

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.)

HONOR TO AN IMPERIAL SOLDIER.

Speech-making over, the crowd dispersed, and the volunteers formed into line and paraded from the Government Buildings through the principal streets of the city. The scene *en route* was one of great enthusiasm. When the garrison returned to Jervois quay, Colonel Penton, who was attended by Captain Owen, addressed a few words to the men, thanking them for attending so readily to do honor to an Imperial soldier. It was not a usual thing to do on parade, but he would ask them to give three hearty cheers for Colonel Baden-Powell and his officers and men, who had so nobly defended Mafeking. The response was a hearty one. The volunteers then marched to the Drill-shed, where they were dismissed.

Other processions then presented themselves for the admiration of the spectators, and much amusement was created by the ingenious devices improvised in honor of the occasion. There were flags on every flagstaff, and many of the shops were gay with patriotic designs and decorations. In Cuba street a particularly noticeable streamer stretched across the thoroughfare bore on one side the words, "Hurrah for gallant Mafeking and Colonel Baden Powell," and on the other, "We have upheld the honor of our Queen, our Country and our Colony!"

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