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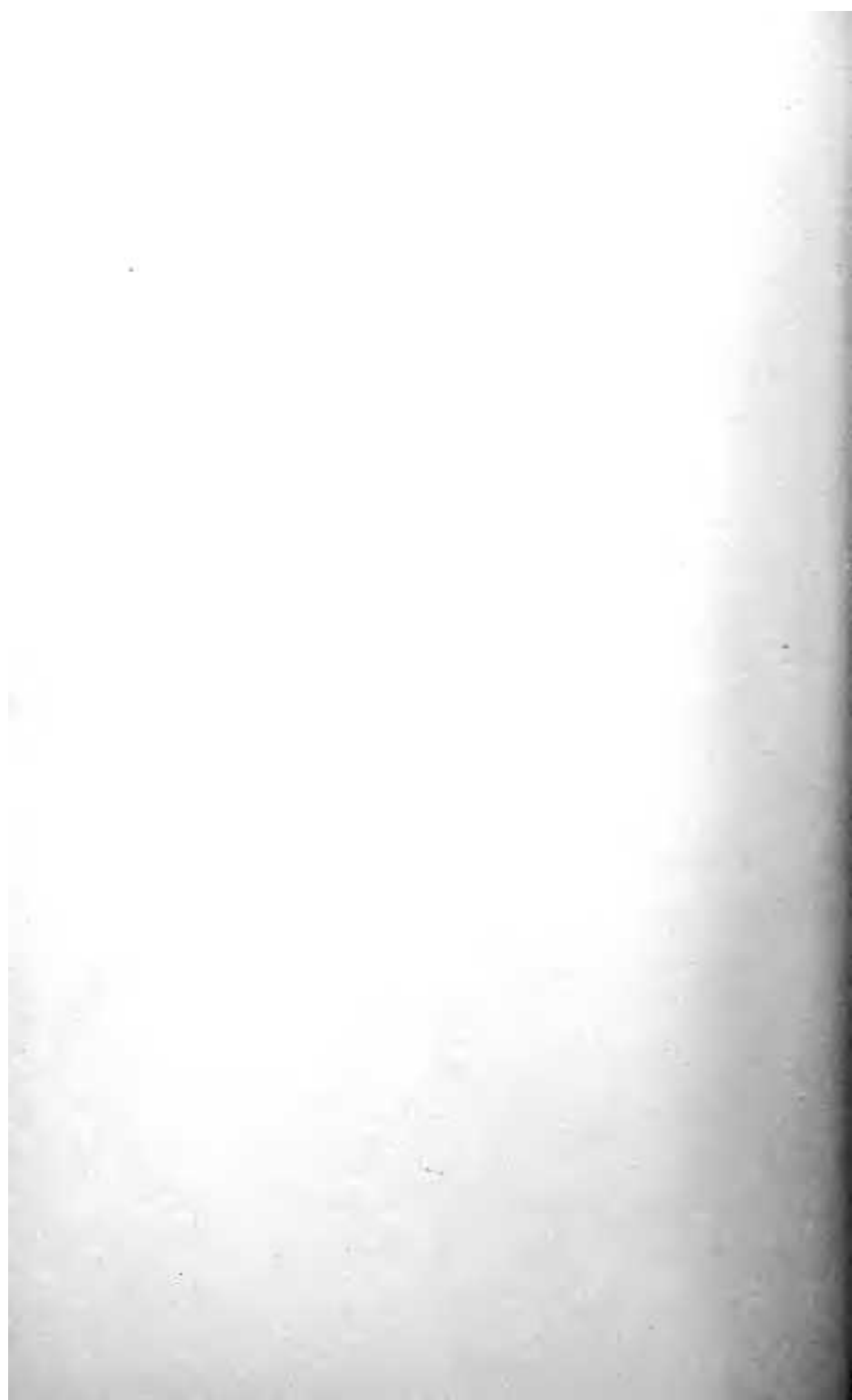
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TO MY
Fellow-Travellers



INTRODUCTORY NOTE

IN the spring of last year our party of four started for the Cape, intending to travel through Matabililand and Mashunaland by waggon. We were in happy uncertainty as to how this was to be accomplished, but as regarded both the route to be pursued and the mode of conveyance to be employed, two things only were certain—that no two people gave the same advice, and that each person was convinced that his plan was the only one that was practically possible. Finally, our arrangements were made in accordance with the advice of Mr. G. Grey, who had lived for some time in the Chartered Company's territory, and who made the fifth member of our party during the whole of our "trekking" expedition. I may add that we never had any

reason to regret having put ourselves in his hands.

As two of our waggons had to be built specially for our needs, it was some weeks before we were able to start. These were spent at the Cape and in visiting the Orange Free State, Basutoland, Johannesburg, and Kimberley; and we finally joined our waggons on the 30th May near Mafeking.

The following extracts are compiled from my letters and journal. They were written with no thought of publication, and do not pretend even to give a full account of our travels, much less an account of the country. I have thought it advisable to leave out almost all reference to the various political and social problems which naturally presented themselves in the different countries which we visited, as well as descriptions of towns, mines, and other subjects which have either been described before, or would require much more knowledge than can be hastily acquired by a passing visitor like myself, to do justice to. Nearly everything personal has, of course, been