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PREFACE.

Our aim throughout this book, intended primarily for use in the Cape Technical College, has not been to treat extensively the subject of Afrikaans as language but to confine ourselves to the needs of students preparing for the various stages of the National Commercial, and Civil Service Examinations in Afrikaans.

The requirements of those, who have to sit for the various examinations in this subject held by the South African Railways and Harbours, have also been borne in mind and it is sincerely hoped that, despite its imperfections, the book will be of some assistance to those who desire to become bilingual.

It must be remembered at the outset, that only such rules, as are considered necessary for our purpose, have been included and the work must *not* therefore be considered as a treatise on Afrikaans Grammar.

We believe that the exercises and reading-lessons included in this work, supplemented by similar exercises and *conversation* on the part of the teachers concerned, will eliminate the necessity of a class reader in the preliminary stages.

In the compilation of this book we have had invaluable advice from Mr. G. A. Hutchinson, Head of the Department of Commerce, Cape Technical College; Prof. J. J. Smith of the University of Stellenbosch, Mr. E. O. Vaughan, President of the South African Teachers' Association and numerous friends.

In addition to our own contributions, we have made use of a few of the reading-lessons in "De Bussy se Leesboek vir Suid-Afrika" and an essay "Die Boer" in "De Burger" which we herewith gratefully acknowledge.

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That teachers and others interested will not hesitate in suggesting improvements is the wish of

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