

meeting with a printed account of the monument published last summer in the "*American*" newspaper, by the editor, I thought it would be so much more satisfactory in all respects, that I preferred sending it instead of the other.

THE WASHINGTON MONUMENT.—During a walk to the heights of the northern portion of our city an evening or two since, we looked with honest pride as natives of Maryland upon the noble tribute paid to the worth of our country's greatest son, in the erection of the magnificent column to the memory of Washington. After years of solicitude and toil, of conflict with difficulties and vexations, thro' the praiseworthy and untiring zeal of a few public spirited individuals who have devoted themselves gratuitously to the patriotic task, Maryland can at length boast of a structure in some degree worthy of the great man, to commemorate whose worth it is intended. Simple and grand, the majestic column rears itself aloft, bearing on its summit the representation of one whose noble elevation enabled him to look down, as from an eminence, on the crowd of his fellow men. Washington when living attained a moral and intellectual exaltation that placed him beyond the more ignoble influences by which human nature is actuated, and aloof from motives that could sully the purity of his spirit, or cast a shade upon the brightness of his fame. Unambitious of controlling others, he achieved the more mighty work of governing himself, and gave a practical illustration of the passage in holy writ, which proclaims that he that humbleth himself shall be exalted. To have been the first among the sister States to erect a monument to the saviour of his country, is a proud distinction in behalf of Maryland. It should be regarded by her sons as a source of patriotic self-gratulation; and so long as the lofty pillar which adorns their metropolis shall stand, so long will the names of their fellow citizens who have been instrumental in effecting the object be held in respectful and affectionate remembrance.

It is not our intention to enter upon an elaborate history of this truly beautiful work, most of the particulars connected with which are already familiar to the great body of our readers, but inasmuch as it is now approaching completion, we deem it not more than proper to direct public attention to the structure, whilst we attempt a description of its proportions and appearance. The column is of white marble, quarried in the vicinity of our city. Its height independently of the colossal figure, is one hundred and sixty-five feet from the base. The diameter of the pillar is twenty feet at the base, its proportions being in strict accordance with the rules laid down for what was known among the Greeks as the Doric order of architecture. From the capital which surmounts the column springs a rounded cone, the effect of which is to give sufficient elevation to the lower part of the statue, so as to relieve and cause it to be seen by the beholder from below. The Statue represents General Washington in the act of resigning his Commission to