

CERTAIN MEN OF MARK. Studies of Living Celebrities. By George Makepeace Towle. Boston : *Roberts Bros.*

Into this compendious little volume, Mr. Towle has gathered biographical sketches of Gladstone, Bismarck, Gambetta, Lord Beaconsfield, Castelar, Victor Hugo, John Bright, and the Emperors William of Germany, Alexander of Russia, and Francis Joseph of Austria. The sketches are almost too slight for publication in book form, and would seem more naturally to find place in a magazine ; but they are excellent as far as they go, and the only fault the reader is likely to find with them will be on the score of their brevity. Mr. Towle has seen most of the celebrities with whom he deals, and his personal descriptions and anecdotes give an animation to his pages which such sketches do not usually possess.