

"BAPTISM OF FIRE."

HEROISM OF THE CANADIAN CONTINGENT AT SUNNYSIDE.

THEY NEEDED NO STIFFENING.

Kind Words of Praise From the London and African Papers on the Way Our Boys "Doubled Into Action"—They Were Glad, Too, That the Opportunity Came to Them.

When the order to "double into action" was delivered to the Toronto at Sunnyside, we are told that exclamations of "At last!" were heard. The same might have been heard here, says a London correspondent, when the news was received that the Canadians had at last been given a chance to show what stuff they are made of. Their behaviour during the "baptism of fire" has been greatly praised by the newspapers, and has given the greatest satisfaction to their fellow-countrymen in London. I have no doubt that if I said that



BRINGING IN BOER PRISONERS.

the news of the Canadians' success at Sunnyside created great enthusiasm amongst Canadians visiting and resident in London, I would be right but I must only presume that the Canadian colony in London did rejoice; but I can say that the dozens or more Canadians I have met since the news of the Toronto being in action arrived are jubilant not only because the Canucks were "in at the death," but for their good luck in getting through without having to issue a casualty list.

"A Splendid Piece of Work."

The Daily News, referring to the participation of the Canadians and Australians in the engagement at Sunnyside, says: "The colonies did not go into the war as into a parade or a parade. They went prepared and hoping to fight, and, if need be, to die side by side with other soldiers of the Queen in whatever work might be allotted to them. Their only complaint hitherto has been that they have not had to bear the brunt of the battle. In this affair near Belmont, however, the honors of the day were all with the colonial troops, and the Empire has to thank them for a smart piece of work well carried out."

The Times says: "The mother country will share with the Canadians and the Australians the pride and gratification they must feel at the fine qualities displayed by their troops in this dashing little engagement. The conduct of both contingents appear to have been most soldierly. It is an earnest, we doubt not, of what the behaviour of all our colonial forces will be in many a hard-fought field under the old flag."

The Morning Leader says: "It is interesting to notice that Queensland, Canada and New South Wales were all represented in the attacking force, quite the most practical way that could be devised to show our appreciation of colonial loyalty."

Need No Stiffening.

The Globe says: "In the action of Sunnyside, nearly the entire force actually engaged was composed of colonial contingents, some from Canada and others from Australia, and the way in which they acquitted themselves conclusively demonstrated that such troops need no stiffening with British regulars."

The Cape Town correspondent of the Daily Telegraph cables that "un-

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iversal admiration is expressed at the conduct of the colonial volunteers in Monday's fight at Sunnyside. Australians and Canadians in Cape Town are warrantably jubilant at the success of their brethren in the first regular engagement they have fought."

The Speaker says: "Queensland and Canadian troops took part in the movement (Sunnyside), and proved true soldiers."

The Spectator says: "Col. Pilcher's capture of the Boer laager at Sunnyside is doubly welcome, from the



SEAFORTH HIGHLANDERS.

The Canadian Contingent is Brigaded with the Seaforth Highlanders and the Black Watch.

fact that his force was principally composed of Australians and Canadians, who have thus struck the first blow and have been the first to shed their blood on the western frontier since Magersfontein."

The Saturday Review says: "In the seizure of Douglas splendid work was done by the Queenslanders and Toronto, who were with the Imperial troops. The incident of the Canadians carrying the babies of the place away in their arms appeals to us, not only on account of its picturesque qualities, but because its effect may easily be far-reaching."

The Evening Standard says: "The story of the stalwart Canadians carrying the babies and cheering the women on the march with songs is a pretty incident, and will take the place by the picture of Lucknow, where the Highlanders could not kiss often enough the children of the relieved garrison."

Steady, Brave, Cool.

The Army and Navy Gazette says: "At Sunnyside they showed the steadiness, bravery, coolness and judgment of the British soldier, and against the enemy, that they even beat at his own game." Referring to Sunnyside being the first time in the history of New South Wales that any of her sons have fought on a field of battle, the article continues: "With Canadians the case is different. They have added fresh lustre to an honorable tradition. Canadians have fought with distinction in every war, great and little, since Canada became a part of the British Empire."

THE GRAY MOTHER.

(To an old Gaelic air.)
From The Spectator.

(The Colonial Volunteers proceeded to the front.—Public Press.)

Lo, how they come to me,
Long through the night I call them,
Ah, how they turn to me.

East and South my children scatter,
North and West the world they wander,
Yet they come back to me,
Come with their brave hearts beating,
Longing to die for me.

Me, the grey, old, weary mother,
Throned amid the Northern waters,
Where they have died for me,
Died with their songs around me,
Girding my shores for me.

Narrow was my dwelling for them,
Homes they builded o'er the ocean,
Yet they leave all for me,
Hearing their mother calling,
Bringing their lives for me.

Far from South seas swiftly sailing,
Out from under stars I know not,
Come they to fight for me,
Sons of the sons I nurtured,
God keep them safe for me.

Long ago their fathers saved me,
Died for me among the heather,

Now they come back to me,
Come, in their children's children,
Brave of the brave for me.

In the wilds and wastes they slumber,
Deep they slumber in the deserts,
Rise they from graves to me,
Graves where they lay forgotten,
Shades of the brave for me.

Yet my soul is vexed in sadness,
For I see their fall and perish,

Strewing the hills for me,
Claiming the world in dying,
Bought with their blood for me.

Hear the grey, old Northern mother,
Blessing now her dying children—

God keep ye safe for me,
Christ watch ye in your sleeping,
Where ye have died for me.

And when God's own slogan soundeth,
All the dead world's dust awakening,

Ah, will ye look for me?
Bravely we'll stand together,
I and my sons with me.

—L. MacLean Watt.

THE SOUTH AFRICAN CLIMATE.

A Low Rate of Rainfall and a High Temperature.

Observations of the weather have been systematically made for many years in South Africa, and in the Cape Colony the meteorological conditions have been as carefully and completely studied as in England, says The London Standard. In other parts, however, the observations are far less satisfactory, and in the Transvaal observations may be said to scarcely exist, our knowledge of

Minard's Liniment Cures Colds, etc.

the weather changes being extremely meagre. Some few years ago the "Report of the Meteorological Commission" at the Cape of Good Hope embodied detailed rainfall maps for each month, showing the distribution of the rain in different parts of South Africa. The average results for the year show that, with the exception of a small area in the immediate vicinity of Cape Town, the total rainfall for the year is almost wholly below 20 inches, that is, considerably less than in London. In most places the average for the year is not less than 10 inches, and at some stations it falls as low as 5 inches for the whole 12 months.

In the Orange Free State the average rainfall for the year is about 20 inches. The winter rains are very small, the aggregate for a month being only a few tenths of an inch on the average. With the commencement of the southern summer the rains increase, although it is not until November and December that the average fall for the months exceeds an inch, and even in those months the rainfall in many places is only 0.3 inch or 0.4 inch. In January, February and March the average in the Orange Free State is 4 or 5 inches in each month. The meagre returns for the Transvaal show that in 1890 the rainfall eight miles east of Johannesburg was practically nil in July, August and September, while in October the rainfall was 5.77 inches, which was the wettest month of the year, and rain fell on 11 days. In both November and December the rainfall in the vicinity of Johannesburg exceeded 5 inches, and the total number of days with rain during the year was 61. In the Orange Free State the results for 1890 show that there was practically no rain in September, but in October the rains were fairly heavy, and the Basutoland September is also exceedingly dry.

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Every time a man gets married there is some woman who makes up her mind that she would have refused him, a year, if he had been fool enough to marry her.

DANGER ON THE PRAIRIES.

Alkali in Great Source of Trouble in Northwest.

OAK LAKE, Man., Feb. 5.—One of the great drawbacks to life in the great Canadian wheat belt, is the presence of alkali in the water. This is a prolific source of kidney and bladder trouble and it is for this reason that Dodd's Kidney Pills are becoming indispensable in this district.

Frank Colleaux, of Oak Lake writes: "It gives me great pleasure to testify to the excellent curative qualities of Dodd's Kidney Pills. About two years ago I was attacked with kidney disease and severe pains in the back. A friend of mine advised me to try Dodd's Kidney Pills. I did so and six boxes cured me. My back has not troubled me since."

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An Interesting Case.

Mr. W. G. Phyll, proprietor Bodega Hotel, 36 Wellington Street East, Toronto, says:—"While living in Chicago I was in a terrible state with itching and bleeding piles. I tried several of the best physicians and was burnt and tortured in various ways by their treatment to no avail, besides spending a great deal of money to no purpose. Since coming to Toronto I learned of Dr. Chase's Ointment. I used but one box and have not been troubled with piles in any shape or form since."



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