

terprising; or unless the people of Maryland, misled by prejudices which are as unfounded as they are injurious, overlook the fact that their interests are inseparably connected with those of Baltimore; and that whatever tends to her emolument, tends to the advantage of the State at large.

At the same time, all parties must be assured that the city, in thus claiming the friendly offices and the good will of patriotic citizens, acts no merely selfish part, and desires no advantages or assistance at the expense of the country. If Baltimore be made a place of greater trade and increased facilities for the exchange of commodities, the agriculturist, the miner, the manufacturer, all, will derive an immediate benefit from her means of cheap and rapid transportation, her active market, her fair prices and prompt pay. All Marylanders have an interest, then, in the speedy completion of those great works, which, with an admirable foresight, have been planned to diminish in effect the distance between the city and the interior, and which are advancing, in the face of every obstacle, to a completion.

It is true, there are difficulties yet to be overcome, and wants yet to be supplied; but modern cities, although sometimes of mushroom growth, are not, any more than ancient cities, to be built in a day. The unfortunate condition of the finances of the State, and the consequent weight of taxation, constitute a heavy burden; but with the right spirit this may be borne, until measures are adopted and carried into execution calculated to afford relief. The lack of foreign packets has also been dwelt upon by some, with much earnestness; but this is rather an imaginary than a real obstruction. Thus far, our capital has, for many years, found its most profitable investment in other than foreign commerce;—but when such a state of things occurs as will warrant the employment of capital in this department of commercial action, it will certainly come. Every step made towards uniting our city with the interior of Maryland and the adjacent States, and the distant but productive regions of the West, is a step taken towards extending our relations, not only with our Atlantic cities, but with every quarter of the globe.

Let Baltimoreans, then, and all who have the good of the city and the State at heart, stand shoulder to shoulder in every effort to draw closer the bonds of union between the city and the country;—and may the reward of their united labors be—a State untrammelled by debt and prosperous in the productive employment of its great mineral, manufacturing, and agricultural resources, and a city noted for its enterprise and prosperity, and exhibiting, as its proudest monuments, the honesty, the integrity, the intelligence, and the patriotism of its citizens!