

to Mr. Bliss's Encyclopædia of Missions of the useful appendix on Foreign Missionary Societies.

I have already quoted from Dr. McCrie's Annals of English Presbytery, published by the Nisbets of London in 1872, a work in character not unlike his Sketches of Scottish Church History, replete with information, yet thoroughly readable and interesting. Dr. McCrie's colleague, Dr. Lorimer, in his Patrick Hamilton series, exhibits more of the original historian and less of the popularizer than his distinguished friend. Lately, a work has appeared giving a full and connected account of English Presbyterianism, in a somewhat polemical vein. It is the Rev. A. H. Drysdale's "The Presbyterians in England, their Rise, Decline, and Revival," an octavo volume of 650 pages, issued by the Publication Committee of the Presbyterian Church of England. The *Saturday Review* praises the author's accurate knowledge, but characterizes his style as dull and lifeless, while the *Spectator* and the *Edinburgh Scotsman* speak in high terms of the book. Perhaps the reviewer tackled it after dinner when he was sleepy, or after an exciting skim over Rider Haggard, Jules Verne, or Rudyard Kipling. Mr. Drysdale's namesake on St. James St. ought to be able to supply "The Presbyterians in England," which sells at home for 6s. 2d. Another Presbyterian Church history is that of The Presbyterian Church in Ireland (for readers on this side of the Atlantic), by the Rev. W. Cleland of Toronto. It is an octavo of 300 pages, published, at a dollar and a quarter, by Messrs. Hart & Co. of the author's city, and is complete, yet popular and orthodox withal. I may say, by the way, that Dr. Charles Hodge's little known Constitutional History of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, published in Philadelphia as far back as 1839, and written, like all Dr. Hodge's books, with pre-conceptions and a purpose, yet, none the less, with conscious honesty, contains a great deal of interesting matter concerning the Presbyterians of Ireland in their relations with the North American Colonies. Messrs. T. and T. Clark of Edinburgh have issued a second edition of a work on Ecclesiastical Literary History, Dr. Walker's Theology and Theologians of Scotland, a work cut short by the death of the author. The undue prominence given to Free Church principles imparts a polemic character to the work, necessarily narrowing its sphere and usefulness, but pleasing to those of the author's way of thinking who do not care for history without a flavour. Otherwise Dr. Walker's book supplies a felt want, which found few, if any so