

*DATES OF SOME OF THE PRINCIPAL EVENTS*   vii

- Native rising in Matabeleland. Trouble in Mashonaland.
- 1897 Retirement of Sir Hercules Robinson (Lord Rosmead) and appointment of Sir Alfred Milner as High Commissioner.
- Zululand and Amatongaland incorporated in Natal.
- Railway completed from the South to Buluwayo.
- 1898 Orange Free State ratifies the South African Customs Union.
- The Edgar incident at Johannesburg (December 18-19).
- 1899 March. Petition from Uitlanders in the South African Republic to Queen Victoria.
- Sir A. Milner's telegram (May 4) on the Uitlanders' grievances.
- Bloemfontein Conference (May 31 to June 5) between the High Commissioner and President Kruger.
- Mr. Chamberlain's despatch of July 27, urging a final settlement.
- Further negotiations and preparations for war.
- October 9. Ultimatum by the South African Republic.
- October 12. War begins at Kraaipan, between Vryburg and Mafeking.
- Boers invade Natal. Mafeking and Kimberley besieged.
- October 20. Fight at Talana, and death of General Symons.
- October 21. Fight at Elandslaagte.
- October 30. Boers close in upon Ladysmith. British losses at Nicholson's Nek.
- October 31. Sir Redvers Buller lands at Capetown.
- November 2. The Boers invade Cape Colony by Norval's Point.
- November 12. Lord Methuen reaches the Orange River.
- Fights at Belmont (Nov. 23), Graspan (Nov. 25), Modder River (Nov. 28), Magersfontein (Dec. 10-11).
- December 9-10. General Gatacre's failure at Stormberg.
- December 15. Sir Redvers Buller's defeat at Colenso.
- December 17. Lord Roberts appointed Commander-in-Chief of the forces in South Africa.
- 1900 January. The Colesberg campaign.
- The fight on the Platrand (Jan. 6).
- Lord Roberts and Lord Kitchener reach Capetown (Jan. 10).
- Buller's campaign in Natal. Spion Kop (Jan. 24), Vaal Krantz (Feb. 5).
- French seizes the Modder Drifts (Feb. 13), and relieves Kimberley (Feb. 15).
- February 27. Surrender of Cronje at Paardeberg.