

natural advantages afforded of cheap, plentiful and luxurious living with the fullest means of high, rational, social and moral enjoyment.

With peace and good government restored in the land, it must become the residence of a wealthy, highly cultivated and happy population, all the material aids to mental cultivation, wealth and happiness existing here in almost perfect combination.

#### ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY.

This county is bounded on the north by Patapsco river which separates it from Baltimore city and county, and by the Washington and Baltimore railroad, which separates it from Howard county; on the south by Calvert county; on the east by the Chesapeake Bay, and on the west by the Patuxent river, which separates it from Prince George's county. Three arms of the Bay, called rivers—Magothy river, Severn river and South river—penetrate into the interior about ten miles, Magothy river being the most northern, then Severn, whose mouth is distant about ten miles from the mouth of Magothy, then South river, whose entrance into the bay is about five miles below the mouth of Severn. West river and Rhode river, so called, are about five miles below the mouth of South river, and are inconsiderable arms of the bay. The county is therefore naturally divided into four distinct peninsulas; 1st, between Magothy river and the Patapsco. The head of this is only separated from Baltimore city by the Patapsco river, over which there is a bridge about 1,200 yards long. The second lies between Magothy and the Severn rivers; the third between the Severn river and South river and the fourth, by far the largest in extent, between South river and the Patuxent river. There is another district of country lying between the Little and Big Patuxent, known as the Fork of the Patuxent, and a third at the head of the streams which empty into the Severn and Little Patuxent rivers, known as the Piney Woods.

The entire length of the county, from north to south, is about forty miles, with an average breadth of about twenty miles.

Annapolis the capital of the State is beautifully situated near the mouth of the Severn on its west bank and besides its water communication is connected with the cities of Washington and Baltimore by the Annapolis and Elk Ridge road, which connects with the Baltimore and Washington railroad about equi-distant between these two cities. The time between Annapolis and these two cities is about two hours, over *the safest and best managed* railroads in the United States. At Annapolis is the United States Naval School, placed here in