

return home, and the preparations for Stanley's expedition, as well as his reasons for selecting the Kongo route.

As the events treated here comprise a long space of time, and have been the subject of much lively discussion, the concise review given by Wauters will help to gain a clear understanding of the perilous position of the few Europeans who were still in the Equatorial Province, and the greatness of Stanley's undertaking to relieve Emin Pasha, who at that time was completely cut off from civilization, and was badly in need of provisions, clothes, and ammunition.

We follow the journey of the expedition up the Kongo, and the difficult march up the Aruvimi. The mutiny which broke out after Stanley's first arrival in the Equatorial Province is described in letters of Mr. Jephson to Stanley. It is needless to repeat here the difficulties Stanley had to contend with on his march back to Yambuga, — the death of Major Barttelot, Stanley's return to the Albert Nyanza, and his almost forcible rescue of Emin, who, it seems, together with Casati, hoped to be able to continue work in the Soudan. The reports of the retreat of the caravan along the south shore of the Victoria Nyanza to Zanzibar are still too fresh in all minds to need to be repeated here. The book is illustrated with numerous cuts, and accompanied by a good map of the region traversed, in which all the recent discoveries of Stanley, as well as of other travellers, have been made use of.

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languages, in recognizing its mythology as often abstract and symbolic, in the phonetic character of some of its graphic methods, in believing that its tribes possessed considerable poetic feeling, in maintaining the absolute autochthony of their culture—in these and in many other points referred to in the following pages I am at variance with most modern anthropologists; and these essays are to show more fully and connectedly than could their separate publication what are my grounds for such opinions."

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