

*Florida* has received more emigrants and settlers from the North than any other Southern State. Its fine climate, which has had quite as much reputation as it deserves for the relief of pulmonary diseases, its orange culture, and its fine hunting and fishing, have been its great attractions. The cultivation of the orange has been greatly developed, and is profitable to those who can wait for the maturity of the orange groves. They should not be permitted to bear a full crop till they are ten years old, and from the tenth to the thirtieth year they are very profitable. At long intervals, however, a severe frost destroys the fruit, and kills or blights many of the trees. The present winter (1880-1881) has been most destructive to the crop. Some parts of the peninsula are subject to malarial diseases.

## CONCLUSION.

I hear the tread of pioneers  
Of nations yet to be;  
The first low wash of waves, where soon  
Shall roll a human sea.  
I hear the far-off voyager's horn;  
I see the Yankee's trail—  
His foot on every mountain-pass,  
On every stream his sail.  
Behind the scared squaw's birch canoe,  
The steamer smokes and raves,  
And city lots are staked for sale  
Above old Indian graves.  
The rudiments of empire here  
Are plastic yet and warm;  
The chaos of a mighty world  
Is rounding into form! —J. G. WHITTIER.

Our task is done, our work completed. For the first time since we became a nation has an attempt been made to portray with accuracy and completeness of detail, the region beyond the Mississippi. We have sought to show its vast extent, its mineral wealth, its varied climate, the bountiful production of its fields of golden grain, the flocks and herds on its myriad hills and mountain slopes, its rapid progress in civilization and material development, the manner of men who are occupying this vast empire of the future, their advance in population, organization, education, morals and religion. We have shown the phenomena which