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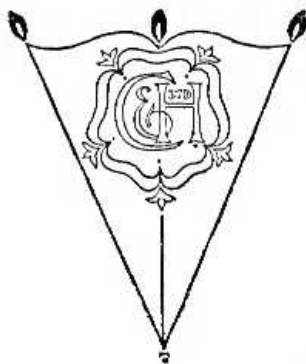
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“There is no bulwark in wealth against destruction to the man who in the wantonness of his heart has spurned the great Altar of Justice.”

DEDICATION

*To some future South Africa
(I pray not distant), when the
"Good Hope" of the old Navi-
gator shall have been realized.*

W. F. BUTLER.

February, 1907.

PREFACE

THESE letters from South Africa, chiefly written in the first half of 1906, are the outcome of a visit made to the sub-continent at the invitation of Mr. Franklin Thomasson, M.P., Governing Director of the London *Tribune*. "We venture to entertain the hope," wrote the Directorate, "that you are willing to proceed, in the interests of the *Tribune*, to South Africa in order to report in the spirit of a well-informed, broad-minded, reflective observer upon the various phases of the very delicate and difficult situation there existing.

"The *Tribune*, of course, does not bind you to the expression of any view as the result of your investigation, which we have

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no doubt will be carried out among all sections of the community; we only venture to suggest the end of the enterprise, an end in which we are sure you most cordially acquiesce—the discovery of the actual facts, and the real tone and temper of the various sections with a view to the rectification of errors, the healing of differences, and the permanent blending of the peoples. . . . The districts which you visit, the people you may meet, the questions you deal with, and the dates and manner of your communications, shall be entirely at your own discretion. . . . We look forward with confidence and pleasure to your acceptance of this proposition. On our own part we shall feel highly honoured by the co-operation of,” etc., etc., . . . “while from your point of view we venture to suggest that in undertaking the mission you will be not only helping to lay the foundations of a new enterprise from which important steps in the direction of progress may be reasonably anticipated, but also

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rendering an all-important service, at a vital moment in history, to the highest interests of the Empire.”

Such was the programme proposed; the other preliminaries were easily arranged, and on the 6th January I sailed for Capetown. In July I was back again in London. In the intervening six months, I had seen and conversed with many representatives of the various sections of political and social life in South Africa—civil, military, official, administrative, commercial, financial, and missionary. The country was not a new land to me. More than thirty years had passed since I first set foot upon its shores. This was the fourth visit I had made to it. I had seen a good deal of its old life, travelled rather extensively through it before the era of railways, and had had something to do and say to its subsequent history and later developments.

On each succeeding visit there was one fact which impressed itself upon me with