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RECENT BOOKS.

It is to be regretted that the interest taken in Bands of Mercy, so keen in our schools some years ago, seems to be flagging. A stimulus will be found in a little book called "Outline Lessons for Bands of Mercy," written by C. E. Symonds, and published by Skeffington & Son, London. The scope and interest of the book are wider and deeper than might be guessed from the title, and all who have the care of children will find the lessons valuable. The author says in the introduction: "It should be distinctly understood that we desire to teach a great deal more than mere kindness to animals. We wish to insist upon justice to them, not as a thing by itself, but as an essential part of a religious and moral life. We desire that man should feel the full extent of his responsibility as God's 'viceroy in the world.' Nothing tests a man's worth so surely as to be placed in a position of authority—and since men exercise an almost unlimited authority over the animal world, we maintain that no system of education is complete which does not bring home to them the greatness of their responsibility. Religion, unselfishness, self-control and moderation must always be made the basis of our work." Accordingly, the book opens with a lesson on power and its right use; then follow extremely practical talks about horses, dogs, sheep, and the care of pets, interesting and pointed, and free from exaggeration and sentimentality. The lessons on the laws relating to animals and the growth of kindness would make valuable supplementary history lessons. There are also more definite religious teachings, intended primarily for people of the English church. The REVIEW takes great pleasure in cordially commending this little book to the notice of parents and teachers, as well as to officers and promoters of the S. P. C. A.

The REVIEW has noticed heretofore one of the volumes of *English History, Illustrated from Original Sources*. The fourth volume of the series, dealing with events and people of the period from 1485 to 1603, is now at hand. It is even more interesting than the preceding volumes. The chapters on the destructure of the Armada and on English domestic life, the former from Hakluyt's *Voyages* and the latter from Holinshed's chronicle are, with other extracts, especially valuable to the student of contemporary history. The excellence of the illustrations and text are noteworthy features. (Cloth, pages 154, price 2s. 6d. Adam and Charles Black, Soho Square, London, W.)

RECENT MAGAZINES.

Alfred Austin, the English Poet Laureate, writes so little now, either in prose or verse, that his essay on Dante's Poetic Conception of Women, which *The Living Age* for August 15th re-prints from *The Fortnightly*, will be read with special interest. That trenchant and singularly well-informed writer who hides his identity under the pen-name France and Russia in an article which *The Living Age* for August 22nd re-prints from *The Fortnightly*.

Nearly all the *Chautauquan* for August is taken up with A Reading Journey through Switzerland. If one cannot visit a country for one's self, the next best thing is to read a graphic account of the land and its people, its scenery, history, illustrated with a fine series of photographs. This is well done by the writer in the *Chautauquan*. To make the article more valuable from an educational point of view, review questions, a list of proper names correctly pronounced, suggestive programmes for clubs are inserted.