

man can profess, on any great matter, to be absolutely impartial. But every man ought to strive for fairness and justice. In this book, a serious attempt is made to present both sides of every great discussion that has arisen in South African history, especially between the British and the Boers. It will be seen, in the following pages, that sometimes the Boers have had the most of right on their side, and sometimes the British. As to which side, on the whole, has manifested the nobler spirit and deserved the more lenient judgment or the warmer sympathy of all intelligent and humane onlookers and students, this is not the place to attempt an opinion. The honest and earnest attempt to tell the truth, whatever conclusion regarding the merits of this dispute that truth may force upon us, is claimed for the substance and tone of the following pages.

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