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PREFATORY NOTE.

These Notes were, for the most part, written in fulfilment of a promise given to a gentleman interested in African languages, who was desirous of possessing such an outline of the formation of the Yoruba language as would enable him to form a tolerably correct notion of its character; but they were written without the remotest idea that they would appear in their present form. It was only after much hesitation that the writer consented to their going to press; but consent having been given, the opportunity was taken of adding a few observations here and there, and of increasing the number of illustrative examples. But even now the paper is confessedly very meagre. It is hoped that it will be taken for just what it was intended to be, namely, a brief outline of the structure and character of the Yoruba language.