

my labors." How evident that such a state of mind was just the one that was needed for the herculean task of founding this institution ! and how obviously it was the natural result of that long and severe discipline through which she had passed !

Could we have looked forward to the results which are before us to-day, it would indeed have been a scene of high moral sublimity to have seen this female going forth on this great enterprise almost single-handed. I well remember the first meeting, in this part of Massachusetts, of some eight or ten friends of education, which was held at my house to hear her statements. We saw the object, indeed, to be a noble one, and therefore we could not but wish it God speed ; and the address to the public, which that meeting called forth, signed by John Todd, Joseph Penney, and Roswell Hawks, did, indeed, express confidence in its ultimate success ; but I fear, that had there not been faith somewhere else stronger than ours, the walls of this seminary would not yet have risen. Nevertheless, she who was willing to wait one or two years to see if some door would not open, could discover a bow of promise where others saw only a black cloud. Steadily did she move onward in the work, cheered by the slightest indication of success, and undiscouraged by ridicule, hostility, and discomfiture. And it was not mere indifference which she had to meet ; but respectable periodicals appeared, charged with sarcasm and enmity to her plans. So ungenerous did some of these attacks seem, that I volunteered a defence, and consulted her as to its publication. I found her entirely unruffled by these attacks, and without any personal feeling in respect to a vindication. She did not object to the spirit or style of my defence, and I left it in her hands, to be published, if she thought it best. But that is the last I ever heard or saw of it.