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My dear Miss Tarbell -

May I stop

a busy woman long enough
to ask her where she
found the fact that Mrs. Willard
Troy Seminary was incorporated
in 1821? (December American)

I have been investigating
early school conditions
in the United States with

reference to a new life
of Mary Lyon which is
now in press, and before
letting it slip through my
fingers I am anxious to
have it as accurate as
possible. Mrs. John
Loomis' remarks on the
Troy Seminary's incorporation
are a trifle bewildering,
I think. I applied to
Mr. Gurley of Troy and he
set the date in May, 1837.
At that time the trustees
secured the title to just enough

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page 215 — in case you gather
these papers into a book. It was
the spring of 1820 that Miss Lyon
began teaching in Ipswich
Seminary. (The building had
been used for school purposes
previously, but incorporation
was secured before Miss Grant's
coming). It is rather in-
teresting to note that Adams
Academy in Terry N. H. (then
Soudbury), where they had
both taught together previously,
was the first incorporated
Academy for girls in New England
and the first girls' school of that
it said — to receive a bequest
of money, being founded as a ^{result of} will
of one, Jacob Adams.
Sincerely yours,
Bath Bradford Childs