

her up, and how well he adapted her for her work. Chronological dates and biographical details I leave to others; but the great lessons of providential wisdom, and design, and goodness taught by her history I must not pass by.

What, then, was the chief object or objects for which our lamented friend seemed specially adapted by nature and education? Every one will doubtless answer, It was the promotion of female education. But this statement is too general; for to a great extent her labors were specific. She was, indeed, an eminent teacher of the young, and this seems to me the first great object for which Providence fitted her. But there were some marked peculiarities in her teaching; the most important of which was the predominance she gave to the truths of religion in all her instructions. The second great object of her life was the founding and management of a new and somewhat peculiar seminary. Let us now see what there was in her nature, and in the preparatory discipline through which she passed, that adapted her for the eminent success which she attained.

And here I ought to acknowledge my indebtedness for many facts and suggestions to those ladies, well known themselves as distinguished teachers, who still live, and were long associated with Miss Lyon as teachers and companions.

But I may be allowed to add that it is no second-hand representation which I make, but one founded upon a personal and intimate acquaintance of more than thirty years, during which my house was frequently made her home.

*We will first consider Miss Lyon's physical adaptation to the work assigned her.*

God gave her a vigorous and well-balanced physical constitution. Her stature was at a medium; the muscular powers were displayed in great strength and vigor; the vital