

MR. HENRY M. STANLEY'S new book, "The Congo and the Founding of its Free State," is thus the London Bookseller, summarized by "The events connected with the Congo and its basin are narrated in detail, from the explorations of the river, in 1877, down to recognition of the Free State by the Powers, together with a description of the physical features of the region, boundaries, natural productions and populations. The preliminary meetings at Berlin, the departure for Africa, the difficulties encountered by Mr. Stanley, and how they were surmounted, are all told by the leader of the expedition, up to the time when the end was reached, and Stanley Falls Station established. The story of African work and exploration concludes with the arrival of Mr. Stanley at Ostende, and the presentation of his report to King Leopold. Then follows the European work, negotiations for recognition by the Powers, the Berlin Conference, and its phases and final agreement. Two chapters are devoted to the climate of the Congo, one for popular reading and the second with comments on the meteorological observations taken by the party. The most important, although, perhaps, not the most entertaining chapter is one relating to the natural wealth of the regions, navigating distances on the main and tributary streams, populations of the various sections, and other matters partly given in tabular form. Among the maps, which are numerous, is a large scale map of Equatorial Africa, the stations all being fixed astronomically, and not, as hitherto, located at random, or only by observations for latitude. Over 400 sets of observations are embodied in this map. A separate large scale map of the Lower Congo is marked with the soundings. The illustrations are principally drawn from photographs, and include over 38 full-page cuts and about 90 smaller ones."

MR. QUARITCH has prepared a catalogue of books in his possession relating to American antiquities, including the chief rarities from the collections of the Mexican antiquary. Don J. F. Ramirez, of Durango; the French anthropologist, Alphonse Pinart; and the French bibliophile, Dr. Court. In addition to the rarest printed books relating to the discovery and settlement of America, the catalogue will comprise Mexican picture-writings of the sixteenth century, early MSS. in native tongues and in Castilian, by Sahagan and others, and originals and transcripts of the more ancient reports and official papers. "This catalogue," says the *Athenaeum*, "will, doubtless, long continue to be regarded as one of the most valuable contributions to the bibliography of American history."

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