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“When you can measure that of which you speak and express it in numbers, you know something about it”

Lord Kelvin
Preface

It is indeed a great pleasure to know that this book will be published in English and thus will be made available to the English speaking world. It presents some recent results in the research field of Soil Physics, a discipline which has shown rapid development in recent years. The purpose of the book is to widen the horizon of civil engineers working in Soil Mechanics and to promote the knowledge of the behaviour of real soils. Some results are ready to use in practice, others are but the first steps toward this goal. I hope that the discussion is going to throw new light on some well-known facts and that the new ideas will be picked up and developed further elsewhere.

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