

## MEMORANDA.

*After page 625 was printed off, I became anxious to peruse No. 45 of the North Briton, and the Essay on Women. Getting admission to the British Museum, 17th October, I was much gratified with the perusal of the former; but the latter, strange to say, is not in that repository of curiosities. Surely it ought to be procured and lodged there. It is an important document for the study of English history. What a shame that Wilkes should have been condemned for publishing the North Briton! I am delighted with it, and should have starved rather than have condemned its author. Weak juries have sacrificed our best rights. My opinion of Mr. Wilkes has grown strong since I perused his production called libellous. Perhaps even his Essay on Women had nothing bad in it: perhaps even it was chaste. There are who would call the Bible obscene—who would assert that the New Testament was libellous, were not the Christian religion “parcel of the law of England.”*

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*Since page 393 was printed I have enquired into the scheme of management in the Penitentiary at Millbank, and found it admirable: just such an improvement on that of the New York state prison as I had contemplated. Such an establishment should be erected in every county. The colonies should not be polluted with banished villains. We should not throw away money only to spread crime over the world. At Millbank, the prisoners uphold themselves by their labour. Four and Sixpence is the weekly cost of maintenance per man.*

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