

botanical character of the vegetation is very varied, and is peculiar to these formations which are here found—the limestone clothed with its short and beautiful carpet of green; the black shales of the Yorkdale rocks covered by their stunted and brown vegetation; and the millstone grit in the glowing summer time purple with the flowers of the heather; so that in whichever direction the botanist turns, he will find ample material to reward him for his pains.



Buxton seems to enjoy a comparative immunity from disease; fever rarely occurs, cholera never, influenza and other epidemics assume a milder form here than in any other place. The large number of people who live to an advanced age testifies to a remarkable high average of health enjoyed by the inhabitants of this district.

The physical character of the atmosphere, the presence of the mountain limestone, and the elevated position of the place conduce much to this result. The dry and exhilarating air of Buxton is one of the most interesting of its characteristics, and the whole district presents a vast sanatorium, where sufferers from the atmosphere

and occupations of the larger towns, and from damper soils, may profitably seek renewal of health and strength. It is accurately described as "the most tonic Spa in the British Isles."

The history of the district may be traced through many centuries. Buxton is the one place in England, besides Bath, where mineral springs were regularly used during the Roman period, and fitted with buildings suitable for the use of bathers. Bakewell and its baths were known and appreciated in the

