the golden age came first, & the age of iron afterwards. But in the fortunate latter days the wise saw the hardships of the age of iron while the wise are taming the excess of the age of gold. Augustus used to boast that he found Rome built of brick & he left it of marble. Surely, if we may venture to compare small things with great, a change must some day supervene in the comforts & external splendours of the democratic society. I hope the improvements may be so vast as greatly to increase the more valuable & solid improvements of latent & virtue, so that the sons may be far brighter & worthier than their sires.