

*Commercial Geography.* By Dr. Carl Lehden, of Vienna. Translated by F. Muirhead, M.A. (London: Blackie & Son; Glasgow, Edinburgh and Dublin.) pp. 600. The increasing and unceasing rivalry of all the commercial countries of the world, the great attention now being given to the teaching of geography, and the frequently unsatisfactory character of former text-books combine to afford an opportunity which the author of the present work has made good use of. It is a plain, practical, complete, honest description of the world. It is replete with information, and yet is not overladen with statistics. Merchants, travellers, teachers, students will appreciate and use it. The appendices (S. S. companies of the world, maps of the chief trade routes, etc.), and the indexes (of places and of products and manufactures) are valuable.

*English Men of Action: General Gordon*, by Colonel Sir William Butler; *Henry the Fifth*, by the Rev. A. J. Church; *Livingstone*, by Mr. Thomas Hughes. (London: Macmillan & Co., and New York.)—We venture to say that the "English Men of Action" books will be great favourites with everybody. Love and honour for England's heroes—three of the greatest of whom are named above—shows no sign, thank God, of dying out. "Cursed be the nation that forgets its heroes and its gods!" Sir William Butler's book is fascinating, able and skilful in treatment, and enthusiastically sympathetic. There seems to be no doubt in the mind of any one who has read it but that it is the best biography of Gordon yet written. Mr. Church has also been conspicuously successful in his treatment of the life of Henry V. His task included the clearing away of some popular errors regarding his subject, and he has rendered a real service in showing how much Henry V. really did—for instance—in making provision for

the medical treatment of sick and wounded soldiers. The great missionary hero, the man who was unselfish, of whom Mr. Hughes writes, was not the least even among the greatest of England's heroes. It is a matter for congratulation that so good a biography of Livingstone has appeared at a time when it is likely to be of much service, because public interest is arousing to think and act about the legacy left them by Livingstone—the suppression of the slave trade, the healing of the "Open Sore of the World."

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