

Eastern Shore of Maryland, much important information can be conveyed by ascertaining the condition under which parts of it become liable to be submerged, and pointing out the means of draining them. A great deal of information has already been obtained under this head; but it applies only very partially to those portions of the Eastern Shore which have been explored during the past year. Fully aware of the responsibility incurred in passing judgment in matters of this kind, a motive of mere justice requires, nevertheless, that some effort should be made to remove the unfounded prejudices existing in the minds of many of our fellow citizens, against the healthiness of those portions of the state now under review. The assertion is made, after deliberate reflection and from the purest motives, that the average of the health on the Eastern Shore of the Chesapeake bay, is fully equal to that on the Western Shore. The experience of upwards of a century, has shown that it is not more liable to epidemics than other sections of the country. Its endemical diseases are not of a severe character, and are very similar to those that belong to many spots in the lower counties of our state situated on the bay or on the Potomac. The range of these diseases is besides much more limited than is generally believed, being principally confined to those districts, at the head of tide. It is there too, that a system of drainage judiciously carried on, might remove the only objection to the selection of such situations as very desirable spots of residence. On the whole then, it may be averred of the Eastern Shore of Maryland, that presenting in numerous positions, great variety of agricultural resources, offering facilities no where surpassed, if equalled, for transporting the produce of its soil, and for obtaining the necessaries and even many of the delicacies of life, with no serious obstacle to their healthful enjoyment, it requires only a due estimate of these advantages to render it one of the most populous portions of our state.

SECT. VI.—*Miscellaneous Resources of the Eastern Shore of Maryland, for Agricultural and other purposes.*

Some of the other agricultural resources of the state, besides those derived from the use of marl, have been already alluded to in the preceding section. There is