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CONSTITUTION,
OF THE
American Woman's Educational Association.

Art. 1. The name of the society is the *American Woman's Educational Association*.

Art. 2. The object of this Association is to aid in securing to American Women a liberal education, honorable position, and remunerative employment *in their appropriate profession*; the distinctive profession of woman being considered as embracing the training of the human mind, the care of the human body in infancy and in sickness, and the conservation of the family state.

Art. 3. The leading measure to be pursued by this Association is the establishment of permanent, endowed institutions, for women; embracing the leading features of college 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 control over the others. An office corresponding to that of the President of a college, shall be optional with those who control each institution.

Art. 5. The mode 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 a 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 thereafter, the Faculty shall have the nominating, and the Trustees the appointing power.

Second: As soon as the Teachers have secured public confidence, and proved 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 the 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 others who may wish and are 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.

Art. 5. 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 for securing employ and suitable compensation for all teachers trained in the institution. When the home supply is inadequate, the 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.

Art. 6. Funds contributed for endowments shall be held in trust for this Association, by gentlemen Trustees incorporated for the purpose.

Art. 7 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 members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum. The Board shall meet annually at such time and place as it shall appoint, and the presiding officer shall be appointed at each meeting. A meeting may also be called at any time, at the request of any three members of the Board.

The following article was added to the Constitution at the annual meeting in May, 1854.

Art. 8. Any person may become an honorary life member of this association by the payment of twenty five dollars, and an honorary patron of the enterprise by the payment of fifty dollars or upwards.

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THE SECOND ANNUAL MEETING

Of the Board of Managers of the American Woman's Educational Association was held in the city of New York, on Saturday, May 13th, 1854, when the following Report was adopted.

REPORT:

The first Report of this Association was mainly occupied with a presentation of the prominent features of the enterprise. For the benefit of those who have not read it, we will briefly recapitulate its main points.

1. The first object of this Association is to *create liberal professions for woman*, so that her distinctive duties in life, embracing *the training of the human mind, the care of the human body* in its delicate period of infancy, in childhood and in sickness, and *the conservation of the family state*, may sustain to her the same inspiring and elevating relations which the professions of man sustain to him.

2. Another object is to secure for woman *a liberal education*, fitting her as thoroughly for these duties as men can be fitted by our colleges for their professions.

This involves an effort to secure the establishment of institutions for woman which shall be to her what the colleges are to men—which shall enjoy the advantages of a *Faculty of Teachers*, adequate both in ability and number, and be furnished with a *funded endowment*, to aid in their liberal and honorable support. Colleges have always been endowed; female institutions, never.

It involves also the institution of a *course of study* designed to educate woman more perfectly *for her own appropriate duties* in life, as mentioned above.