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Concerning his early education, the Bishop of Manchester makes an interesting confession. It cost his father nothing, for the simple reason that he attended a free school. But the mathematics were taught by masters who had never studied the subject. "Consequently," says the bishop, "when I could not understand a rule I went to the master and asked him to explain it to me, and I remember to this day how he put on his black cap and his blackest frown, and said, 'Can Knox read?' I trembled and said, 'Yes, sir.' 'Then,' said the master, 'let him read the rule.' I proceeded to read it aloud to the whole class, and then he said, 'Let Knox go and do the rule.' That was all the explanation I got, and that led to a certain originality in my mathematics which, I am sorry

to say, has not been appreciated by eminent mathematicians."

An enterprising Scotch liquor dealer offered a prize for the best answer to a conundrum: "Why is my whisky like the bridge of Ayr?" A boy sent in, "Because it leads to the poorhouse," and the unprejudiced umpires gave him the prize. With even readier wit a Yankee saw the connection in a kindred case.

At a certain railway station an anxious man came to the door of the baggage-car, and said, "Is there anything for me?"

After some search among boxes and trunks, the baggage-master dragged out a demi-john of whisky.

"Anything more?" asked the man.

"Yes," said the baggage-man, "here's a gravestone. There's no name on it, but it ought to go with that liquor."