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INTRODUCTION

MY DEAR JOHN,-

You have come to the end of a great struggle, in which you have not spared blood or treasure. It has been a far more difficult task than you had calculated upon, and, when the shouting is over and you have the sum total of the bill placed before you, your feeling may well be an intense disgust with the whole business.

From disgust you will pass into the stage of indifference, and there, I much fear, fall a prey to that easy sentimentalism which, if you but knew it, has been a prime factor in the making of a quarrel that has proved impossible of adjustment save by the arbitrament of war.

You have done your best to puzzle out the rights of the matter-not, I think, with perfect success. I place my views before you, not as one who speaks with the authority of a name, but as an Anglo-Africander—no Uitlander lusting for gold, as the typical Uitlander has too often been represented—a British colonist who has passed all his working life under a South African sky, and who therefore has had some time in which to digest the facts of Boer history, Boer character, and Boer aspirations. Of oracles you have many, some crying one thing and some another: some who can tell you of nothing but the Capitalist-cum-Imperialist plotting of Rhodes, Chamberlain & Co., others of nought but Kruger-cum-Concessionnaire wickedness.

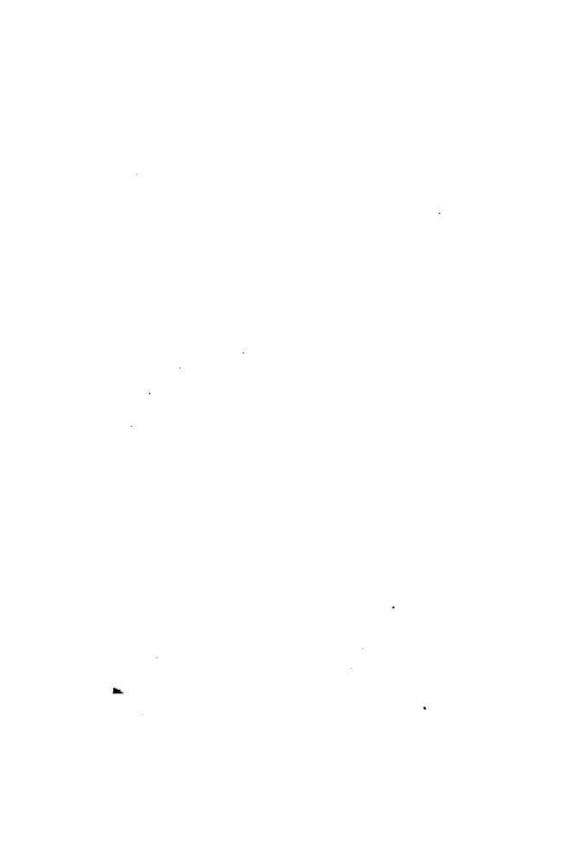
The point I would make clear to you is one which I have not seen much dwelt upon. It is that there are two Africanderisms—the one natural, genuine, a strong permanent growth from social rather than racial roots; the other adventitious and parasitic.

For my brief essay let me take this motto:

'We see farthest into the future, and that is not far, when we most carefully consider the facts of the present.'—Jowett.

ANGLO-AFRICANDER.

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