

said, in an address issued to his troops, "We must be careful to avoid punishing the innocent for the guilty, and must remember that, though misled and deluded, the Boers are in the main a brave and high-spirited people, and are actuated by feelings which are entitled to our respect."

Lord Roberts said of the Boers, "They are brave men, large-hearted, generous, and respect their enemies; . . . .we have never in the field met a braver enemy than the Boers."

How was the war waged on our side? While the Boer was successful and had a number of British prisoners in his hands, he was recognized as a regular belligerent. When fortune left him, he, for defending his fatherland against an invader, was proclaimed a rebel, though the proclamation had to be withdrawn amid universal reprobation. His farm was burned, his wife and children were penned in pestilential camps, and at one time put on low rations because the husband and father was in the field. Non-combatants were carried as hostages on military railway trains as protection from derailment. It seems that, all disclaimers notwithstanding, Kaffirs were largely employed for purposes of war. The execution of Commandant Scheepers, captured while sick and