

scents are many cornfields and delightful groues. On the east is an isle of two or three leagues in length — the one half plain marsh ground, fit for pasture or salt ponds, with many fine high groues of mulberry trees. There are also oaks, pines, walnuts, and other wood, to make this place an excellent habitation.” Nineteen years afterwards, the pilgrims located themselves in this spot; and, more than one hundred years after, two young ladies had made the pleasant village which had sprung up there the seat of a flourishing female seminary. God had greatly smiled upon their efforts; for while they placed their standard of literary attainments high, religion, not nominally only, but practically, was made paramount to every thing else. The consequence was, that Ipswich female seminary soon attracted the attention, not only of the wise and the good in our own land, but even of visitors from Europe; for it sent a benign influence to the remotest portions of this country, and even to far distant heathen lands. Its moulding power gave to the female character that happy shape which, while it fitted woman for great energy of action, did not hide those milder virtues and that grace of manners which make her influence almost irresistible over the human heart.

The ladies who had charge of this seminary were not insensible to the blessings with which God had crowned their labors. They had the joy of witnessing, from month to month and from year to year, a silent yet transforming divine influence, whereby a large proportion of all who came there unconverted returned to their paternal roof with the new song of redeeming love upon their lips. They went back, also, with a new and deeper sense of their responsibilities to their fellow-beings, and with a strong determination henceforth to devote the energies of their minds to the cause of human