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The first woman mathematician regarding whom we have positive knowledge is the celebrated Hypatia, recognized head of the Neoplatonic school, who was barbarously murdered at the hands of an Alexandrian mob in the early part of the fifth century. She was the daughter of Theon, also a mathematician and philosopher, who edited Euclid's *Elements*. "Her great eloquence and rare modesty and beauty combined with her remarkable intellectual gifts attracted to her classroom a large number of pupils." She is said to have been the author of commentaries on works by Diophantus, Apollonius of Perga, and Ptolemy.

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