

confidence, however, was such that for the first month she was only heard to speak once above a whisper. On the retirement of Mr. Hall, W. H. Troop, Esq., took charge of the school; and for several successive years, in the day and sabbath school, she enjoyed the advantages of his faithful and successful labours.

On the removal of her parents to Fredericton, at the close of 1839, to take charge for a time of the Baptist church in that place, Mary Ann entered the Female department of the Fredericton Seminary, then in charge of an accomplished English lady, by the name of Miss Bennet, who had been brought out from England by the late Rev. Frederick Miles to fill that important position. On the retirement of Miss Bennet, her place was ably filled by Mrs. W. Needham, and the daughter therefore continued to enjoy the best advantages which the Seminary could impart, until her father's return to Nictaux. Having no prospect of a school at Nictaux adapted to her advanced stage of progress, an arrangement was made by which she was placed under the care and tuition of Mrs. Miles, now the beloved wife of Rev. R. W. Cushman, of Boston. All that love could suggest, or mature capability could execute, was cheerfully done in this connection to perfect the work which had been so well commenced. As might be expected, under the instructions of one so competent and so deeply interested, the pupil's progress was most rapid and satisfactory. On the marriage of Mrs. Miles, the daughter returned to her parents at Nictaux, where she remained until the autumn of 1844, when she was taken by her father to Boston, and placed in the Baptist Seminary at Charleston; and while pursuing her studies in that excellent institution, she took private lessons of a highly accomplished English lady, in some of the ornamental branches.

HER TEACHING CAPABILITIES.

For the twofold purpose of perfecting herself in her own school studies, and imparting the advantages which she had enjoyed to others, in the 17th year of her age she opened a superior school for young ladies in her father's house at Nictaux. This, so far as we know, was the first Baptist female school of superior type opened in Nova Scotia. It was soon filled by a class of young ladies, who prosecuted their studies with commendable assiduity, and with highly satisfactory results. Several of these are now filling

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