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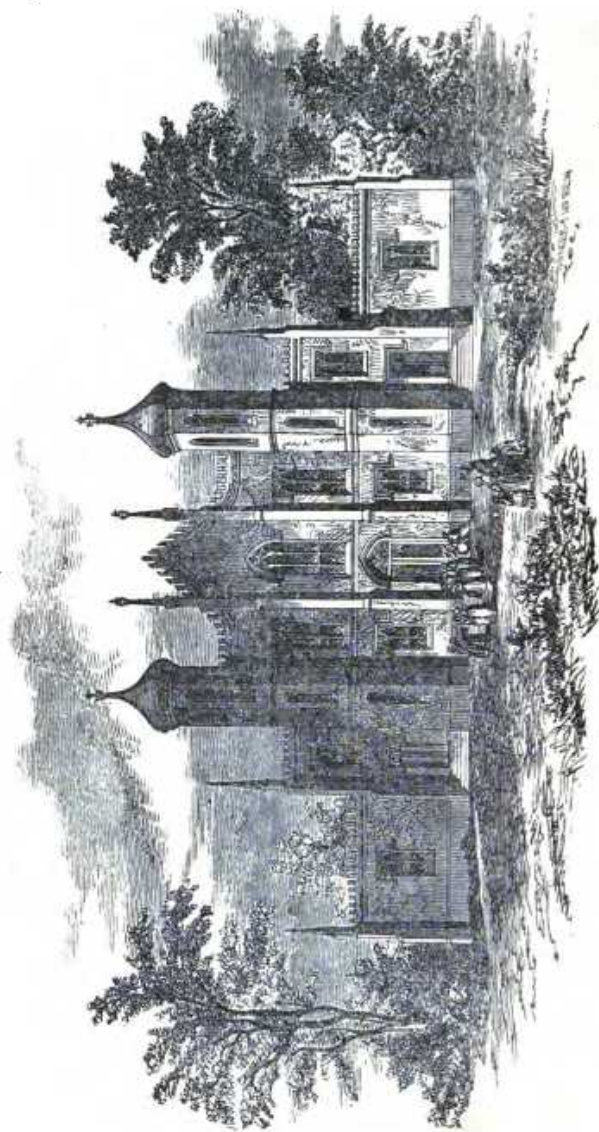
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# CONSTITUTION

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 institution. 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