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THE following work is based upon the notes of a course of lectures delivered by the author while holding a Government Lectureship in Geography at the York Training Schools; and is published in the hope that it may be found useful by the large and continually increasing class of readers who are interested in our colonies and foreign possessions.

The author wished to render the study of Geography attractive by presenting to his pupils a fuller account than usual of some chief branches of the science, in the place of the statistics and unconnected statements, which usurp the name of Geography. For the purpose of clothing these dry bones it seemed best to rely upon *Physical Geography*, because it allows numerous interesting observations to be arranged into groups, themselves the members of a system. Thus, the geology of a country determines the main features of its surface; the latter chiefly govern its climate; and, again, the character of its vegetation and of its animal life is in agreement with the