

whom "excessive mortality prevails," it must be freely acknowledged as it is clearly proven, that Maryland in point of health is equal if not superior to any part of the United States. To this conclusion, an acquaintance with her soil, her climate, her varied productions of land and water would lead us, if the census report and the peculiar facts known to exist solely in relation to our State, did not prove it as thoroughly as such things can prove anything.

I have now fairly and without exaggeration presented the social advantages of Maryland, the superiority of its climate and I think it may be said, with due consideration, its unequalled health; either of these separately, if well known, should induce numbers to seek homes in our State, for after all it is the enjoyments which these afford, that is the end of the toil, labor and striving in which the world is engaged. The material advantages of Maryland in its easily worked and easily improved soil, the number and variety of its productions, both animal and vegetable, the unequalled resources, the world over, of a supply of food and luxuries furnished by its bay and its tributaries, such as fish, oysters, terrapins, wild fowl of the finest varieties in the world, all in the greatest abundance and of the easiest access, its location in reference to the great marts of commerce and the political capital of the country; its timber, its easy access to coal, and immense and widely diffused water power; its material for building in the form of stone and marble of various kinds and great excellence, of the best brick clay for building purposes in the country, of the number variety and excellence of its fruits and flowers, each worthy of a separate chapter, and each alone offering to a particular class inducements for the investment of labor and capital, should induce with its other advantages a very general desire for investment in its lands. And I am sure that when the above advantages are properly weighed and appreciated that such investments when made never will be regretted by those who may make them, nor their descendants for centuries to come.

All and every valuable crop that can be grown North or West of us succeeds equally well in Maryland and many of them in far greater perfection than in those places. Fruits and garden vegetables of every description too, are much earlier in the season here, and arrive at far greater perfection than can be found in the Northern or Western States, and in the tide water parts of the State, fruits and flowers succeed in the open air, which to be north of us require hot house culture amongst these stand prominently figs and pomegranates.

The Tide Water section which at this time, I shall particularly describe, comprises all that part of Maryland, lying east of the Chesapeake bay, "the Eastern Shore," except a Western part of Cecil county, parts of Harford and Baltimore counties, and the whole of Anne Arundel, Prince George;