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TROY FEMALE SEMINARY.



This valuable Institution for nearly thirty years has shed the light of useful learning and moral purity into the minds of the daughters of the land. Through its length and breadth are scattered the thousands whose characters have been moulded by the healthy influence of this alma mater. And, whether they fill, as many of them do, the most conspicuous stations of society, or, in the capacity of public teachers or authors are imparting the light which they have received, or gladden the obscure dwellings of the more private walks of life, they every where rise up and bless the Institution to whose fostering care they owe their sound minds, pure hearts, and energetic action.

This school led the way in giving experimental proof that the most highly cultivated intellect is perfectly compatible with feminine gentleness and grace, and that a judgment strengthened and enlightened by severe study conduces to the successful performance of the minor offices of the domestic station. It has exhibited the best manner of fitting women to discharge their important duties, and to meet their high responsibilities, while they are the patient and useful dispensers of domestic comfort and the joy and ornament of social life.

The ardent zeal of its founder, Mrs. Emma Willard, for the improvement of her sex, impelled her to devote her intellectual energies to the es-

tablishment of an Institution, having for its object, first, the religious and moral; second, the literary; third, the domestic; and fourth, the ornamental education of women; expecting to attain these ends by strengthening and developing in due order and proportion the physical and mental powers. She succeeded in giving an impulse which has wrought important changes in the character of female education. She was a pioneer in this new field of usefulness; and by the judicious and energetic application of correct principles, she reared an Institution which has not only made thousands of well-educated, useful women, and furnished principals and teachers for the most distinguished schools in every part of the Union, but by showing what can be done in female education has induced hundreds of other gifted individuals to become the educators of female youth on rational and religious principles.

Mrs. Emma Willard founded the school, of which the Troy Female Seminary is a continuation in Middlebury, Vermont, in 1814. She removed it to Waterford in this state, on the promise of aid from the gentlemen of that place in carrying before the legislature a petition for incorporating and endowing an institution for females. Then for the first time the rights of woman in regard to education were plead in a legislative hall. Being defeated in the hopes of an endowment, and the patronage having greatly

increased, the school was removed to Troy, in 1821, that it might have the use of more commodious buildings.

Since the year 1837, this Institution has received a large share of the literature fund. It is furnished with a valuable library, extensive apparatus, &c. It has educated more than five thousand young ladies. The average number of pupils is two hundred. About twenty teachers are constantly employed, which gives a ratio of one teacher to ten pupils. It has been conducted for four years past, by Mr. John H. Willard and Mrs. Sarah L. Willard. The latter spent nineteen years in the Institution as pupil, teacher and vice-principal before assuming its government.

In this Institution the school year consists of 44 weeks, divided into two terms of 22 weeks each; the one commencing the first Wednesday of March, at the close of which is a vacation of six weeks; the other commencing the third Wednesday of September, at the close of which is a vacation of two weeks.

The charge for tuition and board, with all the necessaries connected therewith, \$200 per annum. An additional charge is made for music and the other ornamental branches of female education, or where a fixed sum is preferred, \$300 per annum, one half payable at the commencement of each term will be received, and for it the pupil will be entitled to all the advantages of the Institution.