



PAARDEBERG MONUMENT

Queen Square, Charlottetown, P.E.I.

Paardeberg.

(Suggested by memorial service by South Africa "Veterans,"
decorating monument to comrades killed in battle.)

In new-made, spotless winding-sheet
"Queen Square's" neat plots repose ;
But formless mounds where late there bloomed
The lily, aster, rose.

Midway that white, unsullied stretch,
Soft wrapped by Nature's hand,
A stately warrior cenotaph
Bespeaks a grateful land.

The Southern Cross, in silent watch,
Espies a peaceful veldt ;
Two mounds, with others, yet are there
To show whence Peace was spelled.

No snows of winter o'er *them* fall,
No withered foliage seen ;
The grass that fringes each lone bed
Fore'er, like memory, green.

While we, in far-off nothern climes,
Their cherished Faith still hold ;
The tribute pay that each would ask,—
The Union Jack unfold !

The wreath that decks its Triple Cross
Upon this winter day,
Foretells that fondly nurtured hope
When years have passed away.

When dismal mounds no more appear,
Nor more a sign of gloom ;
But springing fresh, to fade no more,
Eternal flowers shall bloom.

Such flowers as those of glorious worth
With martyrs' names allied ;
Such flowers as sprung at Paardeberg
WHEN RIGGS AND TAYLOR DIED.

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