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*Department of the Attorney General
and of Justice.*

Sydney 3rd. September, 1913.

Reverend Sir,

Referring to letter dated the 20th. ultimo signed by yourself and Mr. Molesworth, bringing under notice the publication and exposure for sale of pictures of improper tendencies and asking that the present law be amended to enable the Police to deal with the matter, I am directed by the Minister of Justice to inform you that he sympathises with the objects the Social Reform Committee have in view, and that Police reports are being obtained for the purpose of considering whether anything can be done under the law as it stands.

Mr. Hall desires me to add that he regrets that the state of public business will not permit of legislation on the subject being introduced into Parliament this Session.

I have the honor to be,

Reverend Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. Williams

Under Secretary.

Rev. Stephen Taylor,
Hon. Clerical Secretary,
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per O.R.