

Rochester Female Seminary.

At an adjourned meeting of the friends and subscribers of this Institution, held at the Supreme Court room in this city, on Thursday evening, June 31, Hon. AARON EMICKSON was called to the Chair, and LEWIS H. MORGAN appointed Secretary.

The proceedings of the last meeting were read. After which the report of the committee on subscriptions was called for and presented; from which it appeared that 42 of the 50 Scholarships had been taken, and that the residue, without much difficulty, could be disposed of. It further appeared that Asariah Moody, Esq., had, with characteristic generosity, offered for the acquisition of the Institution a site for the same, valued at \$10,000. It further appeared that several subscriptions of \$1000 each had been obtained for the permanent endowment of the Institution.

After some discussion on the present condition of the enterprise, a proposition emanating from a recent organization, styled the "American Woman's Educational Association," was laid before the meeting. It came from Mrs. Catharine Beecher, on behalf of the Association, and embraces a plan of that organization, as adopted at a meeting of its members held in the city of New York. It was as follows:—

"The object of this Association is to secure to American Women a liberal education, honorable position, and remunerative employment in their appropriate professions.

"The profession of Woman embraces three distinct departments,—the training of the human mind, (teaching,) the development and care of the human body in infancy and sickness, (nurses of children and nurses of the sick,) and the conservation of the family state, (housekeepers and domestic assistants).

"The leading measure to be preserved by this Association is the establishment of permanent endowed institutions for Women, embracing the leading features of Colleges and professional institutions for the other sex; i. e., they shall be conducted by a Faculty of Teachers, each being the head of a given department, and no one having a control over the others. An office corresponding to that of the President of a College, shall be optional with those who control each Institution.

"The means of establishing such Institutions shall be as follows: An agent of this Association shall make this offer to some city or large town, in a section where teachers and schools are most needed:

"First. That the citizens shall organize a Board of Trustees, in which the various religious denominations of the place shall be fairly represented; that these Trustees shall provide temporary accommodations and pupils enough to support four teachers; that a primary and high school department be organized, and that the College plan of a Faculty of Teachers be adopted.

"On these conditions the Association shall furnish the Institution with a library and apparatus to the value of one thousand dollars. The first Board of Teachers shall be appointed by the Association, with the advice and consent of the Trustees; and therefore the Faculty shall have the nominating and the Trustees the appointing power.

"Second. As soon as the teachers have secured public confidence, and provided that they can work harmoniously together, the citizens shall erect a building, at an expense of not less than ten thousand dollars, and engage to give gratuitous tuition to twenty Normal pupils. In return, the Association shall provide an endowment of twenty thousand dollars, the interest of which shall furnish the salaries of three Superior teachers, each having charge of one of the three departments set forth above as constituting the profession of Woman.

"They also shall aid in the Literary instructions. These three teachers, with the beneficiary Normal pupils and any other who may wish and be qualified to enter, shall constitute the Normal Department. The Normal pupils shall act as assistants in the primary and high school departments, under the direction of the principal teachers.

"With each Institution shall be connected an organization of Ladies resident in the place of location, who, with the teachers of the Normal Department, shall carry out a system for raising up schools in destitute places, and in securing employment and suitable compensation for all teachers trained in this Institution. When the home supply is inadequate, teachers shall be sought from the Board of National Popular Education, and other similar Associations. All teachers thus located shall be under the special care of this local Association, and the boarding establishment of the Normal Department shall serve as a temporary home to them in all emergencies demanding it.

"Funds contracted for endowments shall be held in trust for this Association by Gentlemen Trustees incorporated for the purpose.

"The whole control of the business and funds shall be in a Board of Managers, who shall appoint their own officers, agents and executive committee. This Board shall have power to perpetuate and increase itself, but the number from any one religious denomination shall never exceed one-fifth of the whole.

"Not less than seven different denominations shall be represented in the Board, and a majority shall be Ladies who are or have been practical teachers. Seven members of the Board and three of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum. The Board shall meet annually at such time and place as it shall appoint. A meeting may also be called at any time at the request of any three members of the Board."

This measure was then discussed by the Rev. Dr. Dewey, Gen. Gould, Prof Raymond, and others, and elicited much interest. After which the following resolutions, submitted by Prof. Raymond, were adopted:

Resolved, That the present State of the subscriptions for the endowment of a Female College in the city of Rochester encourages a vigorous prosecution of the effort and a confident expectation of its speedy and entire success.

Resolved, That we have heard with much interest of the organization and early movement of the "American Woman's Educational Association;" and that in our judgment it may be judicious for the Trustees of the Rochester Female College to take into consideration the proposals made by that Association.

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to tender a cordial invitation to the Ladies of that Association to hold their next public meeting in the month of August in this city.

The following Ladies were appointed as such Committee:—Mrs Jacob Gould, Mrs E. J. Conant, Mrs. S. L. Selden, Mrs Freeman Clarke, Mrs. L. H. Morgan.

On motion of Dr. Dewey,

Resolved, That when this meeting adjourns, it adjourn to meet again on Thursday evening of next week, June 10, at 7½ o'clock, in the Supreme Court Room, at the Court House.

After which the meeting adjourned.

AARON EMICKSON, Chairman.

LEWIS H. MORGAN, Secretary.