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author's experiences and adventures are well told, and he met with not a few dangers on his journeys.

'The Union of South Africa.' By the Hon. R. H. Brand. (Oxford: Clarendon Press. 1909. Pp. 192. 6s.) This volume, appearing at an appropriate time, is by a writer who served as secretary to the Transvaal delegates at the South African National Convention. Official considerations prevent him from dealing in detail with the discussions of the convention, but he is able to write with peculiar authority about the whole circumstances of the union, surveys the historical circumstances which led up to it, deals in detail with the executive and legislative arrangements, and indicates with first-hand knowledge the popular feeling on the various leading questions of the union.

'Southern Rhodesia.' By Percy F. Hone. (London: Bell. 1909. Pp. xv., 406. *Maps and Illustrations*. 10s. 6d.) We have here an ample volume on "the administrative and industrial development of Southern Rhodesia since its occupation by the British South Africa Company." The writer appears to have had ample assistance from official sources, and quotes fully from original documents. In view of the possible subsequent relations of the territory with the newly formed union, the book appears at an opportune time.

'The Ore Deposits of South Africa.' Part ii. By J. P. Johnson. (London: Crosby Lockwood. 1909. Pp. 51. *Diagrams*. 5s.) This work, of which only the second part is before us, deals in the first with the distribution and character of "base" metals in South Africa. The second deals with the Witwatersrand and Pilgrimsrest goldfields and others. It is a strictly technical work, copiously illustrated with diagrams, including distribution maps, which, however, would hardly be of service to any but metallurgists.

'Great Britain and the Congo.' By E. D. Morel. (London: Smith, Elder. 1909. Pp. xxvi., 291. *Maps*. 6s.) Mr. Morel's attacks on the Belgian "Congo system" command wide attention, and in this strongly worded exposition he is supported by Sir A. Conan Doyle in an introduction.

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MEXICO.

'Mexico.' By C. R. Enock. London: Fisher Unwin. 1909. Pp. xxxvi., 362. *Maps and Illustrations*. 10s. 6d.

Mr. Enock's work is already well known through his books on 'The Andes and the Amazon' and 'Peru.' The present volume, like that on Peru, forms one of the "South American Series," under the editorship of Mr. Martin Hume. Mr. Hume contributes an introduction, which consists of a brief survey of what is much more fully elaborated in the text—the history of Mexico down to the present time. To this subject Mr. Enock devotes six chapters, and, besides showing himself to be amply grounded in its study, has evidently a keen eye for its romance. He has no less appreciation for the remarkable scenery and physical peculiarities of the country, which are dealt with in one chapter. Further chapters are devoted to the people, their cities and institutions, to life and travel, mineral wealth, and other resources of the country, its finance, industries, and railways. When a number of good photographs and a large contoured map are taken into consideration, it is seen that we have here an important general treatise on the country, by a writer who has travelled widely in it, has given himself careful training as an observer, and combines with this the interests of a historian and of a business man, so that he is enabled properly to appraise the wealth and