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MISS ELIZABETH HARRIS LECTURES IN HOUGHTON Gives Vivid Portrayal of Conditions in Armenia

Our lecture course is completed for this year, with the exception of the May Concert. We wish here to express our appreciation of the assistance given in entertainment at these lectures by Miss Zehr and the orchestra under her direction. They have added much to our enjoyment on these occasions.

Our last lecture was given on April 19th, by Miss Elizabeth Harris, who at present is Superintendent of the Children's Division of the State Sunday School work. Miss Harris has served with the Near East Relief in Armenia. Her particular duty there being the supervision at her station of some 400 orphans. She showed Magic Lantern pictures of some of the scenes of her travels, particularly of the Holy Land. Miss Harris says that she loves Jerusalem more than any other city in which she has ever been.

We were much interested in her portrayal of the situation in Armenia. There is constant friction between the Turks and Armenians, and the Turks are taught that they must either convert or kill the Christians. The Armenians care much more for education and culture than the Turks. This effects a condition which arouses the jealousy of the latter. When Armenian men are killed, the children, the girls, and the women are often saved for servants and wives. Every Turk thinks himself entitled to at least four wives. At one place 700 captive wives were released by the British. Of these only thirty returned to their Turkish husbands.

The Armenians show wonderful heroism, and are proud of those who have given their lives in resisting the Turk. Miss Harris said that for four months they expected a massacre near her station and knew that if it occurred the officials would side with the Moslems. Every boy in the orphanage knew that if he would say that he would become a Moslem, he could save his life, but not one of them would do so. To illustrate the situation among the girls, she related the story of

one who was asked each day to renounce her faith, and each day as she refused, was branded with a hot iron. The brands formed the outline of a cross. Her Turkish master told her that he would kill her on the day the cross was completed. The process continued until the cross lacked but one brand. On the next day the Americans came, and she was one of the number saved.

Miss Harris sees no hope for the Armenians. God deliver the innocent from the hand of the Turk! "We in America sit so comfortably!" Is there nothing to do?

C. A. R.

COLLEGE FRESHMEN ENTERTAIN ATHENIANS

Monday evening, May 1st, the Athenian Literary Society and many others attracted by unusual preparations that had been going on throughout the day, witnessed the most unusual program given in the Society this year.

A rousing camp fire, built near the pine trees at the rear of the campus, and an evergreen covered wigwam, were the centers of attraction. The entertainers, the Freshmen, represented original Americans and in their entire program carried out the Indian idea.

When the leader gave a rousing call, the braves and squaws responded by a great war whoop, and by emerging from their "woodland haunts" all dressed in their best robes, and finest feathers, and decorated with the most approved colors of war paint. The program consisted of typical Indian songs, readings and two addresses besides some typical Indian stunts.

Mr. Schuman read "The Queen of the Woods", and Miss Spencer gave "Hiawatha's Wooing", a part of Longfellow's famous poem. Mr. Farner showed that "his people" the red men, should have equal rights civilly and politically with their white brothers because of their recent advancements in civilization. Miss Haynes gave a very pleasing account of Indian history and some of the folk-lore of America's first inhabitants. The ending of her

paper was especially appropriate since it was an Indian account of the naming of the Genesee.

The college Sophomores will furnish the literary program for May 8th, and they are vying with the Freshmen to provide a more excellent entertainment.

PRAYER

We have been asked to write on this subject and the volumes have been written on it and we do not expect to add anything new, yet its vital importance in the Christian Life and the great need of emphasizing the truth along these lines, prompts us to seize the opportunity of again bringing it before the minds of our young people. Behind every mighty awakening and deep Holy Ghost revival that has blessed the various periods of history, it is recorded first that some one person or persons gave themselves to prayer, prevailing prayer for days, weeks, months, yea years until He granted them the privilege of going down with Him in the Spirit underneath the burden of a lost soul, a community, city, conference, a continent, or God's work in general until He comes and undertakes mightily for the situation.

God has not changed, we have. "Behold the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither His ear heavy, that it cannot hear: But your iniquities have separated between you and your God and your sins have hid His face from you that He will not hear." Isa. 59:1,2 The slightest thing may come in between your soul and God and cause a break with you and Him, and you be left powerless, unless the connection is immediately restored by confession of the sin, or error, and the blood put upon it.

Beloved, have you ever sat in an electric street car on an incline and the trolley disconnected for a moment and the whole car-load of human freight started backwards down grade. This is but a faint illustration of the need of close walking with God and of our responsibility as intercessors.

John Wesley made a terrible but true statement when he said that Jesus Christ is not now interceding for a lost world but that He is interceding for His saints, and has left the intercession for a lost world to His saints. If that be true, and we believe it is, what tremendous responsibility is upon us; the salvation of a lost world, simply for our asking, for our interceding, for our refusing to be satisfied with anything else. This is no place for dry eyes, or making a show in the flesh.

God has given us abundant proof of His willingness to be interceded by the multitude of examples he has given in His word. We will cite attention to two or three only of the many. In the case of Abraham interceding for Sodom and Gomorrah, God reveals Himself as condescending to come down to man's level and be addressed as man with man. See Gen. 18:21-33. And when He felt how much Abraham's heart was in it, He conceded Abraham's request every time. When Nehemiah's heart ached over Israel's situation until it seemed his heart would break and he cried out in the anguish of his soul as if Israel's sins were his own; a wicked, heathen king was moved by God to make ample provision for this lone lover of the Lord to accomplish his heart's desire for the Lord Jehovah and His people. Again the importuning woman, Jesus described before a hard hearted, unjust judge obtaining what she desired, the poor and her native customs imperiling her way. If she could prevail against such awful odds how much more may we His children before our loving heavenly Father. But Jesus raises this pertinent question, "When the Son of man cometh, shall He find faith on the earth?" He desires to rouse and stir us to the great need and privilege of importuning prayer.

An inspiring thought seized my soul years ago, while sitting under Rev. E. R. Dodd's preaching, at a time when I was struggling away in prayer for some subjects which seemed about impossible. He was commenting, under the Spirit's illumination, on the first chapter of Ezekiel, on the vision of the ox, and said in substance, "You know the faithfulness and simplicity of the ox. Do you know they are just simple enough when chained up to a great log in a lumber camp to keep everlastingly pulling at it even after it becomes lodged in a difficult position, to just keep pulling and pulling until something gives way." I saw that was my privilege also in prayer.

A little over three years ago, two old missionaries in company with three new ones headed their way again towards Africa and made it thru by continually waiting on God against awful odds. As they paced back and forth on the deck of the steamer and communed together in their cabin in prayer before the Lord, it was with groans and agony of soul that something unusual must be done for God and of God or there would be two more graves in Africa. They cried and prayed and mourned over conditions and preached, and worked everything to the end that men, women, boys, and girls, and as many as possible might be reached with the mighty searching truths of the Gospel, until God came and gave two good revivals and helped His people to step out by faith and organize a church that has been growing ever since, because of His favor, and opened up a new work in another tribe, and brought back several of the backslidden young men and their wives, and got them so in love with Himself and the Word that they are now out heralding the same glad news, and a work is under way that eternity alone will reveal.

Once the Captain of a passenger steamer, filled with passengers, discovered they were all doomed to a watery grave in a very short time. Could he put on speed enough to make the harbor sooner, he could save every soul. Her engines were put to double work, fuel was heaped upon her already melting furnaces. They were now beginning to melt in the terrific heat. "Shovel on more coal, shovel on more coal," the Captain shouted, "Shovel on more coal, we must make the harbor," and they did. The engines melted and warped in the intensity of heat. Her funnels collapsed, her flues poured together into a mass. She was gone, but not until the great steamer hove safely alongside docks with every pound of her precious burden in safety.

It costs all there is of us to be real intercessors. Will we pay the price, and pull some lost souls safely into the haven of soul rest?

Yours, praying for you,

Hattie B. Crosby

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John Wesley

Current News

The Annual May Concert will be given May 26th.

Mrs. E. E. Curtis of Mooers is visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. S. Lucky.

Miss Zehr entertained her nephew, Ralph Dewey of Rochester, for a week.

Miss Anna Rauch attended the wedding of her brother in Boston, N. Y., recently.

Rev. Geo. Shultz was a recent visitor at Houghton. He addressed the students at Chapel.

On the evening of April 26th, the pupils of Miss Paddock gave a piano recital in the piano studio.

Several Houghton students attended the Sunday School Convention held at Caneadea, April 17th.

Miss Alice Buchholz and John Wilcox were guests over Sunday at the home of Miss Ivah Benning of Orchard Park.

Misses Dorothy Clark, Esther Hawkins and Laura Clark spent the week-end at their respective homes in Orchard Park.

Pres. Luckey, Prof. Wright, Mrs. Mary L. Clarke and Stanley Lawrence attended the Champlain Conference, which was held at West Plattsburg.

Several of the students surprised Prof. and Mrs. Wright with a serenade May 3, thus reminding them of their twenty-fourth wedding anniversary.

Bishop David S. Warner, of Glen Ellyn, Ill., visited at the home of Pres. and Mrs. Luckey recently. Bishop Warner traveled with Pres. Luckey during his trip to Palestine.

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Editorial

SCHOOL SPIRIT

School Spirit—We wonder what it really is, why we hear so much about it, and why we should possess it.

School Spirit is necessary to the progress of any student and to the welfare of every school. Spirit puts life into everything and what is a student or school without life? Just as necessary is School Spirit to any educational institution as sunshine and air are essential to the trees outside, if they are to thrive and grow.

It may be defined in many ways. Does not this definition include what we really mean? "School Spirit is a good, wholesome love for your school, coupled up with an earnest desire to make the school better."

It is manifested in various ways, and in many places; on the athletic field, in the dormitories or in the class room.

It is not always the one who makes the most noise at a ball game who has the greatest amount of school spirit. It is easy to make a noise. A love for the school with a desire and willingness to stand by her principles and propagate them must accompany the yells if they are to mean anything to others.

One person's school spirit may be shown in one way, while another will manifest itself differently. We cannot and should not judge.

School spirit in Houghton may not be called the same in some other school.

The spring of the school year is a good time to show how much we love our school.

Let us renew our diligence these days when Spring Fever is persistently knocking at our doors, pursue our studies, keep the rules and thus show how much genuine "School Spirit" we possess.

FAMINE RELIEF WORK

in the

YELLOW RIVER FLOOD DISTRICT
SHANTUNG, CHINA

Beginning the first of July, 1921, a forty day's rain fell in the Shantung Province and in the districts surrounding. By the middle of July the Yellow River had risen so that it threatened to overflow the dikes at various places. On July 19 it broke across the north dike at a point about sixty miles from the mouth of river mid-way between Li Chen and Pei Chen; cut out a large section of the dike; and spread out over the low, level land covering an area of 1200 square miles, pursuing an entirely new course to the sea. About 480 villages were included in the flooded district. Two hundred people were drowned at the time of the break, July 19. Since then, 500 have died from accidents, starvation, exposure, and disease caused by the flood. About 100 villages have been deserted entirely and others partially so. Many rushed to the dike for safety where they soon built shacks to live in. Stretching along the

dike for a distance of thirty or more miles may be seen the little, crowded huts or dug-outs or sometimes mere holes in the ground covered by straw mats, each place housing a family. These dwellings, which are by no means mansions, are built of poles, cane stalks, mud, and sometimes a few bricks carried from the deserted villages. These huts are arranged in two groups or rows, one on each edge of the dike with a road-way between for horses, carts, and pedestrians.

The people in the flooded district are helpless because their farms are covered with mud or water and there is little or no employment to be found. The coming spring offers little hope except a scanty supply of green weeds, grass, and roots. There are about 33,750 people living on the dike and 216,259 in partially submerged villages, making a total of a quarter of a million people in need. Some construction work has been started that will furnish employment for a large number, such as (1) building a dirt road from Chowtsun, the nearest railway point, to Wutingfu or perhaps Pei Chen, a distance of fifty miles, so that traffic may be possible during the rainy seasons; (2) building a dike around the city of Li Chen. About 3,090 men have been recruited at Pei Chen to go to the road construction work. Hence, such work will relieve the situation some, yet there are several thousand families in partially submerged villages twenty or thirty miles from where any work will be done, who will receive no immediate benefit.

The local government officials did what they could to relieve the immediate need in July 1921, but this relief was so minute that not much help was realized—amounting to an equivalent of only one meal per family. Soon after the flood came, \$220,000 Mex., left from the famine relief work of last year, was distributed by the Shantung International Relief Committee. This committee is in charge of the relief work here, but other sources have also given noteworthy aid. Up to the present time the Shantung International Relief Committee has furnished \$8,000, besides grain; the Chefu Chinese Chamber of Commerce \$15,000; the English Baptists \$20,000; making a total of \$43,000 Mex. Ninety-eight per cent of this money is being given out in small amounts ranging from \$2.00 to 33 cents per family. The other two per cent is used in paying the running expenses on the field, such as light, fuel, transportation, and monthly

allowances of workers. The Shantung Int. Relief Com. has purchased 2320 tons of cane seed in Manchuria and delivered it to the men in charge on the field. The grain is used in supplying the gruel kitchens, and for free distribution in thirty pound portions per family. Grain will also now be used to pay the workmen who are employed on the Road Job.

Twenty-four Gruel Kitchens are now running at various points along the dike and in several villages, feeding an average of 1100 families per kitchen. One portion or one-half gallon of thick, brown sorgum cane seed gruel is served once a day to each family that presents a ticket previously received from an advance committee of inspectors. It is interesting to see the long line of men, women, and children with their earthen bowls waiting their turn. Of course the half-gallon of gruel is a scanty meal for a family of three, four, or five persons, but it is sufficient to sustain life. The family usually finds some trash, dried weeds, or other material to put with the portion so that it will go farther. The people are very grateful for the relief given and especially for the gruel kitchens, for which there are many demands.

Free distribution of grain to all of the families on the dike and also to a majority of the 480 villages has been completed. Tickets were distributed in accordance with the findings of the inspection committee, so that each family upon presentation of the ticket, received thirty pounds of grain and in some cases money also, depending on the size and needs of the family. All villages that were accessible to Pei Chee as a center were handled there, to the extent of twenty or thirty miles distant. This meant a long journey on foot for one member of each family but it saved much time and expense for the committee. Other villages had to be relieved on the spot because of the distance from the base of supplies or the physical condition of the people or the impassable condition of the roads. Such villages were about 50 in number and were helped by giving out money to each family direct. Part of these 50 villages could be reached only by means of boats and carriers who had to wade through mud and water three or four feet deep. The mud is very soft because it is the deposit left by the river. The Yellow River carries and deposits more silt than any other river in the world.

The first time that I have ever been almost "eaten alive" by beggars was at Li Chen City in company with one of my co-worker, Mr. Lautenschlager. We were on our way to visit the gruel kitchen in the city when about a dozen women and children came running to us asking for money. They did not seem to molest my colleague but were after me, grabbing hold of my arm of sleeve or coat, with the thought, I suppose, that "here is one of those wealthy foreigners." We directed the gruel kitchen men to see if they were provided for.

On March first and second, 1922, seven ships carrying 300 tons of cane seed were unloaded at the Break in the Dike. The work of weighing and storing the grain revealed more evidences of poverty. First: A crowd of 100 or more men with poles and ropes soon gathered to earn one copper (about one-half cent U. S. money) by carrying a 220 pound bag of grain 100 yards to the place of storage. Two men usually carried the bag between them edit to a pole which rested on their shoulders. These men were so eager to be sure of getting a bag to carry that they tumbled over each other and several would pull at one sack so that it was necessary to force them to form a line, each taking his turn, with the result that sometimes the last men were left without bags to carry. Second: Not less eager than the carriers were the women and children who came with brooms and pans to gather up with the dirt, every grain that fell to the ground in the handling of the bags, "that nothing be lost." They crawled around on hands and knees, often getting in the way of the workers so that force had to be used to clear them out. Sometimes, too, they were found rapidly digging out the grain from a poorly tied sack or even making a new hole from which the grain quickly ran out upon the ground. Hence it required some one to supervise the "gleaners" continually. But one could not help pitying these people in their "struggle for existence."

On March third to sixth, 400 tons of grain were unloaded from fifteen ships at Pei Chen and stored in the compound of the English Baptist Mission. Since the distance from the river to the mission is two and one-half miles it was necessary to secure carts to haul the grain. The cart men at Pei Chen were as eager for the first chance at the bags as were the carriers at the river gap. An anxious

crowd of "gleaners" was also on hand to be supervised. A group of men also came hoping to get work in lifting the bags, saying that they were poor and needed money; but they were "out of luck" as the boat crew were to do all the lifting till the bags were weighed and then the cartmen were to do their own loading. A new group of workers, however, appeared here that was not present at the River Gap Job: "The men and boys with the barrel-shaped basket on the left shoulder or in the left hand and a fork in the right hand." Any one who has traveled in China is familiar with these toilers. They are fertilizer gatherers. They were on hand because of the presence of 150 or more mules, donkeys, little horses, cows, and oxen that were hitched to the sixty or more carts. It was marvelous to note that these gatherers of fertilizer were as anxiously bent on pursuing their task as were the gleaners and the cart men. Hence, all-together, it was an exciting time—"something doing every minute." Our supervisors were kept busy seeing that every thing was done "decently and in order."

Many people have left home in the search for food or to find some place where they can beg. But the whole surrounding country outside of the flooded area produced no crops last year because of the drought in the spring and the heavy rains in July and the people are living on food that would starve a European. Recently a company of fifty people from a village in the northern part of the flooded district left home in search of food. They were crowded into a small sail boat to travel for some distance on the river. When a boatman made a change in the sails, the boat swayed to one side somewhat and a child fell overboard. The parents immediately reached over the edge of the boat after the child and many others did so at the same time so that the too heavily loaded boat upset in twenty feet of water. Twenty-nine of the fifty were drowned, including the two boatmen. The helmsman was an excellent swimmer and the people could not understand why he was drowned. But when he was found and brought to the surface, four others were hanging to him with the "death grip" - one to each leg and each arm.

In another village the Chinese Pastor overheard the conversation of a father and mother saying that they must find

some poison for their children, for they could not bear to see them die by the long, slow, dreadful process of starvation. The pastor told them to not carry out their plan and informed them that very likely a gruel kitchen would soon be started in their village.

The funds given by the generous donors goes directly to the people who need it and very little is eaten up in overhead and general expenses. The relief has also not been given out without discrimination in a haphazard way, but only after careful inspection and allotment. Those who have means are not allowed to receive anything, although such people are very few, because the average sized land holding is only one acre in the Shantung Province. Care is also given to eliminate dishonesty and "squeezing."

The flooded district is mostly in the region assigned to the English Baptists for missionary work, and so of course this church has been especially active in raising and sending money as noted above, but other parties both public and private have responded to appeals also. Rev. Henry Payne from Tsinanfu has been the foreign representative in charge of the relief work in this district most of the time since the flood last summer, who, together with his assistants, Pastor Wang, the Ma Brothers, and others, has done a big piece of work for which he deserves much credit. At times he had other foreign help in the persons of Mr. Robert Jacobs of the Southern Baptist Mission, Rev. W. J. Harris of the Seventh Day Advent Mission in Tsinanfu, Rev. J. S. Harris of the English Baptist Mission in Chowtsun, Rev. A. E. Greening of the English Baptist Mission in Pei Chen, who had just returned from his furlough to England, C. Floyd Hester from the Y. M. C. A. in Harbin, Rev. W. B. Glass of the Southern Baptist Mission in Hwanghsien, Dr. N. A. Bryan, also of the Southern Baptist Mission in Hwanghsien, and E. E. Dixon of the M. E. Mission in Peking. But Mr. Payne is the only man who has been on the job continually. He has a large district as an English Baptist Missionary to look after and is sacrificing much to give so much of his time to this needy field in the flooded area. But within a few months at the most, he hopes that the need for relief will have been met and he may return to his chosen field of labor.

Apr. 6, 1922 C. Floyd Hester
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JUNIOR-SENIOR BANQUET

One of the formal occasions of the year occurred Friday evening, May 5, when the Preparatory Juniors entertained the Seniors at a banquet given in the dining hall of the Girls' Dormitory.

The reception was held at the Vocal Studio which was decorated in green and white, the colors of the Junior Class. The following program was rendered by the Juniors:

Piano Duet,
Helen Clark Thelma Hill
Reading, Paul Steese
Vocal Solo, Irwin Enty
Reading Thelma Hill
Piano Solo, Helen Clark
Reading, Beatrice Jones
Vocal Duet,
Alice Buchholz Irwin Enty
Junior Class Song

Following the banquet toasts were given by Joseph McClintock, David Reese, Dorothy Clark, Marjorie Ackerman, Joseph Clinefelter, and Whitney Shea. Miss Alice Buchholz, President of the Junior Class, acted as toastmistress.

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The fielding and all around playing of Enty, Purple shortstop, and spectacular fielding of Peck, who held down the key-stone sack for the Gold, featured the game.

The outfields of both teams need strengthening. It looks as though the Captains had planned for strong infields and left their outfields to chance, only placing about one good man on the frontier. If all the games are like the first, however, they will have used good judgment as very few balls ever reach the outfield. With Gosbee on the initial sack, Pocock at second, Tierney at third and the redoubtable Enty at short as its real backbone, the Purple infield is fairly intact. The Gold with Lee on first, the hard-hitting Peck, formerly on the Naval Air Station Team of Hampton Roads, at second, Dougherty at third and Howland at short, have developed a remarkably good infield. For a pitching staff the Gold is also remarkable. With White, who was formerly with a Semi-Pro team in Erie, Pa., and Burnham who is somewhat of a dark horse, but who, it is rumored has a fine variety of curves and great speed, they would seem almost unconquerable. The back-stops, Whipple and Schuman, are also rounding into shape.

The Purple battery is exceptionally well balanced with Burt, who is beyond doubt the best all around athlete at Houghton this year and who has a fine variety of curves and an excellent floater, and Banker, a southpaw whose pitching has improved one hundred per cent since last year, as second. Bedford, Gibbons and Morse are on the receiving end.

Time alone will tell which team is the best and the June "Star" will have a complete report of all the games.

TENNIS

The finals in men's doubles between the Purple and Gold were held on the afternoon of May 2nd.

The Purple was represented on the courts by P. Steese and Burt, who after losing the first set to Kitterman and Williams of the Gold, came from behind and took the next three sets in succession. The Purple won by the serve of Steese which is perhaps the best in school, and the excellent placements of Burt while playing net. Williams is also very good, both on the serve and return, while it is almost impossible to get one past Kitterman at the net.

The report of sets is as follows:--

First:- 6-2, Gold

Second:- 6-2 Purple

Third:- 6-4, "

Fourth:- 6-2, "

In the four sets the Purple was only able to take four love games while the Gold have five to their credit.

A complete review of all Tennis will appear in the June "Star."

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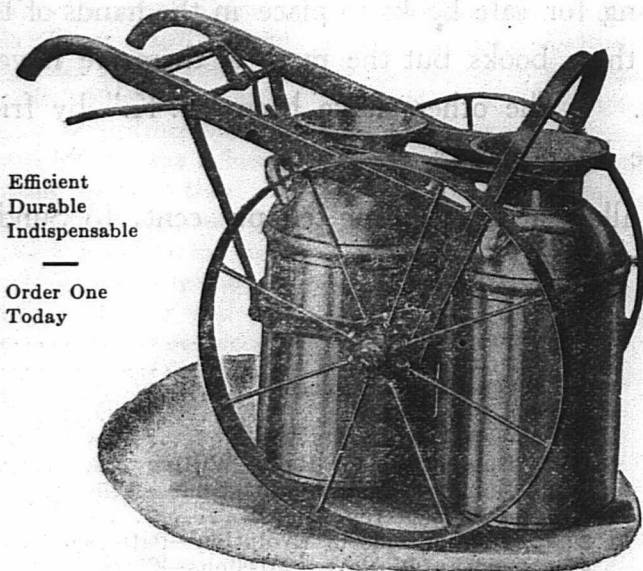
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Lucille—"What?"

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Lucille-(studying)—"Yeah, go on and explicit if you want to."

Prof. Lee—"I want nothing but silence in this room, and very little of that."

Vila—"I'd hate to go with a man as bald-headed as that man."

Paul—"I'd as soon go with a bald-headed man, as a girl with bobbed hair."

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Are what—

Generally speaking.

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Teacher—"Willie, what does the word 'reverie' mean?"

Willie:(excitedly)—"A 'reverie' is like a baseball umpire, only he operates at prize-fights."

Bedford;—"Say, Allen, it's wrong to steal bases."

Allen;—"It must be wrong to hit fowls (fowls) then."

Prof.;—"What is a cannibal?"

Williams;—"Some one that eats meat."

Gosbee (apologizing for a lengthy discussion of Justification)—"Mine is one of those long drawn-out affairs."

Prof. Wright;—"Well, so are you."

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