

to instruct and edify the flock over which he watches as one who shall give account. Spots are seen upon the sun; infirmity cleaves to all human performances; and persons in pursuit of blemishes and defects will probably find them in this little book; but on the other hand, the reader who is animated with a desire to understand an interesting and important part of the Holy Scriptures, as a means of personal edification, and as the instrument for doing good, will find much that is valuable in its pages.

The Stickit Minister, and Some Common Men. By R. S. CROCKETT.
London: T. Fisher Unwin. Toronto: William Briggs. Octavo, pp. 283. Price \$1.25.

This book is alike creditable to the author and to the publisher. The sketches of Scottish character and life which it contains bear the stamp of genius upon every one of them. Indeed they are so admirable that we are disposed to say little about them beyond heartily commending them to the readers of the REVIEW, believing them to be quite capable of telling their own story. They are short and, on this account, will commend themselves to the busy people of this bustling age; but no one who has read one of them is likely to willingly leave any of them unread. The Book Steward has done his part well, giving to the book a body in some sense worthy of its soul. It is to be hoped that "The Stickit Minister," and his friends, to whom we are introduced in this delicious volume, will become widely known, for they only need to be known to be loved.

Holy Men of God from St. Augustine to Yesterday. By the REV. JAMES ELDER CUMMING, D.D., author of "Through the Eternal Spirit," "The Blessed Life," "Scripture Photography," etc. London: Hodder & Stoughton. Toronto: Upper Canada Tract Society. Octavo, pp. 314. Price \$1.75.

This belongs to a class of books which cannot be too widely circulated, or be too generally read by people who desire to grow in grace and in the knowledge of the truth. It can scarcely fail to carry a blessing with it wherever it goes. It is, as its title indicates, made up of a series of sketches of eminent saints who have lived at various periods from the days of Augustine down to the present. The selection of the subjects has been made with judgment, and the treatment of them is admirable. The fact that the author has allowed these good people, as far as possible, to tell their own story, adds materially both to the interest and value of the work. We are thankful for the specimens of mediæval saintship which our author has given us, and the list might have been profitably extended. Whatever may have been the faults of the saints who lived in what we are wont to call "the dark ages," and which our Catholic friends call "the ages of faith," their characters will amply repay devout and careful study. They were lights in dark places, and in a dark age they kept alive the spirit of Christianity when it cost much to do so, and by their godly lives and self-denying labors made the Reformation possible which has brought to us many blessings.

Paul's Ideal Church and People. By ALFRED ROWLAND, LL.B., B.A.
Cincinnati: Cranston & Curtis. New York: Hunt & Eaton. 8vo, pp. 287. Price \$1.00.

This is a popular commentary on the first Epistle of Timothy, made on the Revised Version. The author claims that "the authenticity of this Epistle was never questioned by anyone holding a recognized position in