

His epitaph reads simply: 'Lover of Christ and Man', and it is a sufficient explanation of his work, which transformed the lives of thousands of boys and, by its example, profoundly influenced the social conscience of America.

I.E.

SYNOPSIS TOTIUS SUMMAE THEOLOGICAE S. THOMAS. Edited by Gerard M. Paris, O.P. (Naples, d'Auria: 3 vols; 30s.)

This Latin synopsis contains the essential parts of each article of the Summa. The title of the article is given, and then the answer affirmative or negative as the case may be to the question put, together with the essential reasons for that answer. The requisite distinctions are embodied in the answer itself. Other points of interest culled from the answers to the objections are given in notanda at the end of the article. This method of summarising the *Summa* enables the editor to compress into one volume of 621 pages in a small convenient format the *Prima pars* and the *Prima secundae*. Two other volumes are to come to complete the work. How far such a book can serve those unacquainted with scholastic terminology and philosophical doctrine is open to question, but to those who know something of the *Summa*, it should serve as a handy and useful vade-mecum.

A.F.

THE ABBREVIATED CATECHISM WITH EXPLANATIONS. By F. H. Drinkwater. (Burns Oates; 2s. 6d.)

Another admirable book of catechetical instruction by Father Drinkwater. This is not a teacher's book but is for older children themselves; especially those, and there must be a greatly increasing number of them, in secondary-modern schools.

The scheme followed is the shortened Catechism used in the diocese of Birmingham. There is a section on liturgy and a good outline of Church history. It is attractively illustrated.

As to the explanatory matter; needless to say that it is excellent and exactly adapted to its purpose.

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RED LETTER DAYS. By Joseph Christie and William Lawson, S.J. (Burns Oates; 3s. 6d.)

Anybody who has had the luck to hear the Gorman-Christie dialogues at a weekend leadership course will want to read this book. In it Fr William Lawson, S.J. has taken Fr Gorman's place but the excitement is just as great: How is he going to answer that one? So although you meant to go and do something else you are forced to