

I need not further detail the progress of this work to its completion, because it is too familiar to most of those who hear me. It was, indeed, a long, and sometimes apparently a doubtful struggle ; and faith less firm than that of the presiding genius of this enterprise would often have given out. But remarkable wisdom seemed to have been given her in the formation of her plans, and in the selection of agents and guardians. She lived to see not less than sixty thousand dollars contributed by the Christian public ; yonder noble edifice erected, with its accommodations for two hundred pupils ; the debts of the institution all liquidated ; and the whole plan in successful operation for twelve years ; during which sixteen hundred young ladies enjoyed its privileges, and eleven revivals of religion stamped the seal of God's approbation upon the enterprise and the institution. How much larger these results than the anticipations of its founder when she said, "I should seek for nothing permanent after my decease" ! and what a lesson of encouragement to all those who are waiting in patient faith and hope to know what God will have them do !

Such was Miss Lyon ; such the discipline through which she was made to pass to fit her for her work ; and such the magnificent results. We are amazed when we look back at the amount and magnitude of her labors. Very few females have done so much for the world while they lived, or have left so rich a legacy when they died. Nor is the fair picture marred by dark stains, save those of microscopic littleness. From the days of her childhood to the time of her death, all her physical, intellectual, and moral powers were concentrated upon some useful and noble object, while selfishness and self-gratification seem never to have stood at all in the way, or to have retarded the fervid wheels of benevolence. I cannot,