAM,—

Yaldhurst, 24th June, 1906.

On behalf of the Yaldhurst Ladies' School Committee I have to tender their very deep sympathy. Mr. Seddon was such a friend to the women of the colony that we cannot but feel his loss very deeply.

With deepest sympathy,

Mrs. R. J. Seddon.

Yours, &c.,

MAY MAGINNESS, Secretary.

PROFESSORIAL BOARD, VICTORIA COLLEGE.

DEAR MISS SEDDON,—

Victoria College, Wellington, 13th June, 1906.

I am instructed by the Professorial Board of Victoria College to convey to you their deep sympathy with Mrs. Seddon and all your family in the loss which is so great to us all, and especially terrible to those nearest to the late Mr. Seddon.

We have always been conscious of the kindly feeling which your lamented father cherished towards Victoria College, and have felt deeply grateful to him for his unfailing interest in the College, and for the liberality with which he has treated it in his capacity as head of the Government.

We feel that our College has lost a firm and true friend, who has always loyally supported and fostered the cause of education generally throughout New Zealand. But at this moment we desire especially to convey to his family our sympathy with them at this time of their deep affliction.

I am, &c.,

Miss Seddon, Wellington.

VON ZEDLITZ, Chairman.

WANGANUI TEACHERS.

DEAR SIR,—

District High School, Wanganui, 18th June, 1906.

Your noble father took such a living interest in all that concerned education—schools, teachers, and pupils—that his death creates a blank which will be difficult to fill.

Will you kindly convey to your sorrowing mother the deep sympathy of the Wanganui teachers in this sad hour.

Yours, &c.,

Captain R. J. Seddon.

JAMES AITKEN, President,

District Institute, N.Z.E.I.

NELSON COLLEGE.

Captain Seddon, Wellington.

Nelson, 11th June, 1906.

STAFF and students of Nelson College beg to tender to you their heartfelt sympathy in hour of your great bereavement, and to express their sorrowful realisation that in death of your father the cause of New Zealand democratic education has lost its greatest supporter.

FOWLER, Principal.

WESTLAND EDUCATION BOARD.

Captain Seddon, Wellington.

Hokitika, 12th June, 1906.

MEMBERS and staff of Westland Education Board extend their deepest sympathy and condolence in your bereavement, and express their great grief at your irreparable loss.

T. W. BEANE, Chairman,