HALF HOURS OF LEISURE
IN
SOUTH AFRICA.

A holiday book

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PREFACE.

In laying this volume, "Half hours of Leisure" before the public, the author seeks to supply a felt want. A holiday book, by a South African author, is something rare. Holiday hours are, for the most part, snatched from this busy world. During such snatched hours, the mind requires something easy to glide over. For that reason great simplicity in style and language has been kept in view. A tired brain needs brevity, therefore all the papers and stories are short. Somewhat lengthy lectures and addresses, have been divided into short paragraphs.

"Variety is charming." Well, this volume is full of variety. May the readers be charmed!

The story "Lily, you have broken my heart," has already been briefly published in the author's Dutch book "Uren." Having, however, been urged from various quarters to work out the story more fully, he has done so in this volume.

No doubt this book will find its way into many a South African household. May it meet with such a warm welcome that a second edition may soon be necessary. The author's two Dutch books "Uren" and "Juweeltjes" have met with ready sale.

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