

An Unexplored Country.

An old Sunday-school teacher was walking home from church last Sunday night, behind a young girl and a bright college boy who stood high in his classes. The girl was talking about her Bible-class, not priggishly nor pedantically but in a sweet, natural way, as a matter of interest to her and supposedly to her escort.

"What is a concordance?" the listener heard this candidate for the B.A. degree ask. The little maid, with a touch of surprise in her voice, explained to him what a concordance is, and how she used it to find what the Bible, from Genesis to Revelation, said about certain subjects. He had never heard of such a book nor of such a method of studying the Bible! Yet Columbus found nothing in his voyage so eternally important as the glorious body of truth to be found by studying the Bible with a concordance.

A Sunday-school Dog.

The daily papers tell of a remarkable dog owned by Miss Lavina M. Horton, a school teacher of Port Chester, N.Y. "Sport," as he was known to nearly every one in Port Chester, was elected several years ago to membership in the Harry Howard hook and ladder company. The members supplied a uniform and cap for him, and he would sit on the driver's seat and accompany them to a fire or when they went out on parade. His career as a fireman, was suddenly ended one day, when he fell from the truck and broke his leg.

He was the only dog in the village that went to Sunday-school. As soon as he heard the Sunday-school bell he would wag his tail and trot off with his mistress, who was the superintendent. On their arrival at St. Peter's Church he would visit each class, and, after greeting the scholars, would lie down on the platform until after the session. It was only on a few occasions that he could be induced to attend church, although he was a firm friend of the rector, Rev. C. E. Brugler.

Did they Git the Mule?

Philip G. Gillett was one of the Illinois quartette, composed of Moody, Jacobs, Reynolds, and Gillett, that did so much to bring forward the great Sunday-school movement. He was superintendent of the Sunday-school in Grace Church, Jacksonville, Ill., and also of the State Asylum for Mutes and Imbeciles. He maintained a Bible-school for both mutes and feeble-minded under his care. When the latter were removed and put apart under Dr. Wilbur, the Bible-school went on. One Sunday the lesson was about the disobedience of Absalom. The teacher of a boys' class felt sure she had made an impression on one, at least, of her rather dull boys. He was all at a gaze; a look of almost enthusiasm lit up his usually stolid face, as he seemed to see the danger of disobedience of Absalom hanging in the bough of the oak, and the beast going from under him. Soon as allowed to ask a question, he delivered his soul, and dispelled the teacher's satisfaction by eagerly inquiring, "And did they git the mule?"

I am reminded of the way teachers and preachers often miss their aim.—Isaac Crook, D.D.

Some one has condensed good advice as follows: Drink less—breathe more. Eat less—chew more. Clothe less—bathe more. Ride less—walk more. Worry less—work more. Read less—think more. Preach less—practise more. We say it is good advice—in the main. People do not drink too much water.

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