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GENERAL HISTORIES AND BIBLIOGRAPHIES

The forthcoming Volume VIII of *The Cambridge History of the British Empire* will probably supersede the present standard histories of South Africa, both in general narrative and in the comprehensive bibliographical sections. At the time of writing (1932), there is S. Mendelssohn's *South African Bibliography* (2 vols., 1910), whilst the most useful single volume history is that of E. A. Walker (1928). The volumes of G. M. Theal and Sir George Cory suffer from lack of interpretative insight, and from a tendency to present the detailed annals, rather than the historical development, of South Africa. F. R. Cana's *South Africa from the Great Trek to the Union* (1909) is a useful guide for the general reader.

SPECIAL SUBJECTS

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