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General Description.

The places particularly described in the following Pages are situated in Rutland County, Vt., and in Washington County, N. Y. A circle swept from Poultney as a center and having a radius of 8 miles would include them all. Through this circle from north to south runs the Rutland and Washington Railroad, while the Whitehall and Rutland Road subtends a considerable arc of its northern half. Through it in a general direction from East to West run the Granville, the Poultney and the Castleton Rivers. The Granville is formed by the union of the Metawee or Pawlet River, the outlet of Lake Austin and Indian River, and flowing in a northwesterly direction through Granville and Whitehall unites with Wood Creek just before its discharge into Lake Champlain. The Poultney takes its rise in the town of Timmouth and flowing through Middletown and Poultney, becomes the boundary between New York and Vermont until it empties into Lake Champlain a few miles north of Whitehall. The Castleton rises in Pittsford and flowing first south through Rutland and thence east through Castleton and Fair Haven empties into the Poultney a short distance below Fair Haven.—At Hydeville it receives a large accession from the outlet of Lake Bomoseen. These streams furnish almost inconceivable water power throughout their entire course—but it is developed at only a few points. These are Wells, Granville, Middle Granville, North Granville, Middletown, East Poultney, Poultney, Hampton, Low Hampton, Carver's Falls, Castleton, Hydeville and Fair Haven. Poultney, the geographical center of this territory, is 67 miles north from Troy, N. Y., 10 miles east from Whitehall, N. Y., and 18 miles south-west from Rutland, Vt. The surface is most agreeably diversified with Rivers, Lakes, Mountains, Valleys and Plains, and is dotted here and there with thriving villages whose neatly painted cottages and rising spires glitter in the sunlight like diamonds set in a coronet of emerald. Proximity to the Green Mountains—an elevation of 450 feet above tide water—and an entire exemption from miasmatic marshes render the air marvelously pure and dry and as bracing to the debilitated as a cordial. The soil is invariably either gravel or loam. From this there result two important features seldom found so prominent:

1st. The water is pure and soft since it flows through neither clay nor

Lime rock. The water from wells and springs will wash nearly as easily as rain water.

2d. The roads are of unsurpassed excellence—being but little inferior in smoothness of surface to a MacAdamized road. A horse may be driven at the top of his speed for miles in every direction, while the man who is fond of natural scenery will find landscapes of entrancing beauty break upon his view at every step.

Seldom are so many elements of health, wealth and pleasure found in combination. The hills are one mass of slate that is quarried in indefinite quantities and manufactured into a great variety of articles both useful and ornamental—such as Roofing, Tile, Flagging, Mantles, Billiard and other Tables, Cyphering Slates, School Room Tablets, &c., &c. The valleys and slopes afford pasturage for numberless herds and flocks. The Lakes, picturesquely beautiful and abounding in Fish, invite the Oarsman & Angler to their favorite sport, while unmeasured power leaping down cascade and cataract invite the enterprise of manufacture to invest its restless capital in activities that will reward it, thirty, sixty and an hundred fold.

POULTNEY

is the point of departure for the celebrated Mineral Springs of Middletown, 8 miles distant, and is not a whit behind the most attractive resorts in this attractive portion of the Green Mountain State. Including East Poultney it contains about 2,000 inhabitants, and has long been noted for its quietness, order and morality.

The various localities which it is interesting to visit are at convenient distances, and the drives to them surpass the power of description. Lake St. Catharine, Lake Bomoseen, The Bowl, The Gorge and Carver's Falls are only far enough away for a pleasant morning ride, while in the immediate neighborhood are points of historic interest and of a national reputation.

Ethan Allen was one of the first settlers of Poultney. It is the native place of Rollin C. Mallory, the author of the Tariff of 1828. Jared Sparks, the Biographer of Washington, learned his trade of Carpenter here, and the house in which the Tribune Philosopher, served a three years' apprenticeship, is still standing at East Poultney.

RIPLEY FEMALE COLLEGE

Formerly Troy Conference Academy, which has, at different times, numbered in its Faculty, Rev. Daniel Curry, D. D., editor of the Christian Advocate, N. Y. Rev. J. T. Peck, D. D., since President of Dickinson College, Pa., now of Albany, Rev. E. Wentworth, D. D., recently Missionary to China, now of Pittsfield, Mass., and Jas. Strong, S.T.D., of Drew Theological Seminary, N. J., is located here.

This Institution deservedly enjoys a high reputation, and gives to the place a widely extended fame. No more attractive spot can be found and none better adapted to a school for ladies. Those who wish a residence where they can educate their children at a high Institution and, at the same time live in as healthful a region as this world affords and have ready access to Mineral Springs of marvelous efficacy, need not look any further than Poultney.

Summer Resort.—The College is always opened for Summer Boarders during the long vacation in July, August and September. Its cheerful, airy rooms, its extensive grounds, its majestic, classic grove, and its retired, quiet location render it a popular and most desirable Resort. Amongst the inducements to summer visitors is the fact that Middletown water, fresh from the Springs, is furnished gratuitously. Rev. Dr. Foster of New York, spent the Summer of 1868, here, and in a letter published subsequently in the Christian Advocate, says:


"I close as I began, by saying that I know of no place of more picturesque loveliness than these hills of Vermont, and no retreat offering more comfort and restfulness than this home of Dr. Newman at Poultney. Let those who seek good air and pleasant quarters next summer remember this. But we must bid adieu to the beautiful hills and the precious friendships which grew among them, hoping that whether we ever return to the former or not, the latter will be renewed in the realm where partings never come."

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The Poultney House.

The Hotel accommodations of Poultney have been materially increased the present season by the transformation of the Commercial College into "The Poultney House." The building is eligibly situated on the corner of Main and Grove Streets, only a few rods from the Depot. Admirably arranged before, it has been greatly improved by its present Proprietor, Mr. D. B. Bartlett, recently of the Brainard House, at Elmira, N. Y. Thorough repairs—new furniture—elegant appointments—a gentlemanly, discerning landlord—attentive servants and reasonable charges, render this House a most desirable home for either transient or permanent visitors.

Slate Quarries.

The most extensive deposit of Slate in the United States, is in the towns described in this pamphlet. It is now about 20 years since Quarries were opened, and the business has already attained gigantic proportions. Beginning in the north part of the town of Castleton and extending 20 miles south through Fair Haven and Poultney, Vt., Granville and Hebron, N. Y., and including a belt of territory 2 miles in width, the Quarries are nearly within hailing distance of each other. Slate of the best quality and for all the purposes to which it can be applied is obtained in unlimited quantities.

The Gibson Quarry.—This Quarry is situated 2 miles south east from the Poultney Depot. It was opened in 1866, and about 300 squares of

roofing slate made from it the first season. But in consequence of the death of the lessee, it lay unworked until the autumn of 1868, when it was purchased by the Gibson Slate Company, and put in charge of Mr. W. R. Williams, as Agent, a gentleman of great experience in the Slate Business, both in Wales and in America. The stock obtained from this Quarry seems identical with the Welsh Cyphering Slates & possesses many qualities of great value. Its color is a beautiful unfading purple, which although it may not add anything to the durability of the material, adds greatly to its market value, since slate of this color are thought to make a roof of greatest beauty. Hence they command a higher price than any except the red slate, which do not exist in great quantity and are used chiefly for purposes of ornamentation. The Slate from this Quarry possesses an exceedingly tough fibre which renders it capable of being split very thin without danger to its strength and durability. In consequence of this a given amount of stock will make an unusually large amount of slate, and secure a great saving in the cost, both of quarrying and of transportation. These are the two great items of expense in this business, and therefore these are the points at which to direct efforts for economy. It costs just as much to quarry from its bed a block of refuse as of good stock, one that is 50 per cent. good as one that is 100. All labor saved here is consequently clear profit. In transporting their slate there is also a great saving. If 30 squares of slate of a given thickness are a car load, and the cost of hauling \$30 or \$1 per square, but 35 squares of another thickness will make the same weight, it is evident that the transportation of 5 squares is fully saved. Much of the rock taken from every Quarry is refuse: hence the necessity of advantageous dumping ground.

A deep and broad ravine on one side of the Quarry affords all that can be desired for this purpose, and also enables the company to drain it effectually and economically by means of a syphon. The vein of slate in which the company is now working is 100 feet thick and of indefinite length and depth. The stock is equally well adapted for Roofing Slate, Flagging, Billiard Beds, and all uses to which slate is applied in Marbleizing, and when fully developed the Gibson Quarry must be one of the most valuable in this whole section of country.

The Green Mountains Slate and Tile Co.,—Owns a Quarry one and a half mile south of Poulney. This Quarry was opened in 1867, by private individuals, and about 500 squares of Roofing Slate made from it the first season. During the past winter it was purchased by

the present company. Hiram A. Wilson, of Saratoga Springs, N. Y., is President, and A. E. Knapp, of Poultney, Treasurer. The stock from this Quarry is of the very best quality and the color an unfading green. Having but one color and being very straight, smooth and tough, the Slate from this Quarry make a perfectly even, uniform and beautiful roof. The company have put up an engine and are manufacturing also Flagging for Streets and walks. All orders directed to Col. W. H. Knapp, Supt., Poultney, Vt., will receive prompt attention.

Livery Stable.—Those who choose private rather than public conveyance to Middletown, or who wish to make excursions from Poultney to any other point will find at the stable of Mr. Don A. Barker, near the Poultney Depot, any style of turnout which they may desire. No person who has never passed a summer in this part of Vermont can have any adequate conception of the delightful drives with which it abounds, and of the charming scenery presented in every direction. A ride from Poultney through Fair Haven and terminating at Carver's Falls 9 miles distant, will take the tourist through as delightful a valley as the sun shines upon, over a natural road equal to the best product of art and reward him with a romance of scenery scarcely second to Trenton Falls, N. Y. A more varied and longer drive is to Hydeville, thence along the west shore of Lake Bomoseen to West Castleton, and return by the way of Fair Haven. The drive by this route or on the east shore of Lake Bomoseen to Heath's Ferry cannot be surpassed for variety and beauty.

Those who are fond of the picturesque and seek wildness of natural scenery will be fully gratified with a trip along the east shore of Lake St. Catherine to the village of Wells, distant 9 miles. Mr. Barker furnishes conveyances to any of the adjacent places on the shortest notice and most reasonable terms.

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