

National Park" bill, Act of March 3, 1875, and other National legislation. Although he bemoans the abandonment of the island by the United States, the fact that this book appeared just before the Michigan State Park Board met for organization, before which the Doctor was a candidate for superintendent of the Park, forces the inference that it was intended principally as a campaign *brochure*.

But literature and history are entitled to fairer treatment than is here accorded them; the summer visitors at the island, searching amid the bookstalls for information as to that historic spot, have a right to expect a well-written statement of proven facts, or in the absence of those, the pros and cons of plausible theories. We look in vain in this book for either. Tempted by the title to possess, the purchaser finds himself without the compensations of either a pleasing style in description, facts succinctly stated, or what is usual in the modern semi-historical guide books, elegant and profuse illustration.