

The Honor Society
American College for Girls

An American friend of mine once said, "The hope of Turkey is in its women." and I felt that I agreed with him. I am old enough to remember when women in Turkey lived behind veils and lattices and had no part in public life. I am even old enough to remember the time when women in England and America had no right to vote and had no say in the government of their countries.

When I was in college in Cambridge in England, many, many years ago, a famous woman speaker came to give a lecture on Woman's Suffrage in the Guildhall of the town. She wanted to plead for women to have a vote in the management of their government. And do you know what happened? The audience, made up mainly of men and undergraduates, shouted and stamped and booed and made such fun of her that she had to give up her talk and escape from the platform through

a back door. That same year there was a debate in the University Union on Woman's Suffrage which I attended as a listener. At the end of the debate it was decided by vote that women were not ready to have the vote not to hold public office. They were too weak, too absorbed in trifles and had better remain second class citizens.

But how matters have changed even in a generation...in England and America and here Thanks to the social reforms of your great Leader, Atatürk, you have been freed, you have been given the vote, and no career or profession is closed to you. You can indeed feel a real citizen of your country. What opportunities open before you! You can become a doctor or a lawyer, a secretary or a deputy, a scholar or a teacher. And if you have children some day you can lead them into a freedom where they, too, can make their contribution to their country. In fact ,

this task is one of the great privileges of women...to educate and inspire and guide their children. An American versifier once whimsically wrote some verses, two stanzas of which became very well known. Have you ever heard them I wonder?

They say that man is mighty, he
 governs land and sea
 He wields a mighty sceptre o'er
 Lesser powers that be
 BUT

The hand that rocks the cradle is
 the hand that rules the world.

I would like to mention in connection with the Honor Society the names of Dr. Patrick, the first president of the American College for Girls, although in her day there was no Honor Society. She was born more than a hundred years ago. She was passionately interested in the education and the freedom of women. When any one of her graduates distinguished herself in a profession, she felt she had her reward and was proud. I cannot help feeling

that she left behind her the love of freedom and the love of education which are part of the spirit of the College today.

After Dr. Patrick retired to America at the age of 74, she wrote a book called Under Five Sultans, in which she described her experiences in her long, long life in Turkey. Fortunately, she was here long enough, until 1924, to see the new era that was dawning for ~~Turkey~~ *this country*.

The last paragraph in this autobiography I will quote to you. She said, " I had spent 55 years in Turkey under five successive sultans. How I would love to be there for 50 years longer while the American College for Girls is steadily growing in the era of the Turkish Republic."

Let me conclude my short talk by congratulating those students who have been elected to the Honor Society. I would like to wish them every success as they continue in

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College and afterwards. They very best of
luck to you, most fortunate young women
living in the era of the Turkish Republic.
The very best of luck!

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Americans in this part of the world
Chambers, Christies, Haas etc.

Visit to Mersin

RR first camels two old Greek
churches, one a cinema, one still used
development
hotel Speak Turkish

Visit to Adana

RR Karadgli Engineering works
American Hospital
American Mission House
Museum Ancient and Modern
Yeni Hotel
Halk Evi
Bazaars
No great mosques

flat roofs

mosquito nets

Tarsus itself

River Cyndus

Turkish bath

tomb - Ancient mosque

Future of the Cilician Plain

Cotton Institute The Clarks. 1931.
Plans for raising of cotton
Egyptian replaced by Cleveland seeds.
Our own engineers - one of the many tasks
ahead of them to use the great natural
resources of Asia Minor. Opportunities.

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