

at the same time it will show the character of the state, in its varied physiography and climate, as a place of residence. Such a treatment of the physical resources of Maryland, in which both the surface and underground conditions are considered, will indicate not only to the people of the state the special advantages of each district, but will be sure to invite the investment of capital by outsiders and at the same time induce immigration.

In addition to the distinctly economic importance of such reports, their educational significance should not be lost sight of. They will be of great value for the instruction of the people of the state in all matters relating to their physical surroundings, and in a simplified form could be made suitable for school purposes. If the people of the state should desire it, an elementary treatise could be written, which would be well adapted for purposes of public instruction. This could be prepared without any added expenditure, excepting that involved in the printing. It is most desirable that the youth of Maryland should grow up with a knowledge of the country in which they live and be able to interpret intelligently the physical features of the state, the mountains and valleys, the rocks and minerals and the economic products which are so accessible to them. It is greatly to be desired, when such large sums are annually devoted to the purposes of public instruction, that a means so valuable for training the powers of observation should not be totally ignored. Although this is not the primary object for which the survey is established, yet the results in this line, without added expense to the state, could be made of great practical benefit to succeeding generations.