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CHAPTER I.

REFERENCE TO THE BOOK.

IN this small book I am making but brief references to a few points of interest to the general public touching the acquisition of land.

For a more thorough and exhaustive treatment of subjects on land, I refer my readers to "Land: its Attractions and Riches," which I issued in 1892, and which comprised 900 pages ($9\frac{1}{2}$ by $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches), and was subscribed for before a line was written, by His Royal Highness the late Duke of Edinburgh, and six other dukes, two marquesses, eight earls, three viscounts, fifteen barons, and two hundred and sixty-five ladies, baronets, knights, admirals, generals, professional men and others.

The book was published at £1. 7s. 6d. per copy, but the whole edition of 2000 copies has been disposed of. It may, however, be obtained at Mudie's and most of the leading libraries. The late Queen Victoria purchased a copy for the library at Windsor Castle.

CHAPTER II.

PURITY OF AIR IN THE COUNTRY. IMPURITY OF AIR IN TOWNS.

It is a startling fact that the atmosphere of towns is very impure in comparison with that of rural districts. The investigation of a Scientific Committee found that in Manchester 19 cwt. of free sulphuric acid and 10 cwt. of ammonia fell in one inch of rain, so that instead of rain water being of the soft character so much prized it was little better than a dilute solution of sulphuric acid, black from tarry matter and suspended soot. In Manchester in three days were carried down 6 cwt. of sulphuric acid and over 13 cwt. of blacks per square mile.

Fresh air is one of the principal supports of a healthy and comfortable existence, and this in its purity is only to be found in rural districts. The Registrar-General reported that out of 613 town-dwelling recruits only 213 were fit to join the Army.

Eminent authorities have laid down that where more than about 400 persons were resident in a square mile the death-rate increased in a definite ratio.

It stands to reason that town dwellers who have to breathe poisonous acids into their lungs over and over again must become weak and unhealthy.

Mr. W. H. Dickinson, L.C.C., wrote to the *Times* (October 14, 1903), as follows:—

“We are now, year by year, both in the poor and in the rich parts of London, piling more and more people on to an acre of land. Where there have been two-storied houses with gardens we have six-storied flats, often times, in well-to-do localities, built so close together that they would not even comply with the requirements of Parliament had they been designed for artizans’ dwellings. Our broad streets are being narrowed both to the eye and to the lungs by the erection of masses of high buildings on either side. We have more and more need of air. And yet at the same time we are gradually losing the private squares, in which parts of London have been very rich, and which have been of incalculable benefit to the inhabitants by reason of the circulation of the air which they facilitate, and the oxydization effected by the trees that they contain.”

A recent “General Annual Return” of the British Army gives the following totals of recruits which were rejected:—

Rejected before Attestation.

By recruiters	...	...	10,448
By medical officers	...	...	17,073

Rejected after Attestation.

By medical officers	...	...	3,583
By approving officers	...	...	1,226