

St. Peter and Tom; or, Two Unlikely Heroes. By BELLE S. CRAGIN. Pp. 196. Boston: Congregational Publishing Society. Toronto: William Briggs. Price, \$1.00.

Peter and Tom were indeed "unlikely heroes"—particularly in the direction of Christian heroism. Neither would have been selected as affording the requisite material for a saint; for Peter was too fiery-tempered and Tom was too dull. But the author shows how Pete became a veritable Saint Peter, with all his sprightliness retained; and how Tom, by his dogged persistence in obeying the command of his dying mother, achieved a place for himself in the good opinions and in the hearts of his townspeople that many a naturally brighter boy failed to win.

Incidents in a Busy Life. An Autobiography of Rev. Asa Bullard, with an Introduction by REV. ALEXANDER MCKENZIE, D.D., and an In Memoriam Chapter by M. C. HAZARD. Pp. 235. Boston; Congregational Publishing Society. Toronto: Wm. Briggs, Price \$1.25.

Rev. Asa Bullard, long known as "Father Bullard," has been prominently before Sunday-school people for over half a century. His name is associated with that period of the Sunday-school cause when it began to take strong hold. He had much to do with pushing it forward and giving it the place it now occupies. No man was ever better fitted for his work than was Mr. Bullard for that which providentially was given

to him. His autobiography is an autobiography—not an attempt to crown himself with honour by a consideration of the Sunday-school movement and his own part in it. He tells the story of his life with charming simplicity, just as though he was relating it to a select circle of friends. The portrait given in the volume is excellent. It is a book that should be in the hands of every Sunday-school worker.

LITERARY NOTE.

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