

Japan, China, Siam, and Brazil. England is conspicuous by her absence—more's the pity. On the aluminium tip at the summit is inscribed *Laus Deo*. At the height of 504 feet the walls are pierced with eight windows, which afford extensive views on every side, and from each opening a magnificent sight is presented; we went lingeringly from window to window. Immediately below, and stretching away to the White House on the north and the Capitol on the east, is the beautiful landscape gardening of the Mall and the parks, the city beyond, and then the blue hills rolling away to the horizon. On the Virginia Hills to the west is Arlington. The winding course of the Potomac may be followed for miles, and on this supremely clear day we discern in the western distance the mountains of the Blue Ridge in Virginia.

The City of Washington, with its white palaces and leafy avenues, and its channels of running waters, lies at our feet, and from this surprising height Winthrop's words at the laying of the corner-stone seem indeed prophetic.

"Lay the corner-stone of a monument," he said, "which shall adequately bespeak the gratitude of the whole American people to the illustrious Father of his Country. Build it to the skies; you cannot outreach the loftiness of his principles! Found it upon the massive and eternal rock; you cannot make it more enduring than his fame! Construct it of the peerless Parian marble; you cannot make it purer than his life! Exhaust upon it the rules and principles of ancient and modern art; you cannot make it more proportionate than his character!"

As we descend and pass out into the brilliant light of a magnificent summer's day, I am more eager than ever to find myself at Mount Vernon.

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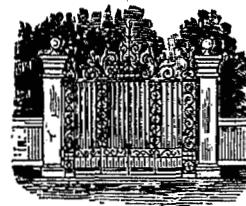
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Progress at the Kidderminster Infirmary.

On Monday, the 13th inst., at three o'clock, the foundation-stone of the William Adam Memorial Ward of the Kidderminster Infirmary and Children's Hospital was laid by the Mayor, Mr. Peter Adam. Sir Sidney Lea in a short speech, mentioned that in February, 1901, the town having decided to carry out some much-needed improvements to the Infirmary as a fitting memorial to her late Majesty Queen Victoria, and the funds collected not being sufficient to carry out the entire scheme, Mrs. Adam, of Elderlie, generously offered to build and furnish a ward of six beds in memory of her late husband, Mr. William Adam, which offer was gratefully accepted. The new aseptic operating theatre (to be called the Queen Victoria Memorial Theatre), with anæsthetic and sterilising rooms, will be placed over the new ward.

Outside the Gates.

WOMEN.



Real feeling pervaded the large audience assembled in St. James's Hall, Piccadilly, on Monday night, to protest against the Education Bill on the ground that it disqualifies women as elected administrators of education. The meeting, over which Lady Strachey ably presided, was convened by the Women's Local Government Society, and was conducted throughout entirely on non-party lines.

The resolution proposed by Mrs. Homan, M.L.S.B., seconded by Mr. Cyril Dodd, K.C., and supported by Mrs. Arthur Phillp (Birmingham), Mrs. Deans (Women's Co-operative Guild), Rev. A. Lilley (Vicar of St. Mary's, Paddington), Mrs. Dickinson Berry, M.D. (medical examiner for defective children under the London School Board), The Lady Battersea, and Miss Lidgett, P.L.G., was enthusiastically and unanimously carried. It ran:—"That this non-party meeting protests against the present Education Bill on the ground that, by establishing as education authorities councils to which women are not eligible, the Bill excludes women from being members of local authorities." The following rider was also carried:—"That this resolution be sent to the Prime Minister, the Leader of the Opposition, and to Members of the House of Commons." It was proposed by Mr. G. Whiteley, M.L.S.B., seconded by Miss Catherine Webb (Women's Industrial Council), and supported by Miss I. O. Ford, Parish Councillor, Adel., Leeds, and Mrs. Burgwin (Superintendent of Schools for Special Instruction under the London School Board). The unmistakable feeling of the meeting was that the Bill was a bad and unjust one, and must be opposed tooth and nail.

At the Church Congress, held at Northampton, Miss Tuckwell, one of the factory inspectors of the Home Office, spoke on the grievances of women workers with much eloquence. What a subsequent speaker called her "appealing voice" held the audience from first to last, and at the close there was a striking demonstration of approval. She referred to laundry women standing for hours ankle-deep in water, to dress-makers stitching for long hours in rooms heated only by the gas and their own breath, to women hidden away in nurseries and bedrooms to get ready the dresses for the pantomimes, most of this work being done at an average wage of 6d. to 7d. an hour, with fines for talking and laughing, deduction for water, gas, machinery, the doctor, and the hospital. Next she spoke of the accidents which occur from the non-fencing of machinery and the influence of all this on the morality and social condition of the women.

We built penitentiaries, she remarked, for those who might never have been impure, hospitals for those who might never have been sick, workhouses for those who never had an opportunity of earning a human wage, yet the factory laws that we had were not enforced. We aided and abetted the police to carry out

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