

PUBLICATIONS

Short Sermons on Catholic Doctrine (Vol. II., The Commandments). By Rev. P. Hehel, S.J. Joseph Wagner, New York.

This volume is what it professes to be—'a plain and practical exposition of the Faith.' In these days, however, something more is required in order to make a book of sermons 'worth while.' There must be something fresh and striking and telling in the manner in which the solid doctrines are set forth; and in this respect Father Hehel's volume is not sufficiently out of the ordinary to make any special appeal to priests whose library shelves are already well stocked with similar books of the kind. These brief discourses, which cover the whole of the ecclesiastical year, are of course above all criticism in respect to their matter. Price, one dollar, net.

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We have also received the following publications from the Australian Catholic Truth Society:—*Afourneen*, by Lady Gilbert (Rosa Mulholland); *Culture and Belief*, by Very Rev. M. J. O'Reilly, C.M.; *The Sacred Heart*, by Rev. M. Forrest, M.S.H.; and *Should the Irish National Scripture Lessons be Introduced into the State Schools of Victoria*, a speech delivered by Dr. Pearson, M.L.A., Minister of Education, in the Legislative Assembly of Victoria on July 25, 1889, regarding which we will probably have something further to say in a future issue.

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