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Money spent at Little Laboratory: Report, 10/1873

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The amount of money which passed through the hands of The Comcittee was \$ 18
\$1808.00. Of this the society(Women,s Education Association) itself contributed
\$857.

Besides this :

A fine microscope was given by Mr. Edward Austin.

\$ 100 was contributed by the women,s Club for an instrument.

\$ 100 was also given by Mrs. Sever for apparatus.

The only plan that seemed practicable last May ,as you may recall, to fit
up the south end of the Drill Hall, making two rooms fairly comfortable.

During the summer the new departure of the mechanical department was proposed
and it was thought best to combine the two new ideas so ~~war~~ as to erect a sepa
_rate building.

This being ~~decided on~~, the question arose on the amount of space to be given
to the women,s department. It was believed that this modest beginning would soon
grow to much larger dimensions, and instead of two rooms upstairs, there are now
four rooms on the ground floor.

Of course this involved extra expense, but we trust that it will readily be
met as the success of the project is demonstrated.

If I remember rightly , I estimated the probable number of pupils for the
first winter at 15. There were 17 names on Prof Ordways list some days ago.

But the mere Laboratory is not the only fruit of this step . You must have
noticed among the School (Technology) advertisements the following :

"WOMEN_STUDENTS WERE ADMITTED TO CERTAIN COURSES"

It is with pardonable pride that the Women,s Education Association may look
on the results of its efforts, results so soon realized , and far beyond the
most sanguine expectations.

The time was fully come for such a step, or the difficulty was much less
than was imagined. Probably both statements are true.

Lest there should be a misunderstanding as to the attitude of the faculty
from the fact that onlo certain courses are mentionned in the notice, I will state
that several members were not accessible when it was necessary to print the list
and of course nothing would be done without their consent.

I may be allowed to mention Dr. Sterry Hunt as one, and he has since said to Prof Ordway, that he trusted he should not be slighted by the ladies, but that some of them would find it worth while to attend his lectures.

In the course of a few weeks you will be invited to visit one of the most comfortable and convenient Laboratories to be found on either side of the Atlantic in which the question is to be solved—Have women any capacity for Scientific Work ?