

'city of Washington by Baltimore and Washington Railroad to Baltimore, thence by the Philadelphia and Baltimore Turnpike, to the Susquehanna, and from the Susquehanna by the Philadelphia & W. R. Road, to Mason's and Dixon's Line, will correspond very nearly with the western boundary of the tide-water division.

The climate, seasons and agricultural productions of this, differ somewhat in kind as also does the nature and character of the soil.

The present work will be devoted to a more full description, however, of the Tide-water section of Maryland than of the other sections, for the reasons that the abolition of slavery has here caused the most serious disturbances in the tenure of landed property, and because it is less known than other sections of the State, and consequently immigrants will find here the cheapest and best inducements.

### SOCIAL ADVANTAGES.

Of all the causes which impel men to seek new homes, none is stronger than the hope of the enjoyment of the means which their industry may have produced for them. One of the first questions which naturally arises in the mind of one who is about to purchase a home is whether it is in a good neighborhood, by which is understood, not the quality of soil, or location in reference to the conveniences for cultivation and sale of agricultural products, but whether the residents in the vicinity are persons of kindly feelings, accommodating dispositions, disposed to respect the rights of others, and willing to perform the thousand and one little acts of kindness which makes the sum of a "good neighbour;" it also is a consideration whether the habits and general character of the vicinage are such as to afford good example to the rising generation, and whether popular opinion, the great regulator in most cases of men's actions, is of a healthy, high and moral tone. In all of these requisites Maryland is not surpassed as a general thing by any portions of her sister States. Settled originally by well educated christian gentlemen, it has ever been distinguished for the virtues of benevolence, justice and hospitality—her colonial history shows no injustice to the aborigines. It evinces the most disinterested and self-sacrificing spirit on the part of her citizens during the war of the Revolution, and ever since her population as a general thing, have been distinguished for generous, polished hospitality. Being situated in the middle section of the country, the population of Maryland possesses in a very great degree the virtues of the two sections with their defects very much moderated, much of the industry and energy of the north, without its closeness and intolerance, and in a great measure the chivalry of the South without its extravagance and recklessness.

The main characteristics of her people are unselfishness,