

but it is true at the same time that the mining operations will always afford the manufacturer a market for his wares at the door of his factory, and the farmer and gardener a market for their products without cost of transportation. They may thus realize better prices and at less expense than they could do if they were compelled to seek a market in distant cities.

CONCLUSION.

The foregoing sketch, designed to be a strictly accurate statement of the Resources of Maryland, may give the inquirer for a home some conception of what awaits him should he turn his steps hitherward.

He comes not to the loneliness and privations of frontier settlements which make the life of the "backwoodsman" always a life of hardship; not to a land that has no past and but an uncertain future; not to a land of unknown resources and distant markets and onerous taxes, but he comes to a land at once old and new. Society is organized and law established. The waters are explored and railroads are built, the resources are developed but they are not exhausted, and the Constitution secures self-government and free public institutions, and in obliterating the long mistakes of the past, it wisely denies even the Legislature the power of fastening upon the future the burden of compensation for the errors which it removed.

He comes to a Free State, which most earnestly welcomes every worthy and industrious immigrant. And he comes not only to share her present prosperity and her future honors, but to be a participant also in her priceless memories of the past.

Possessing within herself as many of the elements of wealth and material greatness as can anywhere be found in the same extent of territory, she delights at the same time to remember that she was the first to throw the mantle of religious toleration—as broad as the mantle of charity itself—over dissentient denominations and to persuade Catholic and Puritan and Quaker, living together in peace, to call it "the land of the Sanctuary," that she generously gave and continued to give her aid, (after Virginia and the National Government had withdrawn theirs,) to carry on the great works of internal improvement in which all were interested; and that she first, working out in her own heart the great problem of the times, without "compensation" or extraneous influence, struck the bonds from eighty-five thousand slaves and made all her people *Free*.

She points too with pride, though in sadness, to the spots made sacred by the choicest blood of her sons,—North Point, South Mountain, Antietam and the Monocacy,—and treasures in her heart of hearts the memories of those of her sons whose valor has shone conspicuous on all the great battle fields of the Republic.