

INTRODUCTION.

DEAR READER: The time has arrived when I must speak out boldly or shrink from the greatest responsibility that ever rested upon me, i.e., to warn my fellow-men to awake to their own interests—yes, awake from that slumber into which so many have fallen.

Remember, now, I am not speaking of dollars and cents, worldly pleasures, or popularity: if I were, it would not take long to awaken you up; but when I speak of higher things, yes, higher than I have knowledge to fully describe, it may be difficult to get your attention. It did not take long to awaken you when the news came that Pretoria had surrendered; no, you rushed madly, half-clad, into the street and listened, and when you were satisfied the news was true you took your hat and hurried down town. No one had to say to you,