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These are arranged conveniently for immediate reference. The plan is a good one: we are thereby at once enabled to hunt up the sources of any statement made by the writer in the body of the work. An excellent index closes the work. We have said nothing of the numerous illustrations in the volume. Generally, they are good, though occasionally a clearer impression might have been looked for. The reproductions, however, of ancient coins are nearly always pleasing.

One omission we note in Professor Bury's book—that is, any just appreciation of the work done by that great scholar Bishop Thirlwall in his "History of Greece."  
E. H. BLAKENEY.

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## Short Notices.

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*The White Robe of Churches.* By Dean SPENCE. Dent and Co. Pp. 348. Price 7s. 6d. net.

THIS is an account of the revival of ecclesiastical architecture in the eleventh century. The title is taken from a writer of that age, who says, "The world, startled from its death sleep, put on its white robe of churches." The Dean lives in the spirit of his exquisite cathedral, and in his own fascinating style has treated every phase of the building, and its characteristics and history. He has brought parallels, illustrations, and comparisons from many sources, and has made the whole subject live in a most interesting manner.

*The Life and Times of Jesus the Messiah.* Dr. EDERSHEIM. Longman and Co. 2 vols. Pp. 695 and 826. Price 12s.

This is the tenth impression of the learned author's famous work. When first published the price was 2 guineas; it is now reduced to 12s. Dr. Edersheim speaks, of course, with special interest, as one who, once a Jew, is now an earnest Christian. The appendices are of great importance, dealing with such subjects as the pseudepigraphic writings, Philo of Alexandria, Jewish history from Alexander to Herod, and many other cognate subjects.

*The Romance of our Ancient Churches.* By SARAH WILSON. Constable and Co. Pp. 184. Price 6s.

This work treats of parish churches much in the same way as the Dean of Gloucester has treated the cathedral. It deals with lady chapels, galilees, lych-gates, preaching crosses, orientation, sundials, different styles of triforia, clerestories, piscinæ, aumbries, etc., crypts, brasses, and all other special features of church architecture. The illustrations, nearly two hundred in number, are by Alex. Ansted, and are of great beauty.

*The English Dioceses.* By the Rev. GEOFFREY HILL. Elliot Stock. Pp. 414.

The outlines of ecclesiastical history in the British Islands are strongly illustrated by the changes in diocesan organization. All the chapters are interesting, particularly perhaps, just now, that on suffragan bishoprics. The book is a mine of ecclesiastical information.

*The Epistles of the New Testament.* By Dr. HAYMAN. A. and C. Black. Pp. 563. Price 3s. 6d.

The learned writer has translated the Epistles of the New Testament into popular and current idiom. On one page he has printed the authorized version, and on the other the modern equivalent. The book will probably be found very serviceable and instructive for family class notices.

*The Beautiful Lie of Rome.* By R. LE GALLIENNE. Simpkin, Marshall. Price 1s.

[A reprint of the last edition of this valuable work in its unabridged form.]

A very striking indictment of the Roman Catholic Church, by a well-known literary man.



## The Month.

THE outlook in China generally is grave indeed. The news from Peking is appalling, for it is not at all improbable, despite rumours to the contrary, that every European there has been cruelly done to death. So much for the schemes of political and terrestrial aggrandizement in which "occidentals" have been indulging during the past half decade! One factor they have consistently left out of their busy calculations—China herself. And they profess themselves surprised and horrified because the "Dragon," after being harried and insulted in innumerable ways, turns round and savagely rends its foes. Yet the result is, after all, but the natural consequence of the gold-lust which seems to infect the white races of to-day. One of the worst signs of all is the universal shriek on the part of the newspapers for a bloody vengeance. The action of the newspapers in stirring up this anti-Christian spirit is most reprehensible. Punishment ought to be meted out, of course, to those who are at the bottom of this bad business; but what is now being asked for is something more than this. We trust, however, that the British Government will, while acting promptly, countenance no such acts of reprisal as have been suggested. Two blacks do not make one white.