

THE MONUMENTAL CITY

VIEWS OF PICTURESQUE RICHMOND

Her Pleasant Parks and Public Buildings Faithfully Portrayed and Her Beauty Graphically Described.

Richmond sits as a queen enthroned, the paragon of her sex, robed in loveliness and clad in grandeur; her cheeks are touched by perfect health and rich coloring, and from her hands, in lavish profusion, she bestows great gifts to man.

Nearly two centuries ago, while the mists of the waters floated about these tree-crowned hills and the sweet murmur of the falls was re-echoed from their sides, a man of culture and of poetic mind viewed this lovely site and with prophetic eye saw a city build here whose inhabitants should revolved in a garden of perpetual sunshine, where disease should be a stranger, and a peaceful, happy people lulled to sleep each evening by the soft, sweet cadence of the winding river.

The years passed by, and the succeeding seasons crowned the hills with verdure or whirled the brown, serene leaves down their steep declivities. In 1737 the dream took tangible shape, and the queen of to-day, in swaddling clothes, was introduced to a world. The pen pictures of her then, as history preserves them, compared with that presented in The Times to-day is worthy of more than a passing glance.

One of the most conducive elements to the health of this city is its broad avenues and its numerous parks. Down the long, wide streets that reach from hill to hill, shaded here and there by spreading elms and ancient sycamores, the cool breezes sweep and "lash before them the lazy elements that would stagnate into pestilence."

Years ago Monroe Park, now one of the sweetest in the city, was the old State Fair grounds, and the haunt now of child and mother was then the scene of the race track and kindred sports. A beautiful monument of bronze erected to the memory of General Williams C. Wickham adorns the park, and here too in a short time will be erected a monument to Mr. Jefferson Davis, president of the Confederacy, which will cost \$250,000.

One of the photographs given in this issue combines peculiarly the ancient landmarks and the expression of the advancement of the present generation. The picture portrays the old historic State capital building, with its ancient style of architecture, which from the pleasant seat upon which it is surrounded by a beautiful park, has looked down upon a growing city through the still lapse of years.

The Washington monument in this group was erected by the people nearly half a century ago, and is considered one of the finest ever placed upon American soil.

The city hall is the result of recent determination, and is the actual requirements of a growing city. The building itself is the embodiment of the pronounced architectural excellence of the age, and when finished will have no superior in all the Southland.

Two other views are given with this of Richmond, embracing the old St. Paul's church, with observations looking to the southwest and northwest. The ancient church for many years has remained an object of interest to visitors here.

A large and excellent view of the city is given in the picture taken from the top of the largest flouring mill of the city. From this can readily be gained a valid conception of the extent of her favored limits, and the magnificence of the buildings, public and private, which adorn the city. In this can be seen the handsome stores and spacious warehouses occupied by many of those whose names appear in this edition. A splendid view is also obtained of the magnificent Times building. This building is five stories in height, with gable roofs and tower. It is built of handsome pressed brick, and trimmed with granite.

The photograph of Mayo's bridge, which spans the surging river and connects the city of Manchester with Richmond, is given. This includes the city's manufacturing plants and the adjacent residences. Another river view commands the upper James and the bridges over it. In this can be seen Belle Isle, the renowned prison island, whose history is interwoven with that of the conflict which terminated in the glorious Tegegar, when during the year of relentless war the cannon and cannon balls for the Confederacy were cast, is also presented. A glimpse is given of the falls of the James as it dashes among the rocks, sparkles in the sunshine and rushes on in rippling music to the sea.

The photograph of Libby Hill with Chimborazo Park beyond gives an opportunity for the consideration of two of the loveliest spots in the city. The winding driveways beneath the sheltering trees command a magnificent view of the river, and of the entire city. The monument to the private soldiers and sailors of the Confederacy is nearly completed, and as no correct photograph has yet been printed of it, it is given in this issue. The monument occupies a position on the crest of Libby Hill, and towering above the city spires, rests at evening bathed in golden light, a fitting tribute to those gallant men of other days, who passed in silence to their final reward doing their duty as the Maker gave them the light to see it.

The Reservoir Park presents to the visitor a perfect landscape of natural loveliness, toned by art and enhanced by beautiful decorations that supplement the rustic grandeur. The park is situated on the western suburbs of the city, and is easily accessible by the electric car-lines that daily carry hundreds to its pleasant groves. In the centre of the park is the reservoir, its clear, placid surface reflecting its banks, but even trees that skirt its banks, but even the floating fleecy clouds that drift across the azure heavens above it as lovely Como mirrors the sunny skies of far-off Italy.

The pump-house, upon the banks of the river, is an interesting place to the people of Richmond. Situated, as it is, on one of the most romantic places upon the James, and at the end of one of the most popular drives about the suburbs, it has become an attractive place of resort. A lovely pavilion has been built in the pump-

WOMAN'S NOBLE WORK, AND THE GREAT GOOD THEY DO.

A Description of the Work of the Woman's Christian Association—Life in the Institution—Their New Home.

The Woman's Christian Association of Richmond is the title of an organization which is doing more practical good than the public is aware of, and as it is about enlarging its sphere of usefulness and expanding its capacity for the noble objects it has in view I was sent yesterday to inquire into its present status, to inform The Times readers about it.

Five years ago this Woman's Christian Association had its birth, and the first place in which it began its existence was the house on Main near Sixth street.

Its end and aim was simple, practical and noble, being the furnishing of a home for females, who from choice or necessity were obliged to work for their livelihood, where they might obtain comforts and privacy amidst reading and elevating influences at a merely nominal cost.

Many were the discouragements, difficulties and drawbacks these noble women who originated the Association met with, but they persevered and toiled on until the tide began to turn and the fruits of their labors began to be seen and known of all men.

Only those who are familiar with the subject from experience or observation can estimate the unhappiness and loneliness of the lot of the working woman, alone in a city, and forced to undergo the demoralizing influence and associations of those schools for scandal, second rate boarding-houses.

Yet so there she sits, for her small earnings will not permit her living in better style, and she is exposed to temptations, and lives in an atmosphere of gossip and frivolity that must soon disgust any one with any desire for better things.

Just here steps in this Woman's Christian Association, and requiring only references of respectability take their sister by the hand and welcome her to her new home.

She does not have her feelings hurt and her independence done away with by anything offered gratis, for she pays her board; there is no cutting and sentimental nonsense, but she is made to feel at home; the dignity of labor is maintained, and the great and broad principle of the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man practically illustrated.

Every surrounding and influence that she has here is elevating and refining, and while the house is entirely unadorned, yet family prayers are had morning and evening, as in every well-regulated religious household. There is only the condition that the boarder believe in the essentials of the Christian religion.

The appointments of the rooms and table are clean and comfortable, and the rates of board very low—almost a nominal sum. There is an organ and music for those inclined to the divine art, and newspapers and magazines, with a well-selected library of nearly one thousand volumes for those who would keep in touch with the world, past and present; games for the hours of relaxation, and, literally, the comforts of home in the literal sense of that much-abused phrase.

Those who have the privilege. Only such women as are actually dependent upon their daily work are invited to the privileges of the house. There are held Bible classes for the study of the Scriptures, a sewing class for improvement in needlework, and later on it is contemplated to add other classes of an instructive kind to the advantages so far already enjoyed there.

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mothers who may be going out for dry work may leave their little ones for kind care and attention while they are engaged.

There is also kept up a luncheon room on Broad street, near First, where hot meals are served, and which has proved a great blessing to the many subwomen in the large dry goods shops near that corner, especially in the winter weather. In the large cities in other parts of the country these Woman's Christian Associations are prominent and popular, having large and handsome quarters. In Boston, for instance, their building is about the size of the new Masonic Temple here, and in Philadelphia there is a large building also, while in almost every city there are such organizations, sustained by the contributions and assistance of those who are blessed with this world's goods.

It is one of the plans for the future that these homes be a sort of headquarters for all the different bodies of women engaged in Christian work; for example, the King's Daughters, whose purple ribbon and tiny cross with the significant letters I. H. N. are so familiar to us, and other organizations, having for their object the elevating and ennobling of men and women in this wicked world. There will soon be held an international convention of delegates from these Woman's Christian Associations, at which the Richmond branch will be represented.

RICHMOND WOMEN. There is no city where the women engage more generally in works and labors of love and goodness than in Richmond. I venture to suggest, from careful inquiry, that there is scarcely a household among the richest and most fashionable quarters, that is not represented in the many charities and schemes for bettering the condition of others than in this city.

There can scarcely be imagined one so full of good as this, in which they are elevating, refining and influencing in ways that, like those of wisdom, are ways of pleasantness, and all whose paths are peace—their sisters! The same Father above over them all, yet all of whom are not blessed equally, and upon those who are more blessed the pleasant duty falls to make easier the hard, rough way of life for the rest.

The officers of the Woman's Christian Association of Richmond are: Mrs. Joseph Bryan, president; Mrs. William Simpkin, corresponding secretary; Mrs. A. H. Christian, recording secretary; and Mrs. W. J. Williams, treasurer.

From different religious denominations there are vice-presidents appointed, and they are: From the Protestant Episcopal church, Miss Rebecca Norwood; from

the Baptist, Mrs. Coleman Wortham, and from the Christians, Mrs. Mann S. Quarles.

The Times man owes his indebtedness to the capable and clever corresponding secretary, Mrs. Simpkin, for information, and has been of most valuable aid to the officers of the Association through her advice and labors for the success of the work.

Property Transfer. Richmond.—Thomas H. Briggs to Leah B. wife of Daniel J. Farrar, 19 feet on west side Third street between Duval and Baker, \$250.

Deeds.—James H. Barton to Hugh Miller, lot 7 in block 23, Barton Heights, \$700. Deed of Conveyance to Lucy J. wife of Dabney Cosby, 5 acres near Richmond and York-River railroad, \$50.

Amelia Snow to Imogene B. Gary, lot 29 in block 11, Brookland Park, \$175.

The Fredericksburg Road Free Again. The Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac railroad is again in position to receive and forward promptly freight to all points reached by its line in connection with the Pennsylvania railroad and Star Union and Empire Fast-Freight lines. The Washington block occasioned by the immense passenger movement of the Grand Army of the Republic meeting is now a thing of the past, and freight will be moved through that city readily.

A DELIGHTFUL TRIP. From Richmond to Atlanta via the Seaboard Air Line Railroad.

Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 22.—The new line from Richmond to Atlanta affords a delightful trip between these two cities. The traveler who does not wish to take a sleeper goes through to Weldon on the Atlantic Coast Line, and then has the pleasure of the Seaboard Air Line, and for a thoroughly easy, comfortable route to Atlanta it cannot be excelled. The cars are commodious and clean, and the conductors and others in charge polite and attentive at all times.

This route carries one through some of the principal business points in North Carolina and the country all along the line shows evidences of tariff and improvement. One of the pleasures of the trip was our occasional glimpses of a man at the different stations proudly wearing the "Cleve and Steve" cap.

At Hamlet, N. C., we stop for supper, and I have rarely been refreshed anywhere with a better cup of coffee than was served us there. Although the connecting train from Richmond was an hour late, and we started from Weldon under this disadvantage, still we reached Atlanta on schedule time. Altogether the trip was delightful.



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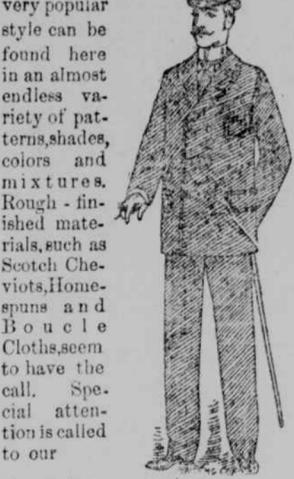
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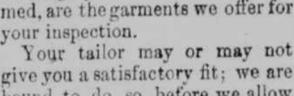
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