

While waiting for some of the absent proceedings to come in to end our task, a serious war cloud has arisen over South Africa, and, even as we write, a declaration of war has been sent to Great Britain and the invasion of British Soil is now in active progress by the Boers. This has been long looked for in many quarters, and it will be found, when the history of the struggle is fully written, that the so-called African Republic (a republic in name only) has for years been scheming and plotting to drive the British flag from South Africa. The prospect is for a hard and bitter struggle and many a bloody fight, and we have no doubt that Greater Britain will also have a share in it, for Australia, New Zealand, Canada and other portions of the Empire will be found ready and willing to offer and send, if permitted, men to uphold the honor of the "old flag" that waves over them.

"Then East and West, through the vastness grim,
The whelps of the Lion will answer him."

If our anticipations prove true, Canadian Masons and Templars will be, ere long, having the same anxious interest in South Africa that our American Brethren and fratres had in Cuba the past year. We do not doubt the issue, and will reverently utter a Templars prayer, "God help the Widow and the Fatherless," for there will be many.

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