

she is able to fill a private station with great dignity, usefulness, and happiness.

The plan was thus laid, and the agent ready for the work ; but what an herculean task to carry it into execution ! Who could be made to believe that permanence in a female seminary was desirable ? Who, especially, could be persuaded to give money for an enterprise of so doubtful utility and uncertain success ? I believe the effort must have been a failure, if, in the first place, the prime mover had not been a woman ; if, in the second place, she had not in the outset appealed to woman ; and if, in the third place, she had not acquired so firm a conviction of the excellence of her cause as to feel assured that God would ultimately make it triumph — so that coldness, ridicule, and enmity would produce no effect but to stimulate her to greater efforts and more fervent prayer. Yes, she did first appeal to women ; and, to the everlasting honor of the ladies of Ipswich, be it known that they raised a purse of five hundred dollars to give the first impulse to the cause ; and, what is still more to their credit, they did this when they knew that the proposed seminary would be located in some other part of the country. This was soon increased to one thousand dollars by other ladies ; and if that sum had not been raised, probably the walls of this seminary would never have gone up. Thus the prompt impulse of woman's generous heart has secured that object which man's cold wisdom would have deemed quixotic, but which he is now willing to acknowledge to be most noble in character and rich in promise.

It cannot be expected that, on this occasion, I should go into minute details respecting the means used to advance this enterprise, and the many difficulties which have been overcome to bring it into its present condition. There is but one