

"We in this distant part of our Empire can say that we are proud of our Queen, we are proud of our country, we are proud of our noble defenders, and are especially proud of our brave Baden-Powell and his men. (Great cheering and a chorus of voices, 'We're proud of Baden-Powell.') I can only rejoice that the pent-up feelings of the masses of people in New England are now happily relieved, and that the defenders of Mafeking have triumphed over Boer treachery and aggression. (Cheers.)

"And if it is necessary in the future, I know that we shall all be prepared to stand by a nation which possesses men of the stamp of Baden-Powell, and those other officers and men who have fought so well in South Africa (cheers) and we will continue, if needed, to send men, women and money to assist in upholding 'the Union Jack of Old England.' (Cheers.) I now ask you to give three hearty cheers for Lord Roberts. (These were enthusiastically given.) Let us give three ringing cheers for Mafeking's brilliant defender, Baden-Powell. (Uproarious cheering, and the band played, while the crowd sang 'For he's a Jolly Good Fellow.')

"And now let us remember, while we are rejoicing over and celebrating a never-to-be-forgotten victory, that the Colonials are in the forefront of the battle (cheers) and they have assisted in the capture of Botha. (Enthusiastic cheering.) And I should not be surprised to learn that some of them formed part of the force that came to the timely relief of Mafeking. I therefore ask you to give three ringing cheers for the New Zealand boys at the front. (The cheering was given again and again, and the band played 'Rule Britannia.')

"In concluding, let us rejoice and thank God that victory has been again on our side." (Here there was a most enthusiastic outburst of feeling. The crowd cheered, bands played, flags, hats and handkerchiefs were waved, and the demonstration continued in the most exciting manner for some time.)

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