

which exploded with tremendous effect at the same time that a special exhibition of colored lights and rockets was made in the vicinity. The display reflected great credit upon the directors of the company and upon their officials, especially Mr. Daniel Skinner, under whose supervision the arrangements for decoration and illumination were carried out.

In the churches of the city on Sunday there were thanksgivings for the relief of Mafeking. The Rev. J. G. S. Bartlett, in his sermon at St. Paul's Pro-Cathedral at morning prayer, said that "during the last few weeks our thoughts had been specially directed towards that gallant little band in Mafeking. We had hoped and prayed, as no doubt they had hoped and prayed, that relief would come to them. Now the whole empire rejoiced that deliverance had come. The British arms had continually fought for the oppressed and the afflicted, as our nation was ever on the side of justice and freedom.

#### FIGHTING FOR JUSTICE AND LIBERTY.

"As in the past, so to-day we were fighting, not for conquest, but for liberty and right. And God had blessed our nation in this work, and our joy abounded for all the mercies which He had bestowed upon us. For it was God alone who could give us victory, and we blessed and magnified His great and glorious name for this latest victory. We ascribe all the glory to Him who was the only giver of victory. Might He give us grace to improve this great mercy to His glory and the advancement of His kingdom, to the honor of our Sovereign and our country, and as much as in us lay to the good of all mankind."

A united thanksgiving meeting in recognition of the relief of Mafeking, was held in Wesley Church, Taranaki street Sunday evening, and, although the weather was unfavorable, some five hundred persons were present. The ministers and congregation represented the Wesleyan, Primitive Methodists, Congregational and Baptist among other churches. The services consisted of prayers and appropriate hymns. In the prayers the dominant note was thanks to God for the latest victory that has attended