

the case with every one of them as long as the war lasts, owing to the patriotism of the Boers.

So much has been written on the lack of discipline among the Boers, that the following lines on this subject may amuse the reader.

It was on January 11 when the Field-cornet suddenly called all Burghers together and informed them of matters not entirely to their liking. They unanimously formed the conclusion to elect Jan Muller as their Chief-Corporal. Now the voice of the Burghers is never to be trifled with, especially when they are hungry and consequently short-tempered. Man is but human, and when hungry he becomes noisier and noisier and cares for neither Saint nor Devil.

The Field-cornet did his duty, but was jeered at for his trouble.

About this time the writer's brother was evidently killed in action, and a song on this subject follows. The first two stanzas of the Taal version are printed to give the reader some idea of the original manuscript.

#### LIED OP DEN DOOD VAN MIJN BROEDER.

Mijn vrienden did is slechts mijn lied  
 Het kost mij veel en zwaar verdriet  
 Ik kan nu alles niet verhaal  
 Want zijn dood was dar bepaal.

Miet zijn wapen in de hand  
 Stierf hij voor ons dierboers land  
 Hij stierf voor ons den helden dood  
 Ach vat was toch zijn daden groot!