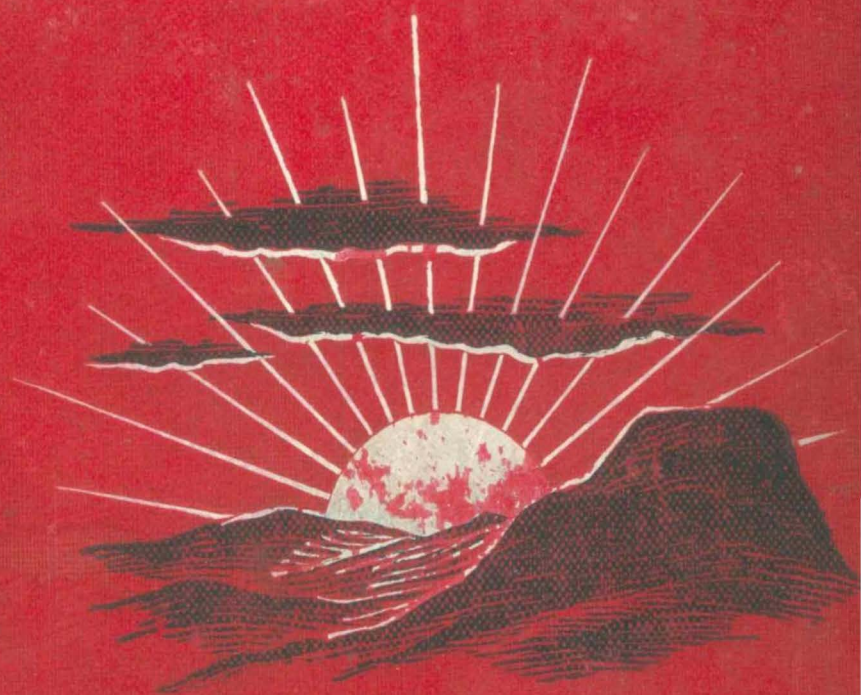


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PREFACE.

THE year 1900, which sees the Death of the Old South Africa, sees also its Renascence.

This book is an attempt to gather together and present in the simplest form the salient facts in the story of South Africa and the principal features in the problem of settlement with which, as a nation, we are face to face.

There is no attempt to deal with the war in any detail; its place in the scheme of affairs is shewn, but for a record of it the reader must turn elsewhere. It has revolutionized many things, but the Problem of South Africa is deeper and wider and cannot be settled by mere *force majeure*.

South Africa is the land of surprises—not always pleasant ones—and it is not unlikely that her prosperity in the future may largely depend on conditions now unappreciated. If we are to master the riches she has in store we must broaden our conception of her possibilities.

The writer has approached the vital problems of South Africa not without diffidence, but a knowledge of many parts of that continent and special experience there, as well as in Asia, in an administrative capacity have assisted him in forming judgment, and in every case he has tried to suggest the strictly practical and plain solution instead of the theoretical.

Several reforms are suggested in this book which are absolutely necessary for the future success of South Africa, but no attempt is made to elaborate details, for a certain elasticity is essential to the success of all policies, and, moreover, the final solution of most of the problems, and the complete working out of every policy, must come from South Africa itself, if they are ever to succeed.

Failure in South Africa in the past has been the result of colossal ignorance. Let every man resolve that no such excuse may avail him or his rulers in the future. Great Britain cannot afford to fail in South Africa. It is the duty of every man to get sound knowledge and form a thoughtful opinion on the vital problems with which we are grappling to-day.

If we do this, and approach those problems with the light of a clear and definite policy, then will the glorious record of our country have a fitting sequel, and among her offshoots—last but not least—will arise South Africa Renascent and United!

A. R. C.

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The East Coast explored by Vasco da Gama	1497-8
First appearance of Dutch in South Africa	1595
First Dutch Settlement at Table Bay	1652
Arrival of First French Huguenots	1689
First Kaffir War	1779
British occupy the Cape	1795-1803
British occupy the Cape (second time)	1806
Cape Colony ceded to Britain by William of Orange	1814
Wars of the Zulu Chaka	1812-1826
First British Settlers arrive	1820
First British Settlement in Natal	1824
English Language enforced in Cape Colony	1825-1828
Emancipation of Slaves	1834
The Great Trek	1836-7
Matabilliland Conquered by Umziligazi	1838
Emigrant Boers occupy Natal	1838
British annex Natal	1843
Orange River Sovereignty	1848
Independence of Transvaal recognised (Sand River Convention)	1852

Independence of Orange River Boers recognised (Bloemfontein Convention)	1854
Representative Government established in Cape Colony	1854
Diamonds discovered on Lower Vaal River	1869
Griqualand West annexed	1871
Responsible Government established in Cape Colony	1872
Delagoa Bay Arbitration	1872-75
British annex Transvaal	1877
British War with Zulus, Zululand conquered	1879
Retrocession of Transvaal	1881
Acquisition of Bechuanaland	1884-85
Germans occupy Damaraland	1884
Convention of London with Transvaal	1884
The Randt Gold Field discovered	1885
British South African Company founded	1889
Pioneer Expedition occupies Mashonaland and Manicaland	1890
Matabililand conquered by Chartered Company	1893
Responsible Government established in Natal	1893
Protectorate over Amatongaland	1894
The Jameson Expedition	1895
War commenced between Britain and the Transvaal and Orange Free State	1899
Annexation of Orange State and Transvaal	1900

APPENDIX II.

PRINCIPAL EXPORTS OF CAPE COLONY.

[From "Cape Statistical Register."]

—	1889	1890	1891	1892	1893	1894	1895	1896	1897	1898
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Copper ore	322,898	326,787	264,184	268,681	262,316	284,800	246,697	218,422	300,772	262,880
*Corn, grain and meal	15,012	17,884	14,084	8,671	7,712	8,623	7,061	22,898	18,068	27,239
Feathers—ostrich	868,884	883,848	468,321	817,008	461,662	477,414	627,742	519,889	608,068	748,568
Fish—salted or cured	19,786	18,279	17,086	16,722	10,474	9,886	10,660	6,879	12,966	7,800
Fruit—dried:										
Currants and raisins	698	240	414	247	819	187	148	308	201	124
Other sorts	277	97	133	78	147	107	108	89	110	81
	976	337	547	320	466	244	251	402	311	206

In 1886 the value of exported dried fruit was £1,185; 1887, £748.

Hair—Angora	851,844	887,289	855,426	873,810	627,619	421,248	710,867	672,250	676,844	647,548
Hides—ox and cow	68,676	69,085	72,364	73,973	78,288	78,264	111,980	76,808	217,784	189,543
Horns " "	6,181	6,028	6,346	6,198	7,927	8,679	7,641	6,864	8,628	11,523
Horses	966	2,487	1,230	6,890	630	1,714	1,780	4,492	681	8,550
Ivory	2,496	2,742	2,496	2,408	629	1,914	2,022	868	992	1,066
Precious stones—diamonds	4,326,187	4,162,010	4,174,208	3,906,962	3,821,448	3,013,678	4,776,016	4,646,487	4,454,376	4,566,397

In these figures the produce of South Africa is included.

Skins—goat	128,784	142,428	130,484	132,717	131,848	111,825	116,422	89,782	87,428	104,624
„ sheep	241,989	231,698	287,121	271,689	285,988	228,122	246,988	229,626	208,990	244,411
Wool :										
Fleeces washed	198,283	149,812	163,342	142,366	139,849	129,435	95,926	86,762	62,813	53,677
Floured	784,185	841,383	762,965	760,124	808,561	625,698	616,266	526,228	408,977	281,115
Grease	1,288,987	1,204,846	1,868,191	1,186,618	1,211,666	844,504	968,888	1,261,575	1,024,989	1,481,948
	2,261,455	2,196,040	2,264,498	2,029,098	1,858,078	1,599,632	1,688,920	1,874,565	1,496,779	1,766,740
Spirits—brandy	4,062	2,857	2,287	2,167	2,455	2,863	3,985	4,602	4,567	8,628
Wine	28,120	19,687	20,188	18,646	18,964	18,908	20,389	21,412	17,716	15,043
The <i>Grand Totals</i> (Colonial products) Exports for the respective years are as follows	9,082,718	9,658,982	10,934,874	11,774,666	12,765,770	13,503,044	16,577,187	16,700,102	19,176,061	24,112,483
• If <i>Gold</i> (including produce of South Africa) is deducted as follows	911,761	1,497,455	2,781,576	4,095,512	5,359,120	7,147,308	7,975,687	8,252,543	10,991,928	15,894,442
If <i>Diamonds</i> deducted (the figures given including produce of South Africa) as follows	8,171,927	8,166,527	8,153,298	7,679,044	7,506,650	6,355,736	8,601,520	8,447,559	8,184,133	8,718,041
	4,526,127	4,162,010	4,174,208	3,906,892	3,821,443	3,018,578	4,775,018	4,646,487	4,454,376	4,866,897
	3,846,790	3,994,517	3,979,190	3,772,052	3,685,207	3,342,158	3,826,504	3,801,072	3,729,759	4,151,144

• Classified in *Cape Statistical Register* as "Produce of Grain Farming," and includes barley, beans and peas, bran, wheaten flour, maize, oats, wheat, and "unenumerated"—this last an insignificant amount.

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