

memory of Wolfe, and in so doing have given an example which I hope will touch the hearts of thousands of Britons, not only in Canada, but in every part of the world.

Do you not think the women of Canada, in response to an appeal made to them, would be only too glad to obtain from the rank and file of the Dominion, the sum required to celebrate the 300th birthday of Quebec by the consecration of the battle-fields.

When I visited the States last year, nothing made a deeper impression on me than my first visit to Mount Vernon, the home of George Washington. Every care had been taken to preserve the house and its surroundings in the same state of dignified and orderly simplicity as obtained during the lifetime of George Washington.

It is impossible for any thoughtful person to pay a visit to Mount Vernon, without the mind and heart being affected by the contemplation of the great and noble qualities that distinguished that remarkable man. The influence which issues from Mount Vernon is a force which makes for patriotism and manly righteousness. It would be difficult to overestimate the value of this influence, or the debt which the American people owe to those who had the heart and the energy to save the home of Washington from destruction. It was the patriotic impulse and the courage of a single woman, Ann Pamela Cunningham, of South Carolina, that saved the home of Washington, as a permanent shrine of patriotism for the American people. Outraged by the refusal of Congress to vote the sum required for the nationalization of Mount Vernon at the time when it was offered for sale, Ann Pamela Cunningham appealed single-handed to the women of America, and obtained through them the money that was required—thousands of school children considering it a privilege to be allowed to contribute five cents.

I do not think I make a mistake in believing that the women of Canada have patriotism and courage no less great than those of the women of the United States. The privilege of contributing to a fund in honour of the sacred ground