

I. Background

- A. Her home had been Colorado Springs since she was born.
- B. She went to school through college all within a 5-block radius of her family home.
- C. Living at home during college she had no real college life which she considered a great loss.

II. Earliest memories of Colorado Springs (1890's)

- A. The Antlers Hotel burnt down in October 1898 when Mrs. Lipsey was 4 years old.
 1. Her father's electrical supply shop next to the hotel burnt too.
 2. Memory of her father hiring a carriage to take the family to Denver for fear the town was burning down.
 3. Later her father's bigger shop burnt down too (Hassell Iron Works).
- B. Elementary school at Steele School
 1. Located in the 1700 block Weber St.
 2. Now replaced by another school.
 3. Brand new when she went---"The swell school of the town."
 4. Eight rooms for 8 classes
 5. The halls were very wide.
 6. It had a wide stairway with big platform at the top which served as a stage.
- C. She had lived on Wood Avenue since the Fall of 1898.
 1. Her mother said they lived on the only poor block on Wood Avenue; everyone had "much handsomer and finer houses."
 2. Neighbors
 - a. P. B. Stewart lived in the "show house" of the block
 - i. He was her class mate at Cutler Academy.

III. Cutler Academy

- A. Why did she go there rather than to a public school?
 1. Not because of prestige
 2. Her girlfriends went there.
 3. It was closer to home than Palmer High School.
- B. Quality of education at Cutler Academy
 1. Not necessarily better than that at a public High School
 2. Her father thought there were educational advantages at public High Schools.
- C. Teachers at Cutler Academy---did they later teach at Colorado College?
 1. They didn't all go on to C. C.
 2. Professor M. C. Gile
 - a. She admired him most.
 - b. He taught her beginning Latin.
 - c. He was a very fine professor.
 - d. He later taught at C. C.
- D. Course of instruction
 1. They studied Latin for 4 years, studied through Cécero.
 2. Mrs. Lipsey preferred German and French.
- E. Cutler Hall
 1. All classes were held there.
 2. It was not the building which is now in existence.
 3. Originally it had 4 rooms plus a basement and an upstairs.
 - a. "ramshackle little chemistry laboratory"
 4. Later, wings were added on the north and south sides.
 5. There was a wide hall going east to west which led to the new wings.
 6. Upstairs was the chapel and the study hall which covered all of the top floor.

7. Headmaster's office
 - a. The students called him Ezeke for Ezekiah (not to his face) though his real name was James Williams Park.
8. Was Cutler Hall just for the Academy or were college classes also held there?
 - a. It was just for the Academy
 - b. There were never more than 100 students in Cutler Hall at one time.
- F. The routine of the day at Cutler Academy
 1. Informal except in the classroom.
 2. Students showed complete respect to the teachers.
 - a. Miss Ella Louise Taylor taught German and History.
 - b. Miss Lillian Bateman, a young teacher, taught English and Math.
 - c. Mr. William V. Flaherty taught Math and Sciences.
 - d. Elizabeth Woodbridge taught French
 - i. She was Homer Woodbridge's sister
- G. Colorado College professors
 1. Homer Woodbridge
 - a. He was one of Mrs. Lipsey's most interesting professors.
 2. Why were the professors so good in those days?
 - a. Colorado College was a "struggling little independent College" and it was actually struggling to keep alive.
 - b. The efforts of Professor James H. Kerr were crucial to the survival of the college at this time.
 - c. It was an important time for the Tuberculosis Health Center in Colorado Springs. Professors came to Colorado Springs when their wives had Tuberculosis and accepted small salaries at C. C. (e.g. Homer Woodbridge, Professor Edward Christian Schneider, and Professor M. c. Gile).
- H. Tuition at Cutler Academy
 1. \$50 per year
 2. Not an overwhelming amount in those days.
 3. The difference in being close to home, being with friends, made it worthwhile.
 4. Prestige at Cutler Academy was part of the reason for the price.
 5. Her parents hadn't gone to college and perhaps hadn't even graduated from high school so her family had no connections with academic people.
- I. Why was Cutler Academy started?
 1. Lots of students worthy of a college education lived in small towns in the Pikes Peak region, and no high schools were available to them.
 2. There were no dorms for girls, they had to live with relatives.
 3. Boys lived in one dorm or in boarding houses in Colorado Springs.
- J. The student body at Cutler Academy
 1. Mostly from Colorado Springs
 2. Many students were from out of state.
 - a. New Mexico, Illinois
 - b. Tubercular patients came to Colorado Springs.
 - c. Many students had relatives who lived in Colorado Springs.
 3. Most of the students at Cutler Academy were girls.
 - a. There were ten girls and three boys in Mrs. Lipsey's graduating class.
 - b. Families who would send boys to college were the "society set"---very snobby. They sent their boys to Eastern boarding schools and kept the girls at home.
 - i. Women in the "society set" were more likely not to be college graduates.
 - ii. Girls went to "Finishing school"

K. Social life at Cutler Academy

1. Mrs. Lipsey's mother was very strict and Puritanical and Mrs. Lipsey was very timid. Therefore, she had almost no social life.
2. Parties were mostly private parties.
3. Her graduating class went on a hay ride.
4. Her graduating class had a series of parties, given by girls.
 - a. Pulling taffy was the entertainment at these parties.
5. Romances at Cutler Academy
 - a. She was not inclined that way but there were some romances.
6. There was a scandal about a good looking out of town boy who, when Miss Taylor called on him in class, was obviously drunk. She made him leave the room and he was not heard of again.
7. With the teachers, behavior was very formal.
 - a. Men teachers called male students by their last names and they called the girls Miss ---.
 - b. Women teachers called students Mr. --- and Miss ---.

L. Graduation from Cutler Academy

1. The ceremony was held in the chapel.
2. There was a chapel service and a baccaulaureat.
3. Class day was held a day or two before the ceremony
 - a. Mrs Lipsey wrote and recited "Fon du Lac," a poem about each person in the class.
 - i. Jo Van Diest explained the assignment to her.
 - ii. The poem mentioned everyone in the class and was complimentary.
 - iii. The only lines she remembered were "Ours is the class with the luck, 13 in the class and 13 in the year."
 - iv. Classmates about whom she wrote
 - Mr. Basil Quayle (a romantic name) was a silent man from the East. She looked upon him as a remarkable intellectual.
 - Jo Van Diest was the most known person in the class.
 - Ida Blackman was the shy retired daughter of Alfred Blackman. Gratia Belle Haney was her half sister. Ida was very carefully looked after by her aunt who treated her like a royal princess. There was always someone with her to guard her, if the girls were playing basketball, etc. "Where Ida went Aunt Julia went."
 - Mr. Mortimer Pugh was the class clown.
 - b. Class day took place in the study hall room.

IV. Colorado College

- A. As Mrs Lipsey was "seclusive" she didn't know many people on entering the College
- B. It was a great change from Cutler Academy.
 1. a change from childhood supervision to college
 2. She had always been at the top academically at Cutler Academy but this was not so at C. C.
 3. She still lived at home however and therefore still had no social life.
- C. First impressions of Colorado College
 1. Unfamiliarity
 - a. At Cutler Academy students had not used the College buildings except the bathrooms and the gymnasium.
 - b. C. C. had a different atmosphere than Cutler Academy
 - i. She had no plans for a major when she entered C. C.
 - ii. The only requirements for admission were a high school diploma and the ability to pay the tuition.
 - iii. She had originally wanted to go East but "didn't have the guts to do it."

- D. Major - English
1. She chose English because she had always liked to read.
 2. She was good at languages.
 - a. German
 - b. French
 - c. Spanish
 - d. Latin
- E. French Club
1. It was the highest distinction she ever received at C. C.
 2. She had the highest grades in French and so was asked to join the club.
 3. Charles Latimer, later a C. C. French professor, graduated the year before her. She had liked him because he seemed intellectual.
- F. The most influential people at Colorado College
1. Homer Woodbridge
 2. Dr. Edward Christian Schneider, a science professor
 - a. She greatly admired him as a teacher
 - b. He was sincerely interested in individual students
 3. Elijah Clarence Hills, French professor
 4. There was no social interaction between students and faculty members.
- G. Minerva Literary Society
1. As president of the French Club, she had to join, otherwise she wouldn't have been in Minerva
 2. Minerva clubhouse
 - a. a one-room shack
 - b. The girls had great pride in it.
 - c. They wrote to the alumnus asking for money to fix the house.
 - d. It was later torn down.
 - e. Ten years later they started sororities and Literary Society members could join them. She could have joined Delta Gamma but chose not to.
- H. President William F. Slocum
1. She thought he was a "boring stuffed shirt."
 2. He usually dined with wealthy families, but he annoyed her father because he was slow to pay the College's bills to Hassell Iron Works.
 3. Mrs. Lipsey never felt any inspiration from him---religious or ethical.
 4. The only time she spoke to him was when she was reprimanded for missing chapel.
 - a. She stayed home when she wasn't on campus for chapel.
 - b. Because she had too many cuts, she had to have two more hours of credit to graduate. She didn't mind this because she got free tuition to take two more hours of courses she was interested in.
 5. Slocum's physical appearance
 - a. "a smaller edition of William Howard Taft."
 - b. His electric car was too small for him. This became a joke among the students.
 6. Rumors about his advances towards secretaries and college girls
 - a. She hadn't heard the rumor until the scandal came out.
 - b. Her father saw Slocum in public with girls, and the street car conductor said it was usual.
 - c. She was shocked to hear of it, and she didn't talk about it.
 - d. Some students held a meeting to express opinions about the scandal.
 - e. The trustees supported Slocum at first.
 - f. Professors regarded Slocum as tyrannical and domineering.

- g. Dean Parsons, a very pious man, was to be thrown out for breaking the story, so all the professors resigned. Students and alumnus were also behind him.
- h. The college had to get a whole new faculty for the following year. They found fine new teachers.
- 7. The last farewell of President Slocum
 - a. Everyone was pleased to see him go.
 - b. A girl who worked for him said, "I have absolutely no respect for him."
- 8. In 1922 Mrs. Lewis (Helen) Abbot felt that the more wealthy people and the "Society Set" had admired Dr. Slocum, and they were angry with the trustees for throwing him out.
- 9. A society was started with the purpose of acquainting the new women professors and professors' wives with the "society set"
 - a. It was a book club called the "Reviewers"
 - b. It consisted of eight townspeople and eight college people.
 - c. Mrs. Lipsey was invited to join.
- V. The influence of Colorado College on Mrs. Lipsey's later life
 - A. She did not attend her class reunions.
 - B. She had been more interested in the intellectual life of C. C. than in the social life.
 - C. She went into the antiquarian book business with her husband.
 - 1. Her husband wrote the biography of James John Hagerman, the builder of the Midland Railroad.
 - a. She helped with the research for the book.
 - b. J. J. Hagerman's son Percy Hagerman provided them with his personal letters.
 - c. J. J. Hagerman wrote all of his business letters by hand.
 - d. The harshest remark he ever made in those letters was that someone was "just trifling."
 - e. Mrs. Lipsey's husband had great satisfaction in his friendship with Percy Hagerman.
 - f. The biography was published in Denver (Golden Bell Press) in about 1963.
 - g. Each original edition had an original stock certificate of the Isabel goldmines inside the cover.
 - h. One of the last things her husband did was to autograph some copies of the book in his hospital bed.
 - 2. Specialization in the antiquarian book business---The American West
 - a. Cripple Creek millionaires were either moving away or dying so they could buy some very good libraries for a good price.
 - b. Top collectors came to their house to see their collection of Western History.