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Editor's Note: The cover material represents portraits of two of the outstanding women leaders in antebellum America. The right portrait duplicates an 1832 steel engraving of Mary Lyon (1797-1849), leading spirit of Mt. Holyoke Seminary. The portrait on the left depicts Emma Willard (1787-1870), founder of the Troy female Seminary. We are grateful to the Emma Willard School which kindly supplied the photograph of this portrait, which is in their possession. We have reproduced above these women a view of the Troy Female Seminary, circa 1822, from the History of Education Slides, Creative Educational Materials, Dekalb, Illinois.