

action, that are common to men and (to adapt the Indian designation of the wolf), their "little brethren," the lower animals. There is an absence of theorizing, but plenty of keen observation. Along with this, the author's playful humor and gentle satire hold the reader's interest throughout. The five full page illustrations and the profusion of marginal drawings make this a very beautiful gift book.

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The wise teacher will seek light from all available sources. Here are three useful books: **Arnold's Practical Commentary** on 1907 Lessons (Fleming H. Revell Company, Toronto, 233 pages, 50c.).—good, sensible comment, hints, and plans; **The Gist of the Lesson** (same publishers, 158 pages, 25c.).—a vest pocket Lesson Help, by the famous Rev. Dr. R. A. Torrey, crammed with meaty matter; **Axtell's Teacher's Handbook** for 1907, and **Axtell's Superintendent's Handbook** for 1907 (The Cumberland Press, Nashville, Tenn., each 129 pages, 35c.).—also well known vest pocket volumes, containing, not only comment and hints, but record forms, exactly suited, respectively, to the teacher's and the superintendent's needs.

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