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First Aid in Nursing. By Mrs W. M. Thomas (Sister Dickson). Angus and Robertson, 89 Castlereagh street, Sydney.

This little book contains the substance of lectures and talks given by the authoress to country audiences in Australia during the last fifteen years. They form an excellent manual on the general principles of home nursing—plain, popular in style, and practical down to the smallest detail. The work covers references to pretty well all the ills that flesh is heir to; and the amount of information which Sister Dickson has succeeded in packing into so small a compass is surprising. We cordially and unreservedly commend this little volume. To worried mothers—and particularly to those who live where medical attention cannot be quickly procured—it will prove an invaluable stand-by. Price 1s.

Notes on the Nursing of Diphtheria. By Hilda M. Loxton. Same publishers.

These notes embody the practice that obtains in the diphtheria ward of the Royal Alexandra Hospital for Children, Sydney. They are very complete and practical; but are—almost of necessity—written in strictly technical language. To those nurses who have not had the opportunity of practical experience in the nursing of diphtheria this little book should be of decided value. Price not stated.

We have received the following late issues of the Australian Catholic Truth Society's excellent publications:—*Out of Darkness Into Light*—a story of conversion by Emily Buchanan, a lady who lived for some years in New Zealand, was converted when in England through reading one of Newman's works, and afterwards received an interesting and characteristic letter from the great Cardinal; *A Fight to a Finish*, by W. L. Bowditch, M.A.—a detailed and effective summary of the speeches at the famous contest at Berlin between Father Wasmann and eleven German professors on the subject of Evolution, in which the Catholic champion scored a very notable victory; *The Catholic Church and its Mission*, Part II., by Father Stanislaus M. Hogan, O.P.—an admirable account of the Sacraments, and of the life of grace within the Church; *The Ethics of Subscription*—a reproduction, from the *Month*, of an article by the Rev. Sydney F. Smith, giving a full explanation and vindication of the much-misunderstood Modernist oath; *The Divine Institution and Obligation of Confession*—an exceedingly able, learned, and lucid reply by the Rev. Dr. Murray, of Maynooth College, to a sermon on 'Absolution' published in 1846 by the well-known Anglican leader, Dr. Pusey; and *Billie and Tony's Roses*—stories for children by Miriam Agatha, Sydney. All the foregoing Catholic Truth Society's publications are sold at one penny.

We have received from E. J. Dwyer, 705 George street, Sydney, a copy of *The Good, the Unctuous or 'Jelly-fish,' and the Bad Catholics*—a capital little pamphlet, containing a detailed description of the three classes, with the admonition: 'See to which class you belong, and know how to discern the good from the bad.' Besides being useful for the individual reader, would furnish lines of thought for sermon or instruction. Price 1d; post free 2d.

We have also received from the publishers, William Brooks and Co., 17 Castlereagh street, Sydney, *State Education in New South Wales: An Appeal to History*, by P. S. Cleary. This little booklet is no mere superficial compilation from well-known and easily accessible authorities, but is the outcome of careful and original research. Its aim is to show, by detailed reference to the history of the question, that the 'genesis and objective of State Education in New South Wales have been to break the dominion of the Catholic Church over her children.' Mr. Cleary has no difficulty in proving his proposition to the hilt; and he proves at the same time, also, how completely the promoters have failed in their anti-Catholic objective. The work is a

really valuable one; and should materially strengthen the demand which is now being made by our co-religionists in New South Wales for a change in the existing system. Price 3d.

The Very Rev. Dean Phelan's pamphlet on the *Ne Temere* decree has been already noticed in our columns.

DUNEDIN WINTER SHOW

The Dunedin Winter Show was opened on Tuesday of last week by his Excellency the Governor, in the presence of a very large gathering, including visitors from all parts of the Dominion. The show, which is generally held in June, had to be postponed until the beginning of August this year, owing to the destruction of the Society's building by fire. The change, however, did not militate against the attendance, which was splendid throughout the week, this being due no doubt to the very fine weather which prevailed. The entries this year were 150 more than in any previous year, there being close on 1200 exhibits and stands. On the whole the Society is to be congratulated on the success achieved, and there is every reason to hope that the show will increase in popularity as years go by.

The comprehensive exhibit of the Christchurch Meat Company was a striking testimony to the progress made by this Dominion within the past quarter of a century or so. Here were goods—delicacies they might be called—of all kinds put up in a manner equal, if not superior, to those of any country in the world, and we know for a certainty that the goods were the best of their kind—sheep and ox tongues in glass jars and tins, sausages, assorted meats, and meat extract. The last-mentioned is put up in convenient and attractive glass jars, and is rapidly taking the place, as it deserves, of the imported article. The company displays considerable enterprise in placing its goods in such an attractive manner before the public, and therefore deserves every encouragement and support.

According to their usual custom, Messrs. G. and T. Young, the well known jewellers of Princes street, and also at Wellington, Timaru, and Oamaru, had a valuable and choice exhibit of jewellery, silverware, show trophies—all noted for their exquisite workmanship and artistic design. The exhibits for personal adornment, such as rings, brooches, bangles, pendants, etc., are those which are at present most popular in the centres of fashion in the Home countries, and are up-to-date in every respect. The valuable exhibit by this firm attracted a great deal of attention, and was very much admired.

There are still a good many people whose purses do not allow the luxury of a motor car, whilst others are conservative enough to prefer a bracing drive in the country seated in a light running gig behind a well-groomed horse. These found in the attractive exhibit shown by Mr. J. Ormiston White (late Hordern and White) something pleasing to their tastes. The gig and buggy exhibited by this firm had much to recommend them; they were in the latest style, with the most modern improvements as regards axles and springs, comfortable, and being built of the best materials, combined lightness with strength. The workmanship, too, was of the best, and altogether the vehicles were highly creditable from every point of view to the exhibitor.

The very fine and comprehensive display of artistic furniture by Messrs. Scoullar and Chisholm was, as we would naturally expect, the centre of attraction for hundreds who visited the show. No doubt, many from a distance, whose visits to Dunedin have been few and far between, were not aware that we have in this city a firm which could turn out such high-class furniture, that for style, design, and finish need not fear comparison with the best that could be shown by the leading houses in the Home countries. To these the splendid exhibit must have been a revelation both as regards the beauty of the materials and the superior finish and artistic workmanship. The fumed bedroom