

for. In Charles and St. Mary's we have several bays, (arms of the Potomac river,) extending sometimes half way through the country, navigable for vessels of the largest size. The Patuxent river, also navigable for our largest bay craft and steamboats, empties into the Chesapeake about twenty miles from Point Lookout, the southern extremity of St. Mary's county, giving to this county, Charles and Prince George's on the one side, to Calvert and a part of Anne Arundel on the other side, navigation almost to every man's door. This latter county borders on the Chesapeake on the one side, the Baltimore and Washington Rail Road on the other, whilst the Annapolis and Elk Ridge Rail-road traverses it nearly through its centre. Besides this, South, Severn, and Magotty rivers, not true rivers, but arms of the bay, distant from each other in their greatest distance about ten miles, run up into this county, giving great facilities for navigation, furnishing abundance of shell-fish, &c., and great resources for manures. Prince George's county is sufficiently supplied by the Potomac river on one side, by the Patuxent on another, by the Baltimore and Washington Rail-road, which passes through it, with whatever conveniences these can afford. Montgomery county lies within a few miles of B. & W. Rail-road on one side to B. & O. Rail-road on another, and to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal on a third side. Howard county borders on the B. & O. R. R., on one side, and on the Baltimore and Washington Rail-road on another side. The Patapsco river, which forms its boundary on the east, is famous for furnishing magnificent water power. Ellicott's Mills, the county town through which the Rail-road passes, has in it many large flour mills, cotton factories, &c. Annapolis, the Capital of the State, is beautifully situated on the Severn near the Chesapeake Bay. The United States Naval Academy is located here.

There are in this section of the State many large and flourishing schools, academies and colleges, giving the best means of instruction to its youth, almost by their very fire-sides. The whole country is well wooded, well watered, and as healthy generally as any section of the Union.

This has never been questioned so far as the two upper counties are concerned. That part of the State on tide-water has borne an unfavorable reputation in this respect, a reputation I am sure it does not deserve, and which will become less and less true as the country is better worked, and more attention paid to hygienic rules for preserving its health. As this section at present is no more unhealthy than other sections, its reputation is due to causes to which I need not advert here.

A residence here during my whole life—a large medical practice—particular attention to the subject, and the highest professional authority, *all* concur to prove that with proper care and at-