

THROUGH THE VIRGINIAS.

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RUINS OF JAMESTOWN, VIRGINIA.

FEW places on this continent should have more interest to the English-speaking tourist than the picturesque region known in affectionate phrase as the "Old Dominion." Here first in this Western world English colonization took root, and English valour and English heroism invested with imperishable interest the story of those early days. It will not be inappropriate for us in this New Dominion of the

North to look back to that Old Dominion of the South, and to gain, by the aid of pen and pencil, glimpses of the noble scenery of that ancient inheritance of our fathers from which so many of the early founders of Canada have come.

Jamestown, the first English "plantation," as it was called, is now a ruin-mound. A part of the old church tower, shown in the vignette, and some crumbling tomb-stones, are all that remain of that ill-fated settlement.

Richmond, the capital of the State, is beautifully situated, around the falls of the James River, about seventy-four miles from its mouth. It has a population of sixty thousand, and is the centre of a great export trade in flour and tobacco. The latter employs nearly 6,000 persons, and the flour mills are among the largest in the world. All around the city are traces of the vigorous efforts made for its defence, in the long lines of earthworks by which it is engirdled.

The great through route by which the State is traversed is the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway. It traverses one of the most picturesque and romantic regions east of the Rocky Mountains,