

Wooster College and Wilbur Smith

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 When I was at Occidental ~~XXXXXXXX~~ I heard the name of Wooster College, a  
 in  
 Presbyterian college in Ohio. It is my impression that we had a very fine talk/~~at~~ our  
 assembly m-eting about the traditions of various colleges given by an elderly man who  
 we were told had been president of Wooster College. Later on I was told that this man  
 had been president of the college and had managed to raise several million dollars for  
 it. I was told that after he did ~~it~~ so the directors had decided he was not a big  
~~enough~~ enough man to be president of a college with that much money and therefore dropped  
 him. I don;t know whether that is true or not. I do know that when I went to Princeton  
 Seminary there were quite a number of students there from Wooster College and most of  
 them took a liberal position. One who belonged to the same eating club that I did came  
 with the intention of spending two years at Princeton and then two years at Union  
 Theological Seminary. After he had been at Union a year or two he came back and  
 visited us, and he gave a talk in the club in which he ~~is~~ told ~~us~~ how he, coming back  
 to this old mossback ~~is~~ place, felt like a missionary going among canibals or some such  
 thing. Anyway he showed that he was ~~perfectly~~ thoroughly aligned with Union  
 Seminary, and I got ~~rather~~ a rather unpleasant impression of Wooster. Later I  
 heard that Charlie Woodbridge's sister had been a student at Wooster for a year, maybe  
 two, (I'm not sure) and that she had been disgusted at the modernist teaching there  
 and therefore had left and gone to Wheaton College.

At any rate, when I read Wilbur Smith's book Before I Forget I was surprised to  
 find that he spoke in the highest terms of the great value he had received from his  
 four years at Wooster College. He told how very much this had meant to him. After  
 he went there I believe he went ~~to~~ through Moody Bible Institute, and I think that  
 was all the theological education that ~~he~~ ever had.

Wilbur became known at considerable of an orator. I remember Frank ~~Newburgh~~ Neuberg  
 saying how speakers like Wilbur ~~seem~~ seem to him like prima donna. ~~He~~ He spoke  
 rather disparagingly. When I first began teaching at Westminster Wilbur Smith was  
 the pastor of the Coatesville ~~in~~ church, having succeeded Dr. Roy T. Brumbaugh there.  
 He joined ~~the~~ The Independent Board and remained on it for a time but one of the