

ADVANCEMENT
OF
FEMALE EDUCATION:
OR, A SERIES OF
ADDRESSES,
IN FAVOR OF ESTABLISHING
AT ATHENS, IN GREECE,

A
FEMALE SEMINARY, ESPECIALLY DESIGNED TO INSTRUCT
FEMALE TEACHERS.

BY EMMA WILLARD.

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MRS. WILLARD'S ADDRESS,

READ BY THE REV. MR. PECK,

AT A MEETING HELD AT ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, TROY, ON THE EVENING OF JAN. 8, 1833,
WHOSE OBJECT, AS EXPRESSED BY PREVIOUS NOTICES, WAS TO INTEREST
THE PUBLIC

IN BEHALF OF FEMALE EDUCATION IN GREECE.

It will not, I hope, be deemed indecorous, that I presume to address a few words, to this respected assembly, on the subject which has called us together. In conversing with my neighbors in regard to it, some, (and they are among those whom I love and respect,) have appeared to look at me as though they thought I was possessed of a kind of infatuation, to interest myself so deeply in such a subject. Methought they would have said, "What are the Greeks to you? You have already enough to do—why assume an additional burden in caring for this distant people?"

To justify my conduct to these, to move others to feel as I feel—I would briefly state the circumstances by which I have been led, and the reasons which actuate my conduct.

The cause of the Greeks has heretofore appealed to us, as that of a struggling and suffering nation. They have bled at every pore in the cause of liberty and the rights of man. We, as inheritors of a freedom bought by the blood of our fathers, felt the appeal. Our *deeds* proved that we *truly* felt it. Again our *domestic* sympathies were touched. We heard of the Grecian widow, wandering with her helpless offspring over the devastated hills of her now barren country. She had no protector—for her husband had been butchered before her eyes: she had no shelter—for her cottage had been burned: and now her babes were hungry and cold—and she had neither food nor clothing to give them. As women, we felt the appeal, and our hands ministered to their necessities. We recollect the good work with satisfaction; and the circumstance that we *have* cared for them; that we

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and that we will send to them annually a printed report of our further operations : also, such intelligence as we may receive from Greece—the state of our funds—the sources from whence we derive them, and all the other important information in our power, concerning the object of our mutual interest. And any lady, making a donation of ten dollars or upwards, shall be considered a member of this society during its continuance, and shall receive a copy of our annual report.

Resolved, That the work presented by Mrs. Willard, be printed under the superintendence of the Society.

On the following Saturday evening, a public meeting was held at St. Johns church, for the further discussion of this interesting subject. A resolution was there passed, approving the design, as stated in the third resolution given above, of the publication of Mrs. Willard's Address in the form of "An Appeal to the Public for aid in promoting so arduous an undertaking."

It was also resolved, that the Rev. Clergy who had attended either of the meetings, be appointed a committee of revision ; Mrs. Willard having stated in a short communication, read by the Rev. Mr. Peck, that she might wish to add passages, or make alterations which she should be afraid to do, were a committee of revision not appointed, as from the resolutions of the society, and the favourable opinion expressed by her respected fellow-citizens, she was aware that the public would not look on her alone, as responsible for what it might contain.

Mrs. Willard, in making additions to her first address, found the subject growing upon her hands, until she produced the two addresses here following the original one ; which on being laid before the committee of revision, received their sanction.

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