

There is a great to-do because one Mrs. Olzendam made an unofficial visit to Windsor prison and found conditions not all they ought to be, particularly as regards the women prisoners. She has reported to the reporters, and certain Boston papers make a scare-head story of it, causing it to appear that women in the Vermont State prison are shamefully abused. This is not so. A building designed to take care of women prisoners, getting them out from under the same roof as the men, is nearly completed, but awaits further appropriation from the Legislature. Director Weeks and Superintendent Walker have called attention in their reports to these matters, and if there is to be any criticism it should be aimed at the whole people of Vermont, and not to any set of officials. The whole thing looks like an attempt on the part of Mrs. Olzendam to get a little cheap publicity.

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