

To the Right Honourable Richard John Seddon, P.C., M.H.R., LL.D., Prime Minister of New Zealand.

SIR,—

We desire, on behalf of the Yorkshire and Lancashire Association of Durban and district, to offer you a sincere and hearty welcome on this your first visit to our adopted country. We are proud to recognise in you a distinguished son of one of the counties which our association represents.

Your services to that great and world-wide Empire to which we all belong are so well known that your name has become worthily familiar wherever the English language is spoken. The ready and liberal assistance, largely influenced by your patriotic efforts, afforded to this country during the present war by the colony of which you are the honoured Premier has done much towards consolidating in unity of purpose the Anglo-Saxon race throughout the world.

That you may long be spared to continue the good work to which you have set your hand is the earnest wish of the association.

Sir JOHN ROBINSON, K.C.M.G., President.

M. S. EVANS,

C. WOODHEAD,

J. E. ANDERTON,

(COMMITTEE.)

J. BENNETT, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

} Vice-presidents.

One with Britain Heart and Soul, One Life, One Flag, One Throne.

Durban, South Africa, 15th May, 1902.

From Durban the Premier proceeded to Pietermaritzburg, where he was the guest of His Excellency the Governor, Sir Henry McCallum, and thence through the great Natal battlefields—Colenso, Hart's Hill, Pieter's Hill, Ladysmith—to Johannesburg. At Newcastle the Seventh New Zealand Contingent were reviewed before their departure on their return to the colony. On arrival at Johannesburg the following addresses were presented:—

SIR,—

On behalf of the inhabitants of Johannesburg we welcome you to our town, and take advantage of your visit to acknowledge your great services to the Empire.

South Africa generally, and we especially of the Transvaal, owe you and your country a debt of gratitude that words cannot repay for your practical and untiring interest in our cause.

The fact that the Tenth Contingent is now on its way to the scene of conflict is undeniable proof of this, and that the people of southern Britain are united in their love for and determination to uphold the honour of the Mother-country.

The self-denying efforts of the people of New Zealand have done much to further the great cause of Imperial federation, an end that can now be regarded as within the sphere of practical politics.

We trust you may be long spared to take an active part in the work of welding the Mother-country and her colonies into one great federation having common aspirations for the moral and material welfare of the varied peoples that own the sovereignty of His Most Gracious Majesty the King.

Signed on behalf of the Municipality—

W. ST. JOHN CARR,

Deputy Chairman of Town Council.

ARTHUR BONHAM CARTER,

Acting Town Clerk.

Johannesburg, 17th May, 1902.

WE, the undersigned, on behalf of the branches of the South African League, beg to tend to you a hearty welcome on your visit to South Africa. We feel that South Africa owes a debt of gratitude to New Zealand for the noble services rendered by its sons to the Empire during the present war. We desire to express to you our high appreciation of the statesmanlike and truly Imperialistic policy which you have followed during your tenure of office, and to assure you, on behalf of the members of our organization, how deeply touched we were by the solicitude you and our fellow-British subjects in New Zealand during the last hours of our lamented President, the Right Hon. C. J. Rhodes.

We trust that, before many years have passed, not only will all His Majesty's possessions in South Africa be joined together in one federation, but that also a federation throughout the Empire will have been brought about which will unite us closer to New Zealand and the other colonies whose people have rendered such inestimable service to the cause of the Empire in South Africa.

E. G. BRABANT, Senior Vice-president.

C. A. OWEN LEWIS, Joint General Secretary.

An interesting journey was made to Klerksdorp, where the column under General Ian Hamilton was to arrive from the last of the great drives which helped to hasten the end of the war. The New Zealand Eighth Contingent, under Colonel Davies, formed one of the divisions, and Colonel Davies was in command of a column. New Zealand had therefore the honour of having its first contingent to land direct from Australasia, while its Eighth Contingent took part in the last drive of the campaign. At Potchefstroom the men wounded in the railway disaster to the South Island Battalion of our Eighth Contingent were visited in the military hospital. And, indeed, the Premier throughout his tour in South Africa made a point of visiting wherever possible all the New-Zea-