

The death-rate of Florida is less than any other State in the Union. United States Surgeon-Gen. Hammond, in his report, gives, for Massachusetts, 1 in 254; in New York, 1 in 473; in Minnesota, 1 in 755; and in Florida, 1 in 1,447.

Asthma finds a certain relief here. Ask H. S. Kedney, who had suffered from boyhood, and who, after seeking relief in all parts of the world, came here, and was cured.

Hay-fever is cured here. Ask Dr. E. Martin, who was terribly afflicted when he came, and was cured in a short time.

Children are remarkably healthy here. Diphtheria and croup are unknown.

Catarrh finds here a sure and speedy relief. Ask L. A. Chase, of Winter Park, who came here from Chicago, in 1881, with one of the worst possible cases.

Bronchitis is cured by a residence here. Wilson Phelps, who has a beautiful-bearing orange grove on the east bank of Lake Osceola, says: "When I came here I was nearly dead with bronchitis of thirty years' standing, and am now entirely cured."

Dr. J. H. Randolph says: "A long experience here has satisfied me that this climate is almost a specific in rheumatism; and, of the many old and often almost hopeless cases brought from the North, a large majority are permanently cured."

Dr. Lendt says: "The earlier stages of Bright's disease may be more successfully treated in Florida than in the North."

Consumption is greatly relieved, in all cases, by living here, and breathing in the soft, balmy air of the ocean, laden with the balsamic odors of the pines. Scores of people are living in and near Winter Park, whose *cures* are but little short of miracles; among them John R. Ergood, from Washington, D. C., now Postmaster at Winter Park, who had hemorrhages every day, and was given up by his physicians. The effect of the climate upon persons with lung and throat troubles is *wonderful*.

Dr. C. C. Haskell says: "I had pulmonary hemorrhages when I came here from Massachusetts, and have been completely cured; and the climate did it."

Harriet Beecher Stowe says: "Our neighbor, Mr. N., came to Florida a doomed consumptive, recovered his health, and has acquired a handsome property."

Joseph Logan, M. D., says: "No cold climate can be favorable for prevention and cure of lung diseases. It is absolutely essential to the consumptive that he should spend the greater part of his time in the open air."

Pure water is one of the great health essentials, and we *challenge the world* to produce any better than is found in Winter Park. It is as pure as that from mountain springs.

Dr. A. B. Spruell says, in *Kansas City Times*: "For pulmonary, bronchial, laryngeal, catarrhal, and neuralgic affections, and aches incident to advanced age and delicate constitutions, this mild, soft climate cannot be otherwise than salutary."

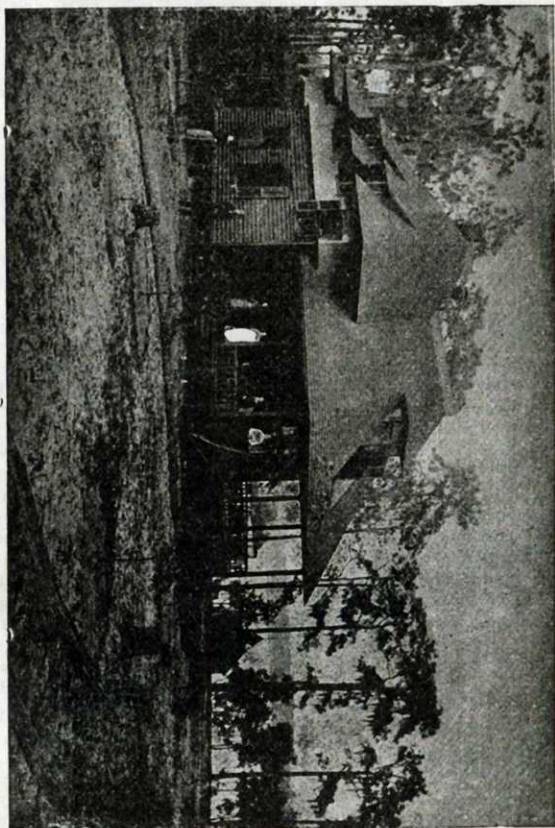
The strongest possible proof of the healthfulness of Winter Park is found in the fact that during the summer of 1885, when 200 men were engaged in building the Hotel Seminole, *not a single case of sickness* occurred.

MEDICAL TESTIMONY.

Dr. Henry Foster of Clifton Springs, N. Y., says of the Winter Park region: "The healthiest spot on the face of the globe."

Dr. J. R. Tantum, a prominent homœopathist from Wilmington, Del., says: "Dr. Henry Foster of Clifton Springs, N. Y., having recommended your region as

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the healthiest in the South, I visited it, and am free to say that for beauty and healthfulness Winter Park cannot be excelled in any part of Florida, or, indeed, the United States. It may with truth be called the Italy of America, situated as it is on those beautiful, pure spring-water lakes. The balsamic odors created by the majestic pine forests by which your town is surrounded, make it a most desirable place for the invalid. I shall hereafter spend my winters in Winter Park; and if everybody in the North *knew* what I know, you would not have land enough for people to stand upon."

Dr. Ira Geer, an able allopathist from Chicago, has lived here summer and winter for thirteen years, and is an enthusiast over the climate for health.

Dr. M. A. Henkell from Virginia, a skilful physician of the old school, has a beautiful home in Winter Park, on the banks of Lake Killarney.

Dr. I. K. Bascom of Lynn, Mass., writes to *The Lynn Bee*: "Winter Park is becoming widely known as a health resort, and thousands of Northerners flock to the town during the winter months. The location is high and dry, abounding in pines, the aroma of which adds much to its health-giving properties."

Dr. O. H. Smith, a prominent physician of New York City, writes from Albany Flats as follows: "I visited Winter Park two years ago, and found a delightful country. The ground is high, perhaps 50 feet above the pure lakes, and I am satisfied the entire locality is free from malaria. The cottages built and occupied, show that families of means and taste are congregating there to make it their winter home. There appears to be a ridge of land about midway between the Atlantic and Gulf, and Winter Park is on this higher ground. And certainly this must be a chosen spot for persons with bronchial and catarrhal affections, and especially with those who have a tendency to tubercles. It is decidedly a high pine country, with a mild climate, and well suited to all pulmonic cases, and to those suffering with chronic disease of mucous membrane. It is equally well adapted to the great majority of kidney troubles, and to most forms of chronic, neuralgic, and rheumatic affections. All of these are greatly benefited, and many of them are entirely cured, by the climate alone. I have spent two winters in Florida, for a catarrhal trouble, and I speak from personal experience. I have spent one winter on the Sandwich Islands and in Southern California, and another winter in the South of France and Italy, and the months of January and February in Egypt, and I think the climate of some portions of Florida is as good for the invalid and health-seeker as any I have visited abroad. All conscientious physicians send their patients with throat and lung troubles to the highest and driest pine lands, rather than to the sea-coast. I am sure hundreds of men and women in advanced age would prolong their years by spending two months or more each winter in Florida, where the much dreaded pneumonia of the North is unknown."

PRESIDENT ARTHUR IN WINTER PARK.

On the 10th of April, 1883, Winter Park was honored by a visit from the chief magistrate of this great nation, Chester A. Arthur, accompanied by William E. Chandler, Secretary of the Navy, and other distinguished people.

Though the place was then in its infancy, its fame as one of the most beautiful and charming spots in the entire South had spread far and wide; and the pleasure-seeking President, in his hasty tour through Florida, had doubtless a natural desire to see the place of which he had heard so much, and as some of the beautiful lake views met his vision, enthusiastically remarked, "This is the prettiest spot I have seen in Florida, and I would like to rest under one of these grand old pines for a week."

VISIT OF PRESIDENT CLEVELAND.

On February 24, 1888, Winter Park was again specially favored by a visit from the President of the United States, on which occasion, at the magnificent Hotel Seminole, hundreds of citizens and guests greeted President Grover Cleveland, his Private Secretary, Colonel Daniel Lamont, and the Secretary of War, William C. Whitney, with their wives, and several Senators and prominent gentlemen and their wives, from the nation's capital. The reception, though conspicuous for an utter absence of formality, was a most brilliant one, and the pleasure and gratification of the distinguished visitors with Winter Park, the Seminole, and all its accessories, was manifested in many ways and by frequent expressions of commendation.

PROMINENT PEOPLE.

Thousands of prominent people, from all parts of the world, have visited Winter Park and its elegant Hotel Seminole. They can be found in every State and Territory in the Union, and in many foreign countries; and we refer to every one of them for a verification of the *facts* set forth in this little book. We are confident that not one can be found who will not say with President Arthur, "the prettiest spot I saw in Florida;" and with Dr. Foster, "the healthiest spot on the face of the globe;" and with Senator Chace, of Rhode Island, "the Seminole is not surpassed by any hotel in the South."

As it is impossible, in this limited space, to include a complete list, we have selected a few names, and classified them by States elsewhere. Among them please note the

Artist.—George W. Seavy, of Boston.

Authors.—Mrs. Mary J. Holmes, and "Pansy," who has a cottage at Winter Park.

Bankers.—D. G. Ambler, Jacksonville; Edward Tyler, cashier Suffolk Bank, Boston; F. G. Webster, of Kidder, Peabody & Co.'s Banking House, Boston; N. Higginbotham, President First National Bank, Oneida, N. Y.; A. S. Apgar, Cashier Merchants' National Bank, and George W. Smith, of Drexel, Morgan & Co., New York City; H. F. Barrows, President National Bank of North Attleborough, Mass.; T. Harrison Garrett, of Baltimore.

Divines.—Bishop Henry Whipple, of Minnesota, and Bishop Young, of Florida.

Expressman.—Charles H. Fargo, of Chicago.

Educators.—Hon. B. G. Northrup, of Connecticut; Hon. A. J. Russell, of Florida; Professor J. B. Clark, of Smith College, Massachusetts; Professor Langdon, of Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore; Thomas Perrins, of Girard College, Philadelphia; and Professor J. W. Cook, of State Normal University, Illinois.

Foreigners.—The Duke of Sutherland and Hon. Samuel Plimsoll, of England.

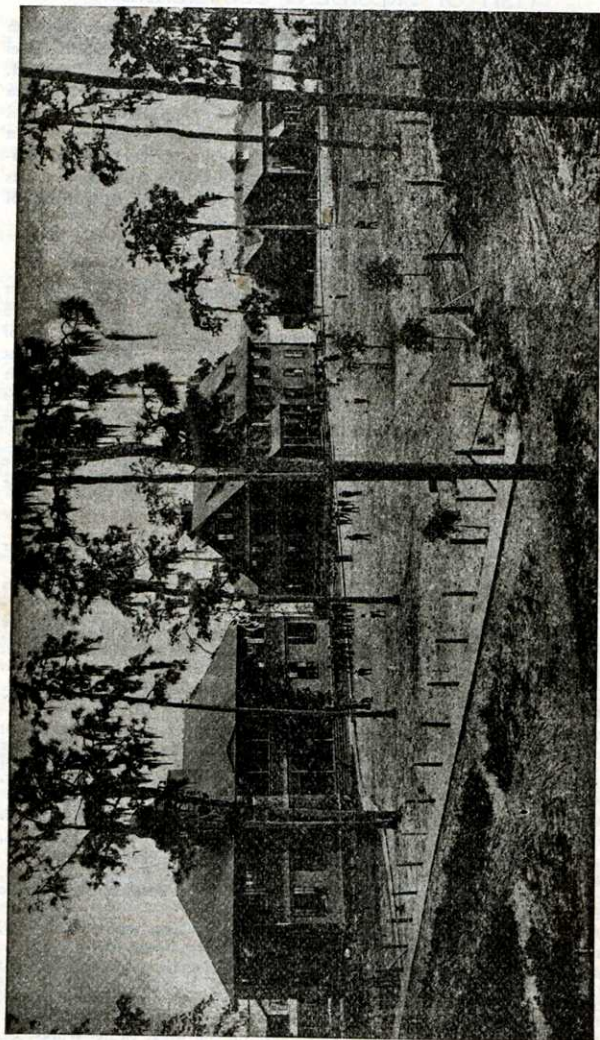
Hotel Men.—O. D. Seavy, of the Ponce de Leon, Florida; Warren F. Leland, Chicago; F. G. Staples, of Old Orchard, Me.; Nicholas Ball, of Block Island.

Journalists.—Mrs. Frank Leslie, of New York; R. M. Pulsifer, and E. B. Haskell, of Boston; Col. McClure, of Philadelphia; O. F. Presbrey, of "Public Opinion," Washington.

Judges.—Nye, of California; Welborne, of Florida; Green, of Illinois; Cary, of Chicago; Wallace, of Massachusetts; Bingham, of New Hampshire.

Merchants.—Col. Peckham, of St. Louis; S. R. Adams, of New York City; John P. Morton, of Louisville, Ky.; A. Macullar, of Macullar & Parker; Otis Norcross and Abram French & Co., Boston; Simeon Farwell and E. Nelson Blake, of Chicago.

Manufacturers.—Col. Franklin Fairbanks, of the great Scale Works, St. Johnsbury, Vt.; John Magee, of Magee Furnace Works, Chelsea, Mass.; A. S. Kirk and D. B. Shipman, Chicago; H. L. Hart, of Detroit; C. T. Sampson, of



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