

feel that the generous alacrity displayed by New Zealand in furnishing help to the Mother-country during the present war has afforded a bright example, which the other colonies have not been slow to follow.

As the Parliament of New Zealand—stimulated, sir, by your patriotic eloquence—was the first to offer colonial aid, so the contingents so freely sent from your colony to South Africa have proved themselves second to none in the skill and bravery that they have displayed in many a stricken battlefield. The conduct of the New-Zealanders in the present war has, we are convinced, been worthy of the best traditions of our common race, and, while adding fresh distinction to the British arms, has materially aided to bring the present war within measurable distance of an early and triumphant issue.

We had hoped that your arrangements might have admitted of a longer stay, but, although we cannot claim the attractions your own colony presents, we trust you will carry away pleasant recollections of your visit to Kimberley, a town second to none in loyalty to the Throne and Empire.

Signed on behalf of the Borough Council and Citizens of Kimberley—

Kimberley, 24th May, 1902.

W. H. FOLEY, Mayor.

To the Right Honourable R. J. Seddon, Premier of New Zealand.

SIR,—

We, the members of the North of England Association, comprising natives of the six northern counties of England resident in Kimberley, desire to accord to you a hearty welcome on your visit to Kimberley.

We could have wished that your stay amongst us had been of longer duration, but nevertheless beg to express our sincere pleasure that this opportunity of meeting you has been afforded us.

Your career in the sister-colony of New Zealand has long been a source of keen delight, and the robust nature of your truly Imperial policy has evoked widespread admiration. The unique position occupied by the colony you so ably represent and control as the foremost community in advanced freedom of government we are pleased to ascribe in a great measure to you, and we trust, sir, that you may long be spared to continue to direct the destinies of your adopted land and guide its progress in the paths of freedom, and to the strengthening of the bond, which we pray will long continue to bind the Empire indissolubly.

Wishing you a pleasant vacation and a safe return to that land which justly glories in the possession of your services,

We have, &c.,

W. NICHOL, President.

J. LIDDELL, } Vice-presidents.

J. G. LAWN, }

T. LORNEY, Secretary.

Kimberley, 24th May, 1902 ("Victoria Day").

To the Right Honourable R. J. Seddon, Premier of New Zealand.

SIR,—

We, the members of the Griqualand West Branch of the Guild of Loyal Women of South Africa, gladly avail ourselves of this opportunity of tendering to you a very hearty welcome to Kimberley.

Representing as you do the loyal women of New Zealand, who have so unselfishly and nobly given of their dearest and best to uphold in this land the unity and integrity of the Empire, we would fain express to them through you our heartfelt appreciation of the unprecedented sacrifices they have made, and of the brave and splendid manner in which the sons of New Zealand have upheld the honour and high reputation of their country.

Our sincere sympathy goes forth to those who mourn, and the care of the graves of those who have fallen in this campaign has been and will be a labour of love to our guild.

We have, &c.

(Signed on behalf of the Guild),

MARIA W. REDPATH, President.

LOTTIE STARK, Secretary.

A. FOLEY, Mayoress.

To the Right Honourable R. J. Seddon, Premier of New Zealand.

On behalf of the Kimberley and Beaconsfield Branches of the South African League we have great pleasure in welcoming you on this your first visit to the diamond-fields.

We appreciate very highly the motives which have induced you to visit South Africa, which we take to be a desire personally to acquaint yourself with the condition of affairs here, and are confident that the knowledge you have so acquired will be of great value to yourself, to the British Empire, and to this country.

We have heard with enthusiasm of the many noble expressions of your love and loyalty for the British Empire, of which the whole of South Africa is now an integral part.

We are in entire accord with your views as to the imposition of a differential duty upon importation of goods other than those of Great and Greater Britain, and hope in due course that this country will come into line with the other colonies on this important question.

On many a hard-fought field New Zealand has shown its devotion to the Empire, in whose cause many of her noblest sons have fallen; their bodies are for ever with us, left in loving care of the loyal daughters of the Empire. With full hearts we thank you and New Zealand for the help rendered to us in our hour of need.