

Letter of Tennyson to Sir Henry Parkes, Premier of New South Wales, in May, 1881:

"I always feel with the Empire, and I read with great interest of these first steps in Federation. Go on, and prosper in the good work." (Vol. II., p. 261).

Oct. 1st, 1892 (Lord Tennyson died on Oct. 6th)—"On Friday my wife read him an article in 'The Times' on the colonization of Uganda, for which he asked. He looked forward to the day when South Africa would be welded into one mighty state, linked in a strict federation with England." (Vol. II., p. 425).

"THAT TRUE NORTH"

Lord Dufferin dedicated a Canadian edition of his "Letters from High Latitudes" in the words "To that True North." I cannot refrain from connecting with these lines one more association which will, I feel sure, in Canadian hearts at least, add a tender grace to the vigorous thought of the poet and the delicate compliment of the politician. I am able to do so through the accident of a conversation with the late Rev. Drummond Rawnsley, of Lincolnshire, a connection and intimate friend of Lord Tennyson, whom I happened to meet some years since at the house of a common friend, Professor Bonamy Price, at Oxford. The Poet Laureate, with whom he had lately been staying, had told him that when the articles referred to had appeared in "The Times," Lady Franklin, who was then a guest at his house, and who felt the most intense interest in the future of Canada, had been filled with indignation at the wrong which they did to English sentiment and to Canadian loyalty, and had strongly urged upon him the duty and propriety of giving utterance to some sufficient protest. Being in the fullest sympathy with Lady Franklin's views, the poet acted upon this suggestion and the lines were written. I do not think any private confidence is violated in mentioning the facts told to me on such unquestionable authority. It seems well that Canadian people should know when reading these lines, that behind the poet's brain was the woman's heart, and that a lady whose name is held in highest honor wherever the English language is spoken, and wherever heroism and devotion touch the human heart, is thus connected by the subtle thread of sympathy and the golden verse of our greatest poet with their own loved land.

Foot note to page 9, introduction to Imperial Federation by G. R. Parkin, 1892.

Lord Dufferin's letter to Lord Tennyson (Ottawa, Feb. 25th, 1873), will be found in full in "The Memoir," together with Lord Tennyson's reply, Vol. II., pp. 143, 144.