

But there was another work, still more difficult to execute, and probably more important in its effects, which she accomplished ; and that was, to found, or rather create, the Mount Holyoke Seminary. A minute history of that undertaking, from its inception to its completion, would show how wonderfully Miss Lyon and all concerned in it were prepared and led along by an overruling Providence. But justice to my subject and to the principal agents will not allow me to pass it entirely over.

The prominent features of the Mount Holyoke Female Seminary, as it was ultimately established, and by which it differed from any other in New England, were the following. I do not mean that in no other institution have they been introduced partially ; but here alone have they been fully carried out and brought into harmonious action.

1. This seminary is permanently endowed.

2. From its foundation to its topstone, it was carried forward by an appeal to Christian benevolence ; and the donors were not encouraged to expect any other reward than that which springs from doing good. Many judicious friends did not believe it possible to procure the means on such exclusively benevolent principles. But it was done triumphantly.

3. Hence, thirdly, no one connected with the seminary as

“In her glowing benevolence to all for whom Christ died.

“In her burning zeal to do all in her power towards extending the knowledge of the Redeemer to every creature.

“In her understanding and heartfelt sense of the necessity of bringing great and unalterable truths in contact with the human mind in a way suited to produce their legitimate effects.

“In a practical belief that what ought to be done can be done.

“In a deep sense that, without God’s blessing, all will be in vain.

“In an abiding reliance on God, and a cheerful expectation of his blessing.”