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## THE HEART CRY

"Backward, turn backward, Oh years in your flight,"  
Make me a boy again just for tonight;  
I am so weary of turmoil and strife,  
Heartsick of fights in the trenches of life-  
Houghton come back from bright yesterday's shore  
Open your love arms and greet me once more!  
Backward, turn backward from things that are now,  
Things that crush thorns into times aching brow,  
Failures thrice comfortless, doubt thrice unfurled,  
Tempest torn craft on the seas of the world;  
Into your haven of peace let me fly,  
Into the glad days and dream days gone by!  
Gone past recalling, dear heart scenes that were,  
Ashes of roses where sweet memories stir!  
Sweep on, Oh time with your fiery-winged years,  
Welcome life's furnaces, welcome her tears,  
Only in dreams can lost yesterdays rise-  
But Ye Who Have Houghton, Oh Cherish Your Prize!



## FOUND GUILTY, SENTENCED THREE MONTHS IN AUBURN PRISON

The case of The People vs. Edward Stamets was closed on January 27th the jury having returned the verdict of "Guilty" after several votes were taken.

The Court opened Judge Sicard presiding, with Prosecuting Attorney Shultz and Attorney for the defense, Wilcox and lawyers Smith and McKinney acting as counsellors. When the jury returned the verdict, the attorney for the defense appealed for clemency in passing sentence, owing to the tender years of the defendant and his former good character and standing. Judge Sicard in pronouncing sentence advised the prisoner to maintain an even disposition and endure insult patiently, thus avoiding any opportunity for a similar charge.

Much interest has been shown in the case, in spite of the tediousness of court proceedings. Only one person was fined for contempt of court, altho Judge Sicard was obliged to call for order frequently. Mr. Lapham a witness for the defense refused to answer upon cross examination and was fined ten dollars.

Friday evening, court was once more in session for the case of Woodhead vs. Stamets. The prosecuting attorney called several witnesses whose testimony had direct bearing upon the case. The following witnesses were called:

Olive Meeker  
Fidelia Warburton  
Stanley Lawrence  
Mr. Gilbert Clocksin (M. D.)  
Mrs. Bowen  
Royal Woodhead

Miss Meeker expressed surprise at the sight of the criminal act performed, and Miss Warburton said she "wondered what it was all about." Mr. Lawrence under reexamination told an instance in which Mr. Woodhead acted the gentlemen under irritating circumstances. Concerning the point in question he said "I didn't stop like a dunce and watch 'em." Mr. Clocksin heard the conversation between the two. He said "Mr. Stamets said, 'I'm going to take Miss Kitterman to the lecture' Mr. Woodhead said, 'You're too small' Mr. Stamets then said, 'Does your hat come off easily?'" Upon cross examination, Mr. Clocksin said he was an osteopath and had studied phrenology somewhat under Mrs. Colman. He examined the head of the complainant and found he had a temperature which would indicate dizziness. He was about eight feet from the scene of the crime.

The next witness called for the prosecution was Mrs. Bowen who said she had known Mr. Woodhead since he was three days old. She testified that Mr. Woodhead carried important mail for the Seminary as well as for herself and Miss Fancher. She also spoke of the good character of the complainant and said he would be able to defend himself if the cause were justifiable.

The last witness called by the prosecution was Mr. Woodhead the complainant. He mentioned his weapon of defence, a four ounce stone, which he carried as a mail distributor should. On cross examination he said Mr. Stamets became angry because Mr. Woodhead said he was small.

The attorney for the defense called his witnesses next. Miss Davis was the first witness sworn in. She testified that Mr. Woodhead "threw something with vigor."

The next witness Mr. Bascom was somewhat uncertain under cross examination. He said in direct examination, "I saw Mr. Woodhead leaning forward with a sarcastic expression." Later he said he could not see very distinctly.

## REFLECTIVE THOUGHT

Life is the preparatory place for that which is beyond the grave. It is the greatest reality and the happiness or sorrow of eternal ages depends upon our building here.

Character is the most important "building" in the world. To us there comes the question: What kind of material am I putting into that-- so important a structure? One thing is certain, while you and I live in this present world, Christ the great Master-Builder is the One to whom we should look for the plan, and God, "the Giver of every good and perfect gift," is the One to whom we should apply for the material. We can ill afford to build upon anything but The Rock, for "all else is sinking sand." Upon the "ocean of life" the winds are too strong, the billows are too high, and the storms are too severe that we should risk our frail bark, alone. Christ, the "Captain of our Salvation," is the only trust-worthy Pilot. He has "sailed" the way before, and the great compass-- God's word--by which the Master steers the ship, never varies or falsely points the way.

While we stay here awhile, there are some very important matters to which we must attend. One is: cultivate a spiritual disposition. Read what Paul wrote in Phil. 4: 8, "Whatsoever things are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, of good report; if there be any virtue, if there be any praise, think on these things."

Unless we partake of the nature and spirit of the Author of these good things, even so shall we fail to appreciate those things that are most grand, most beautiful, and most lasting. The life of the soul is quickened when we meditate upon the sublime and spiritual. God helps us never to let the capacity of our mind and soul be blasted by the trifling and non-essential things of time. A spiritual mind will never make an individual narrow or fanatical. Ignorance is the cause of that. Oh may we keep our souls in tune with the harmony of God's love and heavenly glory. What soul can stoop to compromise with hell when God has infinitely better things for us?

Prayer is the means to strength, vision, and glory. It is particularly a spiritual exercise, the result being soul development. "The Christian's vital breath; the channel of life, heavenly communion." "Keep your soul in touch with Jesus." And may we learn to pray with importunity.

Life means to you and to me little or much in proportion to the development of our individual capacities, and the choices of our hearts. If we spend our time in association with the light and unimpor-

tant things, life will never hold much for us. If we think to find only joy and pleasure, we shall be disappointed. The Lord of glory was concerned with the redemption of the world--the greatest mission within His power. You and I can do no better than to settle upon "Service" as our goal.

"Lives of great men all remind us  
We can make our lives sublime;  
And, departing, leave behind us  
Foot prints, on the sands of time."

Again, Christ was "a man of sorrows." He knew the joy of earthly friendships, and no doubt experienced a fond degree of pleasure; yet his earthly life was pre-eminently one of seriousness and sorrow. As the flowers need, for their perfect development, both the sunshine and the rain, we too, may come to "a perfect man" "complete in Him" if we learn to apply to ourselves the lessons that we may learn in sunshine and showers." Thus may the influence of each reach out to those unseen, as we in love and prayer and service, grow and grow. ("In grace.") No effort can be in vain, if God directs the actor. What the life lead through some shadows, and over rough places -- "The way of the cross leads home." And the end of willing sacrifice is the "golden" city "wherein dwelleth righteousness." Palms of victory and a crown of triumph await the patient pilgrim, as he journeys on.

Treasure in heaven must be inspiration to the heart of every believer, and he or she may well sing "A tent or a cottage why should I care; they're building a palace for me over there." When the work of a few fleeting years is over, and we truly have the consciousness that we have labored well for the Master, why should we not with the apostle say,--"O, death where is thy sting? O, grave, where is thy victory?"

The closing words of Bryant's *Thanatopsis* seem appropriate here.

"So live, that when thy summons comes to join  
The innumerable caravan that moves  
To the pale realms of shade, where each shall take  
His chamber in the silent halls of death,  
Thou go not, like the quarry slave at night  
Scourged to his dungeon, but sustained and soothed  
By an unfaltering trust, approach thy grave  
Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch  
About him, and lies down to pleasant dreams."

Lawrence Hill

COURTESY is the eye which overlooks your  
friend's broken gateway, but sees the rose which blossoms in his garden

-anon

## FOUND GUILTY. SENTENCED THREE MONTHS IN AUBURN PRISON

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Miss Beulah Williams was the next witness for the defense. She admitted upon direct testimony and in the cross examination that Mr. Stamets seemed angry from what followed and saw that he knocked off Mr. Woodhead's hat. She also saw that Mr. Woodhead threw something but did not know what it was.

Mr. Edwin Lapham was called next but was fined for contempt of court because he refused to answer questions upon cross examination.

The last witness produced by the defense was Mr. Stamets, the defendant. He admitted that he was angry and that he raised his fist. He said that he asked Mr. Woodhead "if his hat came off easily," and Mr. Woodhead replied, "You might try it." Mr. Stamets also testified that he was hit on the back with a stone thrown by Mr. Woodhead, and that he afterward ran after the complainant because he did not want people to think he was a coward. He considered the complainant overbearing and insulting in his manner and words. Upon cross examination, he admitted that he knocked off the hat of Mr. Woodhead and that he (Mr. Stamets) was angry.

The prosecuting attorney summed up his case following this testimony. He gave the points proved and showed wherein the defense had been weak upon cross examination. In an impassioned appeal, he pled for the conviction of the defendant and the safety of the public.

Attorney for the defense, Wilcox, then summed up his case. He showed how the testimonies of his side had been corroborated and how there had been different view points from both sides. He appealed to the jury to judge whether it was possible for the witness of the prosecution to determine the peaceful character of a "three-hours old" child as she had known Mr. Woodhead from that time. He described the character of Mr. Stamets and pled for his acquittal in an eloquent manner.

The Judge then instructed the jury upon the duty to be performed and defined the crimes of assault and battery, so as to leave no doubt in the mind of anyone as to the nature of the crime and the necessary that to be used in fairly deciding the case. The jury adjourned and after several votes returned the verdict of "Guilty."

F. W. S.

## WAR AND PIANOS

Have we learned any lessons from the Great War? We have and one of them is that music should be a bigger education than most of us have heretofore considered it.

For many years Houghton has supported a music department and in order to profit by that lesson this department is calling for a new piano.

Now comes another lesson from the war-cooperation. You alumni who seem so enthusiastic and friends who know something about the work of the Seminary, will you cooperate with the music department and each other by sending such sums as you feel able to give to Miss Ella M. Hillpot, who is, as many of you know, head of the department.

Perhaps you are not able to give as much now as you will be in a month or so. Alright send for one of the pledge cards which gives you until March first to pay up.

How about results of the war? Well, we know some of them and others are yet to be found out. What will result from the purchase of a fine piano of standard make? First one more piano for practice and more money for the Seminary. Second, a good piano for recitals and the lecture course and third, the feeling of having helped and of having an interest in your Alma Mater and a worthy educational institution.

May we depend on you?

If we could but realize that Christianity is the guide book to the highest efficiency, no doubt it would become easier for us to be more truthful. Lack of faith, we feel, is very often due to a failure in understanding this truth. We say "Well, if I should consecrate my life to God, I am afraid He might ask me to do something that I wouldn't want to do." Yet we want only what is best for us. We must doubt either God's willingness or His ability to lead us in the right paths. We feel that we know better what we ought to do. Think of it! A poor finite mortal presuming to consider his knowledge and judgment better than that of the omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent God who knows the end from the beginning.

On the other hand when we reason with ourselves about it we know that there is no reason why we can not trust God. It seems that there is inherent in our beings a suspicion, a distrust that causes us to involuntarily shrink from giving anyone power over us. It is often unreasonable and yet it is difficult to overcome. But after we have reposed confidence in anyone and find that we have not been deceived, then our doubts vanish. So it is with God! We find Christianity to be the only true way to peace and joy.

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## Editorial

## THE BROADER VISION.

There are two view points in life, the mountain and the valley. How many of us have stood in the wide valley and looked upon the great expanse before us and called it broad? There were the things which immediately touched our lives, a little farther away, the things which took our vision farther from self and gave us the idea that people, a few at least, inhabited our little world in close proximity. In the horizontal distance were the foothills of visionary souls our lives would touch. This is the valley vision.

How different from the mountain! Even from the top of a small hill the valley scenes are indistinct. The small is lost in the indefiniteness of the great. Only the greater and the greatest stand out with any prominence. From the mountain we see apparently the whole world. There is the valley, to be sure, and all it contains, but there is infinitely more. Men climb the mountain peaks. Is yours a mountain vision?

## APPRECIATION.

As this school is a denominational one, different than a public or state institution, we not only give our attention to local matters and relations but we often concern ourselves with matters of connectional interest. We

have long been a church whose thought along doctrinal lines has been more vigorous and rigid than many of the more popular denominations. The impelling idea, which seemed to strike directly to the motor-nerves of those venerable men who founded our church, was one of reform, and not only has the initial impulse brought it along thus far, we take pride in saying, but with the intervening years has come a cumulative interest. The dominating passion of our church is that we shall be a reformed church and that we shall carry the words of reform on to ever greater and nobler heights than it has yet attained.

In giving this idea of reform a practical setting we have not only been interested in Home Missions and environment but we have labored and invested in Foreign Missions. In the small and early stages of the work, the difficulties were many. Opposing forces seemed to be more than our feeble efforts were able to successfully overturn, but this infant movement, with mighty conviction re-enforced by the strong arm of God, has won the day, and not only gained a foothold but has steadily advanced and widened her borders until soon we expect to be represented in China, Japan and South America.

Now it may not be wholly amiss to ask what kind of men and women these are who are willing, yes intensely anxious to leave father and mother, houses and lands; to leave the pleasant and fascinating domestic relations of life; to leave kind friends whose love and care have been their constant comfort, in a word, whose earthly and humanly interests are all at home; to exchange these for a wild, gloomy continent, where home-life and every interest is so wholly different and opposite; to exchange a comfortable home equipped with modern conveniences and luxury for a dirty, slimy hovel; to exchange the health and strength of a temperate zone for the sickness and death of a torrid zone. It goes without saying that these souls are different from the common run of humanity. They are losing their lives that they may find them again, not the putrid, sordid lives they were once, but purified by the blood of Christ; purged by the fiery furnace of self-sacrifice; cleansed by a life of self-denial; glorified by bringing sheaves to the Master for whom they toiled and labored. "These are they who have come up thru great tribulation and have gained an inheritance thru the blood of the Lamb." Therefore the Lord will be their God because they minister to the humble of earth even as he would and does do. Loud and long may we acclaim them to be of heroic blood and with one united shout say "Amen" to their labors.

"To the stars thru difficulty."---This is the motto of one of our states, but how well might we accept it as a school, and as individuals. Examinations are over and we are entering upon a new semester. There have been battles lost and won in the past semester and some opportunities have gone forever. A new term lies before us. We may meet our opportunities, difficulties, and hardships with one of two attitudes, a careless, slovenly acceptance of everything without distinction as to real values, or with the determination to make the best, seek the best, find the best in everything. What if there are difficulties,---"To the stars thru difficulties!" Ever onward, ever upward, ever progressing, let these thots urge us. Let us never for a moment lose sight of the fact that there are some things of infinitely more value than others and they are worth every effort put forth to obtain them. Let us distinguish between the good and the best and when we have found the best let us be as a rock that will not be moved by all the powers of the elements.

F. W. S.



## THE PIANO

We wish to direct the readers' attention to the article on "war and pianos." It is very essential that if we are to continue to offer courses in music we should have the necessary equipment. Recently I've noticed an article in the Wesleyan calling the attention of the constituency to the need of more pianos in Houghton. Readers, you can help us purchase these pianos. You can aid in making the world better by making better people. Will you help us make them better by giving them a good musical training?



If I were a minister in a local church, I would preach on the fundamental importance of a League of Nations in getting a world in which there will be real opportunity for religious growth in the future. I would show that the League of Nations idea is simply the application to the life of the world of the ideals and principles which are fundamentals of the church and which now for the first time in history seem practically possible of actual working out in international relations. I would invite into my pulpit the leaders in this movement. I would try to turn my church into a recruiting station that would enlist crusaders for this idea.



## PUBLICITY DEPARTMENT

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Fifth Loan Embodies the Ideals  
of the American People

The Administration, having completed successfully its task of winning the war through the agency of the War and Navy Departments, has called upon the Treasury Department to write the last chapter in its work of financing the struggle.

A campaign to float the last big war loan will be started in April, the exact date to be announced soon. This issue will be called the Victory Loan, and according to an estimate of the Secretary of the Treasury, may be for \$5,000,000,000.

The new loan, fifth in the series of war bond issues put out by the Government, will mark the final effort of the Americans as a whole, in the world struggle. With a million American soldiers to maintain in Europe, considerably more to be discharged and reabsorbed in the industrial life of the country, and outstanding expenses to be met, the need of the projected loan is evident.

The United States, whose people by nature are given to planning, executing and carrying out plans to a final conclusion, is bound to finish well what it is so gloriously planned and so splendidly executed up to the actual conclusion of hostilities. Writing "finis" to the world struggle means more than giving the command "Cease firing" to our soldiers, particularly while an Army of Occupation is to be kept, fed and clothed.

The ideals for which our young men fought, suffered and in so many instances died, must be perpetuated. Their companions in arms must come back to a country resting on a firm, prosperous basis. Their mothers and fathers and friends for whom they made the Supreme sacrifice, must be guaranteed a life of tranquility, in a nation of concord. The bringing about of this happy condition depends largely up on the floatation of a loan adequate to meet the demand of a Government under heavy expense.

There is a constructive appeal to American patriotism in this new Victory Loan. Of course there is not the thrill of impending battle in the air, or the terrible anxiety of loved ones on the battle line. But subscribers to the new loan have the holy purpose before them of aiding in the upkeep of the Federal Government for which those who went to France, fought so valiantly. Now that the conflict is over, Americans cannot fall by the roadside. The highway of Peace with prosperity, is before us all, but to travel it, we must start with our war ledger clean. Over the scrip- tion of the Victory Loan will insure us a clean slate.

## Locals

President Clark Bedford of Central South Carolina has been in town the past few days.

President H. C. McDowell of Miltonvale, Kansas, was in town over night.

Miss Helen Sicard who has been working in Syracuse is home visiting her parents.

We are glad to welcome new students into our midst this new semester, Miss Alice Hampe of Portland Oregon and Miss Bessie Lewis of Caneadea also Mr. Paul Billheimer and Mr. Uebele of Indiana.

We are glad to hear that Mrs. Fred Daniels who is in the Sanitarium at Wellsville is somewhat better.

Mr. Edward Stamets has changed his boarding place from Rev. J. J. Coleman's to Mr. A. Steese's.

A former Theolog, Arthur Northrup, from Morley N. Y., is back in school. He is pursuing the course in Theology.

Miss Gertrude Preston Clocksin is spending a few days in Houghton visiting Miss Anna Carsons.

Mrs. Belle W. Fox of Bradford, Pa. and Miss Mary Polahr of the rescue home in Bradford, Pa. were visiting friends in Houghton over Sunday.

Mr. Gilbert Clocksin has gone to Olean, N. Y. where he expects to undergo an operation for appendicitis.

Will Cawkins arrived home from France Thursday.

President J. S. Luckey and Rev. Mr. Charles Sicard are attending Board Meeting at Syracuse N. Y.

Owing to a stroke of apoplexy the lecturer Mr. Wicke sham is unable to be here.

Arrangements are being made for a substitution.

Thursday, Feb. 6th will be the opening of our annual revival meetings. Rev. J. R. Babcock, President of Lockport Conference will be the evangelist.

These are the sins I fain

Would have Thee take away:

Malice and cold disdain,

Hot anger and sullen hate,

Scorn of the lowly and envy of the great,

And discontent that cast a shadow gray

On all the brightness of a common day.

-Van Dyke

## Alumni Notes

This is Houghton Seminary's thirty fifth year. Sometimes a summary of the Alumni is interesting to friends of the school. Naturally the Preparatory

Dep't leads in the number of graduates. One hundred and eighty one have finished that course and taken their diplomas. The class of 1888 was the first graduated from the Preparatory Dept. Rev. M. E. Warburton received a diploma in a class of one. Our President J. S. Luckey graduated in 1889.

The College Dep't began to send forth graduates in the year 1900. Rev. J. S. Willett was the first graduate. In 1901 two finished the College course, Prof. H. C. Bedford, President of our sister school at Central, S. C. and Miss Florence Yorton, one of our foreign missionaries. Altogether twenty-five have taken diplomas in the College Dep't.

The year 1899 marked the date of the first graduation from the Theological Dep't. Twenty-six have gone forth from that Dep't to preach the gospel.

It will be rembered by students who attended Houghton some time ago that there was once a prosperous Commercial Dep't of our Seminary. It has sent out thirty-four graduates, according to the best information we can secure.

Since the year 1910 at least eleven have completed the Piano Course of the Music Dep't. One has graduated from Vocal Dep't, Dorothy Jennings in 1910. In the same year Corporal Carroll Daniels, who has been in Signal Corp Service for some time was the first graduate from the Oratory Dep't.

Four Houghton graduates have attained the calling of conference Presidents. Forty Houghton graduates are ministers in the Wesleyan denomination. Nearly twenty girls who have graduated from some Dep't at Houghton have since become minister's wives and most of them have married Houghton theological students of days past. It is a very noticeable fact that in compiling Alumni statistics we find that, true to the traditions of yore, every "match" that has resulted from the romantic disposition of the "match factory on the hill" at Houghton has been a happy marriage. Something to be proud of? Yes, indeed. And we can produce almost any amount of testimonials to prove the certainty of the above. At least no letters come our way to the contrary. Someway the Alumni feel that the Reception Room, Lecture Occasions, Lane and the Half Mile Limit at Houghton have not existed in vain. May their glory never grow less!

A great deal more might be said about the number of missionaries, instructors in our schools at Miltonvale, Central and Houghton, as well as High School Professors, teachers in the public schools, business men, journalists, reform workers--yes, and scientific farmers, even. Houghton has produced 'poets, prophets and patriots.' And her sons and daughters are as

proud to call Houghton "Alma Mater" as Houghton has the right to feel that her efforts in behalf of her old students has met with unbounded success.

A number of letters from old students has come this time. Especially was the Alumni Editor glad to receive all the interesting letters that came from Houghton, as well as those from the Alumni. We heard from the Star Staff about how hard you all are studying, and what a splendid year all are having. John Wilcox writes about the wonderful mock trial you are enjoying, an adjourned court, of course. What fun the empanelling of the jury must have been! So Eddie Stamets was was the defendant and Royal Woodhead the complainant with a charge of assault and battery! The attorneys for the State, Editor Shultz and L. Smith, must have had an interesting time combating the oratory of Wilcox and McKinney. The old students enjoy hearing about it. Dorothy Peck, Georgia VanBuskirk and several others also sent greetings.

A very interesting letter comes from Florence Sawyer Prep '17. She writes under date of Jan. 7 as follows:

"The last issue of the Star was fine. I enjoy reading about the present student body, but I surely like to read about the old students, too. As for myself, I am teaching in District No. 1, Canton N. Y. at my own home school. I like the work very much, six grades altogether, and it is a lovely school."

Another good letter comes from the pen of Ethel Kelley, dated at University Club, State College Pa., Jan. 3.

"School here is going on fine, and I am doing my bit to keep abreast with the college life here—strenuous as it is. Next semester I teach Latin in the local High School here, one class 35 min. per day, for which I receive five credits on my Teacher's Certificate when I'm graduated. I also begin Private Elocution under Dr. Marshman one day each week. In addition I will continue my regular work three hours per week each in Spanish I, and Latin VIII, Shakespeare, Education and Physiology; 18 hrs. per week, total. I revel in all my studies and have wonderful Professors."

Here at Spring Creek we appreciate the fact that so many have sent messages of cheer during the recent siege of illness. We might, in thanking these, say that the Alumni Editor rejoices in the fact that recovery has completely come. God has been sending a mighty wave of Revival to us, and many of my students are finding Je-

sus precious at the foot of the Cross. We are all jubilant.

Alumni Dep't of "Houghton Star"  
% Leona K. Head,  
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Winnifred was tall and Anna short.

Bascom didn't "Fish,"

Mrs. Bowen failed to catch bluffers,

Miss Davis was not sarcastic.

Bill didn't keep up her interest on her "Bond,"

Eddie and Alzada ceased to slam,

Bullock didn't get turned down six times, wouldn't this be a happy school "If."

Mr. Bruce now receives his mail at the Dormitory.

Max seems very good at mopping up inky floors so we wonder if he would prove as successful at building a seat as he is in turning one down in chapel

Mr. Dodd said:

If you should have seen my Sunday School Class you would have thought it a queer one.

Judging from Mac's nod he thinks the same of his, so do we.

Mrs. Newlywed:

Really I don't see why you should be crazy because you received three safety razors for Xmas. they are such convenient things

Mr. Newlywed:

Indeed, never cut myself worse in my life than with a safety razor.

The Binney's Compend class was to look up the subject of Matrimony, Mr. Clocksin said to Lina "my, isn't this an interesting subject?"

Nora to Lina—"Does John have a test this morning?"

Lina—"Which John?"

Nora—"My John?"

Mr. H. to Willie Maie.

"So you are Sam Roger's niece?"

Willie—"No, he's my uncle."