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Short Notices.

St. Luke. Exposition by Very Rev. H. D. M. SPENCE, D.D., Dean of Gloucester. Homiletics by Rev. J. M. LANG, D.D. Vol. I. Kegan Paul, Trench and Co.

THIS is an excellent volume of the Pulpit Commentary. With the Introduction by the Dean we are much pleased. There is a freshness about his work which is very welcome; after all that one has read in recent years about *St. Luke's Gospel*, one here finds new material. The Expository Notes are exceedingly good.

The first number of *Church and People*, "Echoes of Church Pastoral Aid Work," reached us too late for notice in the April CHURCHMAN. We heartily recommend the little magazine; it is really interesting, and likely to do good service. Friends of the C.P.A.S. ought to push the circulation.

Two volumes of "Present Day Tracts" are now before us. In the one, *Man in Relation to the Bible and Christianity*, we are much pleased with Canon Rawlinson's essay on the Antiquity of Man historically considered. In the other volume, *Christian Evidence, Doctrine, and Morals*, appears an able essay on "Socialism and Christianity," by Mr. Kaufmann (a recent contributor to the CHURCHMAN), and "The Age and Trustworthiness of the Old Testament Scriptures," by Canon Girdlestone—the best thing of the kind in our remembrance.

The Prose Works of Bishop Ken, one of the Ancient and Modern Library of Theological Literature several times mentioned in these pages (Griffith and Farran), has a biographical sketch by the editor, Canon Benham.

In the April *Art Journal* appears Part III. of Mr. Loftie's "The Royal Palaces," the Tower of London, and a brief "In Memoriam" of an old friend, Mr. S. C. Hall, who edited the *Art Journal* for more than forty years.

Cassell's Family Magazine is bright and good as usual.—In the C.M.S. *Intelligencer* we notice well-chosen words on Miss M. L. Whately.—*Blackwood* well handles Canon Isaac Taylor, in reviewing "Leaves from an Egyptian Notebook."

THE MONTH.

THE Dean of Windsor, in a remarkable letter to the *Times*, wrote that the trial of the Bishop of Lincoln "forces sober citizens, who care little about the technical points at issue, to ask for a plain explanation of what is at this moment the standpoint of the Ritualistic party in the Church of England." The subsequent discussion has been interesting enough, but thin and inadequate.

Mr. Bright died on the 2nd, after a long illness. Due tributes of respect have been paid on every side.

The Bishop of Lichfield, in his Diocesan Conference, has spoken well on "the continuation of Elementary Education beyond the usual limit of school life." For want of such combination "a great deal of our present education is entirely thrown away."

We record with sincere regret the death of the Rev. Dr. Edersheim.