

Notes of Talk with Mrs. Alfred Hodder (née
Miss Mary Givinn.

341 Nassau St., Princeton, N. J.

Saturday, Jan. 14 - 1939.

Mrs. Hodder told me that her father was a Presbyterian and was counsel for Mr. Hopkins, that ~~the~~ Mr. John W. Garrett did not want him to run for the Attorney Generalship but that her father insisted upon doing so and thereby incurred Mr. Garrett's displeasure. Mr. Givinn was tall, dark, with penetrating dark eyes. He was quite a Latin scholar and particularly liked Cicero.

According to Mrs. Hodder Miss Garrett's interest in having the Medical School open to women was due in part to her interest in two women physicians whom she used to meet at the house of a friend in New York, a Miss Louise Knox who later married Louis Mc Lane Tiffany. According to Mrs. Hodder Miss Garrett had uterine trouble and used to go to New York to visit her friend Miss Knox, and at her house she used to see and be examined and treated by these two women phys-

icians, Drs. Blackwell and Cushman. These physicians were greatly interested in trying to establish a hospital for women and children and Miss Garrett became greatly interested in them.

According to Mrs. Hodder Miss Garrett had several inferiority complexes. She was strictly watched over by her parents, and was given very little money to spend. She did not make a hit from a social standpoint and was very retiring. Through the money she spent on Bryn Mawr School she attracted a good deal of attention to herself, and this was a matter of considerable satisfaction to her.

According to Mrs. Hodder Miss Garrett was genuinely interested in medical education for women and was not just a silent partner of Miss M. Carey Thomas. Mrs. Davis, according to Mrs. Hodder, did not know very much of what was going on and had to be told what to do. Miss Julia Rogers was a ward of Mr. Garrett and that was how she became interested in the movement.

Mrs. Hodder stated that Mr. Gilman gave his consent to the movement but did not think it would get very far and went off to Europe. When he returned he was greatly surprised to hear that it had gotten as far along as it had.

January 19, 1939.

Mrs. Alfred Hodder,
341 Nassau Street,
Princeton, New Jersey.

Dear Mrs. Hodder:

I want to thank you for your kindness in receiving me so hospitably in Princeton on Saturday afternoon last. I assure you it was a great privilege to me to be able to talk with the daughter of Mr. Charles J. M. Gwinn, and I am most grateful to you for the information which you gave me.

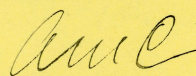
I thought you would like to have the minute which was adopted at the joint meeting of the Trustees of the University and the Hospital, on Monday, February 12, 1894, the day after your father's death, and I am enclosing herewith a copy of that minute. It seemed to me such a fine tribute that I felt you should have a copy of it.

I am enjoying reading Mr. Smith's "Unforgotten Years", which you were kind enough to lend me, and I promise you that as soon as I have finished reading it I shall return it to you.

Again thanking you for your most cordial reception,

I am

Sincerely yours,



Alan M. Chesney, M.D.
Dean.

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IN MEMORIAM.

Hon. CHARLES JOHN MORRIS GWINN.

The Honorable Charles John Morris Gwinn, one of the Trustees of the Johns Hopkins University, and the Johns Hopkins Hospital, died at his residence in Baltimore, Sunday, February 11, 1894, in his seventy-second year. The funeral was attended on the following Tuesday, and his body was buried in Greenmount Cemetery.

Action of the Two Boards of Trustees.

A joint meeting of the Trustees of the two institutions was held at the University, Monday, February 12, when the following minute and resolutions were adopted unanimously:

Minute.

In founding and administering institutions as complex as this University and this Hospital, there are many parts and many actors. One contributes capital, another suggestion, another experience, another learning and another counsel. The resultant of all these forces is the progress of the undertaking; which, according to their adjustment, may be slow or quick, irregular or steady, disheartening or inspiring.

In the organization and development of the Johns Hopkins foundations, the Hon. Charles J. M. Gwinn has been from the beginning a counsellor. It is never to be forgotten that his pen drafted the instruments by which both the Hospital and the University were created, and that in no small degree it is due to his wise foresight that the fundamental articles of both institutions were kept free from those needless restrictions and those embarrassing requirements which often fetter the noblest plans.

With Francis White and the late Francis T. King, he was an executor of the will of Mr. Hopkins. He was an original member of both Boards, and on the death of Judge George William Brown in 1890, he succeeded in the University Board to the important office of Chairman of the Executive Committee.

His eminence as a lawyer caused him to be the counsellor upon whom both Boards relied for legal advice. He never encouraged litigation, but always sought for conciliatory action. In the art of exact and discriminating expression, he was remarkably successful, and nothing seemed to give him more pleasure than to reduce to an acceptable form the conclusions reached by his colleagues upon difficult or controverted points. His attendance upon the meetings of the Trustees during a period of nearly twenty years was regular and punctual, and when absent, he rarely, if ever, failed to send a written apology. His manners were dignified and courteous; his language was graceful, and seasoned with wit. He earnestly advocated the admission of women to the Johns Hopkins Medical School upon exactly the same terms as men, and he drafted the papers by which this result was reached. Under all circumstances he was in favor of maintaining high standards of education and scholarship.

A man of noble mien, of great natural ability, of liberal education, of wide reading in literature, history and jurisprudence, he naturally came into varied and confidential intercourse with the leaders of public opinion in politics and in law, while his abilities as a counsellor were recognized not only by his colleagues, but by the public, who called him repeatedly to stations of dignity and responsibility.

His name is sure to be remembered in the annals of the two foundations to whose interests he was thoroughly devoted.

Resolutions.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty Providence to remove our friend and colleague, the Honorable Charles John Morris Gwinn, be it

RESOLVED, That we here record our admiration of his brilliant talents, our appreciation of his constant and efficient services to those institutions with which he has been honorably connected from their foundation, and that we tender our expressions of sincere sympathy and condolence to his family in this, the hour of their bereavement and trial.

RESOLVED, That a copy of the foregoing minute and resolution be transmitted to the family of Mr. Gwinn.

RESOLVED, That the members of the two Boards will attend the funeral in a body."

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PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

DEAN'S OFFICE

29 Jan 1939

Dear Dr Mc Chesney:

I have been so slow in sending
you my thanks - very warm thanks - for the very
welcome copy of resolutions, because I have wished
at the same time to send you two other things,
neither of which can I lay my hands on. (Nothing
equals my gift for mislaying papers. I should
explain, except my gift for spilling drops of ink from
fountain pens. This letter shall so. ~~well~~ I should have
ten plots!) The first and ^{more} ~~most~~ important - because most fantastically
improbable of my intended enclosure was sheet of paper
in my father's handwriting, marked p. 2. and ending, after
several erasures, with a paragraph offering the Medical Fund
to the Trustees. I had meant to write you that on reflection,
nobody could have written the said letter except my father,
unless I put things into shape for Henry Garrett and Cassy,
and I had no more recollection of such a letter than I
have now of us had realized this night it to be so. But
it would have been amusing if in your play my
father could have handed Henry Garrett this particular
sheet. His name could probably not have been
in his secretaries' working hours, hence his own script.
The other intended enclosures sheet perhaps

you might be read as an antidote to the book
lent you, and which may interest you more than
most people because of present concerns with old
Belknap on hand with the Medical School group. is
a carbon copy of my letter to Logan Beersall Smith,
with his address, name and name & date. The
you need not read it when it reaches you, but you are
hereby begged to return it, because I may be in
supplying the antidote to other persons - one as hard
as lead. The Medical School group of course presently
was the little group therein described, with the
addition for ~~for~~ the public's sake of my ^(on my mother's side) cousin, Camille
Hall and her Aunt Mrs Davis, who was also the
Aunt of her cousin, Hannes Howard (member brother
of Charles Morris Howard) mentioned as my most
intimate friend in the letter to Alice Smith Russell -
The New York chairwoman. Mrs. Richard Davis was
Camille Morris Hall's elder sister - intimate with Mrs.
Robert Garrett - later Mrs. Jacobs - not with Mary, and
correspondingly slack in her New York work when she
found that Mrs. Robert Garrett disapproved. As a
product of the "upward argument" of young bookish
females in old Belknap the account of the little Club
seems to me droll enough. Before my father's
death the group that had been the little Club had four
2-pieces, mainly because Bessie King (Mrs. H. Elliott) and Julia
Rogers had broken into with Mary Garrett and Casey. Julia Rogers had
separated from the Board of the Bryn Mawr School. Bessie King,
although about in the South during most of the work for the Fund,
felt it to be as result to her father's ^{which carry upon her project} influence. That she should
not have been named by Mary Garrett as a member of the
permanent committee, & was mainly Mary's modesty.

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QUEEN'S COURT
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY.

29 Jan. 1939

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The other intended enclosures which perhaps you ought to read as antidote to the book lent you, and which may interest you more than most people because of present concern with old Baltimore and with the Medical School group, is a carbon copy of my letter to Logan Pearsall both, with his sister's answer and mine to that. You needn't read it when it reaches you, but you are herewith begged to return it, because I may *go on* supplying the antidote to other persons - one or two at least. The Medical School group of course was the little group therein described, with the addition for the public's sake of my cousin (on our mother's side) Camille Hall and her aunt (on her father's side) Mrs. Davis, who was also the aunt of her cousin, Marian Howard (another sister of Charles Morris Howard) mentioned as my most intimate friend is the letter of Alys Smith Russell. The New York chairwoman Mrs. Richard Irving was Camille Morris Hall's elder sister - intimate with Mrs. Robert Garrett - later Mrs. Jacobs - not

with Mary, and correspondingly slack in her New York work when she found that Mrs. Robert Garrett disapproved. As a picture of "the upward anguish" of young bookish females and old Baltimore the account of the little Club seems to me droll enough. Before my father's death the group that had been the little Club had gone to pieces, mainly because Bessie King (Mrs. Wm. Elliott) and Julie Rogers had broken with both Mary Garrett and Carey. Julie Rogers had resigned from the Board of the Bryn Mawr School. Bessie King, although absent in the South during most of the work for the Fund, felt it to be an insult to her father's memory, which Carey might have prevented, that she should not have been named by Mary Garrett as a member of the permanent committee.

Yours sincerely,

Mary Hodder.

Mrs. Alfred Hodder

Mrs Hodder was Mary Gwynn,
daughter of Charles J. M.
Gwynn, a trustee of the
University and the Hospital.
She was one of the women on
Mary Garrett's Women's Committee
to raise funds for the J. H. Med. School.

Miss Gwynn accompanied Miss
Carey Thomas to Bryn Mawr, and
there met Alfred Hodder, a member
of the faculty. Hodder already
had a wife, but he and Miss
Gwynn eloped to England and
were married after divorce was
granted the original Mrs Hodder.
Subsequently Mrs Mary Gwynn
Hodder lived in Princeton, N. J.
where Dr. Cheesey visited her in
1938.

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Women's Fund -

Account of visit of members of the
various Committees ~~to the~~ of
the Women's Fund to visit W.A.
speech of Mary Putnam Jacobi.

Bull. J.H.H.

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Women's Fund

February 6, 1939.

Mrs. Alfred Hodder,
341 Nassau Street,
Princeton, New Jersey.

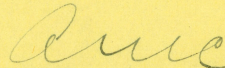
Dear Mrs. Hodder:

Under separate cover I am returning the copy of "Unforgotten Years" which you were kind enough to lend me. I found it very entertaining and I wish to thank you most sincerely for lending it to me.

Please accept also my thanks for your letter of January 29th. I hope indeed that you will be able to find the two papers to which you referred in that letter. Perhaps they will turn up at some not too distant date.

Again thanking you, I am

Sincerely yours,



Alan M. Chesney, M.D.
Dean.

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April 17, 1939.

Mrs. Alfred Hodder,
341 Nassau Street,
Princeton, N. J.

Dear Mrs. Hodder:

I am returning herewith the carbon copy of the letter which you wrote to Mr. Logan Pearsall Smith and which you were kind enough to say you would allow me to copy. I appreciate very much your kindness in permitting me to do so and once more thank you for the kind reception which you accorded me at Princeton during the past winter.

Sincerely yours,

Alan M. Chesney, M.D.
Dean.

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for sick women. There ~~can be no~~ is as little doubt that ~~women ought to be a~~ a sufficient number of women ought to ~~see~~ ~~see~~ educated and trained in such manner as to be ~~able to~~ fully able to ~~see~~ care for sick women, who may, may wish, or ought to ~~be~~ ~~not~~ treated by women. ~~They cannot~~
~~their own sex~~

~~We~~ We have devoted ourselves to the furtherance of this object. # ~~We~~ We have reason to hope that ^a ~~our request when we offer the University~~ devoted to advanced learning will not refuse University which proposes to found a Medical School, intended to teach advanced methods in the treatment of those diseases which ~~afflict~~ afflict mankind, will not refuse to women the opportunity of learning such methods.

~~We are~~ There is now a general interest in our movement. ~~We ask that this in~~
In order that it may not lag, we ask you to consider our offer at the earliest possible period