

sections. In considering all the advantages of this part of our country, one may truly exclaim—

“How has kind Heaven blessed this happy land,
And scattered blessings with a wasteful hand!”

Let but the people of this part of the State equal their social virtues by their agricultural skill, and it will be as famous for productive capacity as it has been for the virtues of hospitality, refinement and patriotism. The glory of its future progress will equal the fame of its past history.

It was in this section of the State that the great truths of civil and religious liberty first had an actual life. The river which washes the tomb of the Father of his Country beats on the shore where first was unfettered the minds of men, where the first altar was raised to civil and religious liberty, and where truths were established which have made us

“Great, glorious and free ;

and which will eventually enlighten the whole earth.

It is something to be proud of, the history of this part of Maryland. The idea which it portrayed was manifest in Washington, and well may Maryland and Virginia be proud of the glory of its history. The world has not yet equaled it.

I regret very much that I cannot illustrate with a map, the peculiar advantages of this as well as the other districts of the State which I have visited. It would make apparent their great natural advantages, and with a concise and accurate description of the properties of the soil would not fail to attract the attention of capitalists and wealthy emigrants, wealthy not only from money, but from knowledge, industry, and intelligence. The average width of this district is about thirty-five miles, its length is about one hundred and twenty miles. When we consider that on one side it has the Chesapeake and Ohio canal to tide-water, and then the river Potomac to its extreme point, we shall see how well it is provided with means of transportation on one side. On the other side it has the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road to tide-water, and then the Chesapeake bay to the Potomac river for its boundary, there is then, every facility for transportation on this side. These boundaries include the whole district, save a very short line.

If, then, there were no other means of transportation, this would be sufficient, but it has not to depend only on these. The Baltimore and Washington Rail Road runs through this district. The Patuxent river divides the counties of Calvert and Anne Arundel on one side, from St. Mary's, Charles, and Prince George's on the other, and affords every facility for transportation to those counties where they are not otherwise provided