

Charter Day
1945.

March 20.

Introduction:

Charter Day has come round again. I have now reached the stage in my life, when I am rather appalled that I can remember so many Charter Day celebrations: — as a student in Iskudar, as a young teacher on that side of the water: — on this, as a married alumna, visiting the college from the other side, and again now, as a teacher once more, after many years' absence.

While birthdays are general, the birthday of the college is a pleasant time to take stock of the passing years — to look back a little, to review some of ^{our} the accomplishments — to ask ourselves why we are what we are.

There is a diff. bet. the birthdays of a school such as ours + a person. With ^{an} the years, ^{pass} our college lasts —

(2) Come later more vigorous. It is like a violin — under the right care the instrument grows mellower & more beautiful with the years.

March is a month of Anniversaries

- 10th Dr. Pattee
- 20th Charter Day
- 24th Robert College Founders' Day.

I have often wondered why our college did not have a Founders' Day too. I realize that I happened to know, in my long acquaintance with this institution all the women, who might be called the founders of the Amer. Coll. for girls. They were in my earliest days, no longer young, but they were still full of vigor — & in the prime of life. We are what we are largely because of the character of the ^{Body} Founders.

The Founders in General.

Contrast bet. C.C. & R.C.
History of Sautain school before college. Already teaching. 1871-1890
Choses four women as "founders"
are there in 1890 when college received charter.

alder
③ Dr. Patrick (earliest most important) 1876

about
same age

{	Mrs Florence Fusham 80°
	Mrs Ida Woods Peine early 80° 1880
	Mrs Isabel T. Dodd " " 1882

These 4 women only names this generation
I knew all - each some influence
in forming my ideas of life & society.
How can I make them live for you?
This is what I should like to do
briefly this afternoon.

Characteristics in Common.

Devotion to education for girls of N. E.
Love of life in the Bostonians.

Courage - in triumphs & in facing dangers
Great faith in future of the College.

Perennial interest in each new genera-
tion of College students

Sense of humor - they all could laugh
at themselves, as well as at others

Great Differences Among them.

Dr. Patrick: ambitious, studious - large
ideas. Great executive. Looked
into future

Mrs Fusham: motherly, religious-minded
power in oration. Gifted

Mrs Peine: practical, quiet - very
masculine. Sharp sense of humor

④ Miss Dodd: volatile, enthusiastic, a
altruist, impatient - sociable
& impulsive.

I. Dr. Patrick most important first
(Chris Bowers - Assembly on March 7th)

Dodd - only personal touch -

Influence on Students.

Continuous thirst for knowledge

took form of shocking questions at 70:

1. When are you going back to U.S.A.?

2. Are you taking up a new language?

3. When are you going to write a book?

Several of our graduates have already
written a book.

4. What new philosophy do you expect
to take up this summer.

Disconcerting, but stimulating.

Along from students but pressure constantly felt

Remembers the College Dr. Patrick's creation

LS 2 1889. Borden - Charter Quote:

"We in the college almost held our breath
as we waited for the outcome, but we
said little to the outside world. It
was one of the most thrilling moments
in our history, when, in March 1890,
we received the cable from Miss
Borden, 'College Charter Granted.'
Enthusiastic students decorated the

(5) building & covered the blackboards with the words, 'Long live the College!' written in Turkish & many other languages. Classes were discontinued for the day & in the evening a banquet was given at which eloquent speeches were delivered."

Responsible in these Buildings as well long or term in the P. spoken of by Burns. She loved college like her life. Had quote Dr. Under Turk Sultan:

"At Commencement time 1924, I resigned & Kathryn N. Adams was appointed President in my place. I had spent 53 years in the Turkish Empire, under the reign of five successive sultans. How I would love to be there for 50 years longer, while the Istanbul Woman's College is steadily growing, in the era of the Turkish Republic."

⑥ Frances Fensham - early 50^s left 1904
scarcely remembered. Influenced by
warm understanding lines of several
students, whom I knew as older women.
Remember evening talks.

First dean after naming Charles 1890
M.M.P.'s characteristic comment:

"with the naming of the new Charles,
I was appointed President + Frances
B. Fensham, Dean ... This
was one of the early uses of the title
of Dean in college faculties, granted
by Dr. H. Carey Thomas, who was
appnt. Dean of Bryn Mawr College
in 1884. It caused many laughing
remarks in society here, where it
had been associated only with high
ecclesiastical functionaries."

Mrs Fensham's memory lasted long - very
home-like in Turkey, when she returned to USA

⑦ Ida Pruine 1884 - 1927

here six years before became college.
domestic - treasurer - M.M.P.'s
description -

"Ida W. Pruine was the treasurer of the
Institution. She had all the qualities
a treasurer should have. She was

① with fair & her boss because. She knew how to oppose with strong arguments the spending of money unadvisedly. Yet in that difficult position, she kept the affection of all. She gained as well a reputation for business efficiency."

Appearance -

Small spare - blue eyes. always busy - make - or fact. Thin hair very honest & capable.

* Shery: money bro't to Utkhida
Friendship - staunch & true but no sentimental
Courage - in political crises etc.

Versatility College songs -

rhymes - College Scrap Book.

"many a Euclid name I seen
many a Pundar who has been
But in reality she is Penine
who draws a cheque & opens a rhyme"

Good speaker

Sharp tongue.

pulls people up by criticism - both faculty & students a little afraid of her if they don't do their full duty,

(2)

IV Isabel F. Dodd 1882-1927

After so many years (45) that it is impossible believe so many, student do not remember.

Museum her monument.

Pictures there.

What do I remember?

Shakespeare Readings

Sightseeing Trips

College visitors mail - letters

Alumni -

College garden - of course

Museum.

Success of Fall in Protherus.
Impulsive sociable indefatigable.

Red haired - quick tempered energetic.

Visited in USA

her room. maps, candles, here
heads pictures re-
members.

lived 15 yrs after Retirement
lived in the past "someone who
has lived in Turkey might come
to see me"

mellowed with time.

④ Conclusion

I have tried to give you some idea of the 4 remarkable women, who were responsible for the founding of this college.

Have an one estimate influence? How can one know how one has learned certain principled virtues?

It was not so much what these women said or taught, that made an impression on us, so much as what they were. They & many of their less well known colleagues created an atmosphere. They taught us unconsciously, by allowing us to watch their personalities - at work & at play.

Those of us who knew these four women said to ourselves:

he would like to be serious & understanding, to love literature & good thoughts like Miss Busham.

he would like to be brave and hard working like Miss Prince.

he would like to be socially

10 popular, as full of enthusiasm
& good fun as Miss Dodd.

and

we would like to have learning
& believe in people like Dr. Patrick

It is in these ways that we learned
our lessons.

It is because of these women their
interesting & devoted lives that
we honor the college they founded
& wish it on its 55th anniversary,
Many Happy Returns of the Day.

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