



THE BALTIMORE FIRE.—Map Showing the Burned District.

The beginning of the nineteenth century marked an era of much prosperity. The town had secured a monopoly of the remunerative West India trade, and its trade in tobacco and wheat was constantly growing. Great warehouses were erected and fine mansions became very numerous. Large and fleet ships were built, and the Baltimore clippers were recognized as the fleetest vessels of the sea. Some of these vessels, captured by pirates, were remodelled by their captors and became the terror of the great merchantmen.

The city advanced step by step, and to-day it is one of the foremost cities of the United States. The great fire which recently swept away the heart of the

city, although a staggering blow, will be overcome, and, phoenix-like, there will arise from the ashes an even more stately and imposing lot of buildings than those which have fallen a prey to the flames. The genius of the people of Baltimore is our assurance for this.

Baltimore is fast becoming an educational centre. The St. Mary's Seminary (Roman Catholic) is one of the largest in the country. The Johns Hopkins University, the Johns Hopkins Hospital and Medical School, the Woman's College, the Maryland University, the Maryland Institute and the Peabody Institute have a national reputation. Its medical and dental colleges attract thousands of students. The Tome Institute, McDonogh