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## PREFACE.

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In the course of his rambles, extending over a period of two years, in search of health, in South Africa, the writer of this little work was frequently requested to publish his observations upon the Gold- and Diamond-Fields of the country—there being no recent guide to those localities. During that time he contributed some few random notes to the newspapers—these are now, in part, collected, fresh matter added, by himself, and compiled from various sources which he is anxious, in all cases, to acknowledge.

The writer's notes upon the Diamond-Fields are reserved for a more important work, and this "Guide to the Gold-Fields" is far from being as complete as could be desired; but South Africa is a large, a very large, country—a personal visit to each district described being, within two years, a matter almost of impossibility—works of reference are not readily obtainable and the varying sources of information are not always reliable. It is hoped, however, that the publication of the descriptions, notes and suggestions, contained in the following pages, may be found of use to intending travellers, and that the shortcomings in the work may meet with indulgence.

Pretoria, 22nd February, 1883.