

DECEMBER

SOUTH AFRICA: LORD ROBERTS

IN MEMORY OF THE IMPERIAL SPIRIT OF DECEMBER,
1899.

"Southward are faces set:
The stirring music of the marching feet,
That shook the nations with its rhythmic beat,
Rings on the pavement yet.

"Across the earth and sea
A long line stretches—men and men and men;
We may not look upon the like again,
Nor braver sight could be.

"This page of history,
Written in warriors' blood and women's tears,
Ending the mighty volume of the years
That make our century,

"Will be a tale sublime
When the great Empire heart grows calm again;
Britannia's eyes, through all the stress and pain,
Look to that after time."

—*Effie Foster, Canada.*