

rarer metals are found in ample quantities. Coal is less abundant as yet, but the immense forests furnish not only vast amounts of timber and lumber, but all the fuel which will be required for many years. Those who prefer the isolation of a new country can find homes here reasonably free from neighbors, while their crops can be speedily conveyed to market at a very moderate cost.

*Ohio, Indiana and Illinois* have now no desirable government lands for sale, but there are valuable State lands (school and swamp lands), and Illinois especially has yet some excellent railroad lands which can be purchased at moderate prices. A skilful farmer, buying his land low, can always be sure of making his farm pay in either of these States. There are also extensive coal and iron mines in all three.

Portions of *Kentucky* are desirable for immigrants, but both Middle and Eastern *Tennessee* are more so. The soil is not as rich as in some of the Western States, but there is a close clay sub-soil, and the land retains and is permanently benefited by manures, and under their influence yields liberal crops. There is much heavy timber, and most of the land has to be cleared before cultivation. Hitherto much of this region, especially the Cumberland Plateau of Middle Tennessee, has been inaccessible to markets; but now railroads have been built, and several colonies have established themselves there. One of these, sent out under the direction of an association of which Thomas Hughes, M. P., ("Tom Brown at Rugby") is President, have founded a colony called Rugby, and are making very fair progress in developing the region, for the time which has elapsed since their colonial enterprise was commenced. The English members of the colony are satisfied that they can accumulate property much faster than they could have done in England.

*East Tennessee* has not a rich soil, but its mineral wealth is very great, especially in coal and iron of the best quality. There are also some gold and silver ores, though the mining for them is only moderately profitable. These mineral deposits exist throughout the region occupied by the Appalachian chain of mountains, and render *West Virginia, Western North and South*