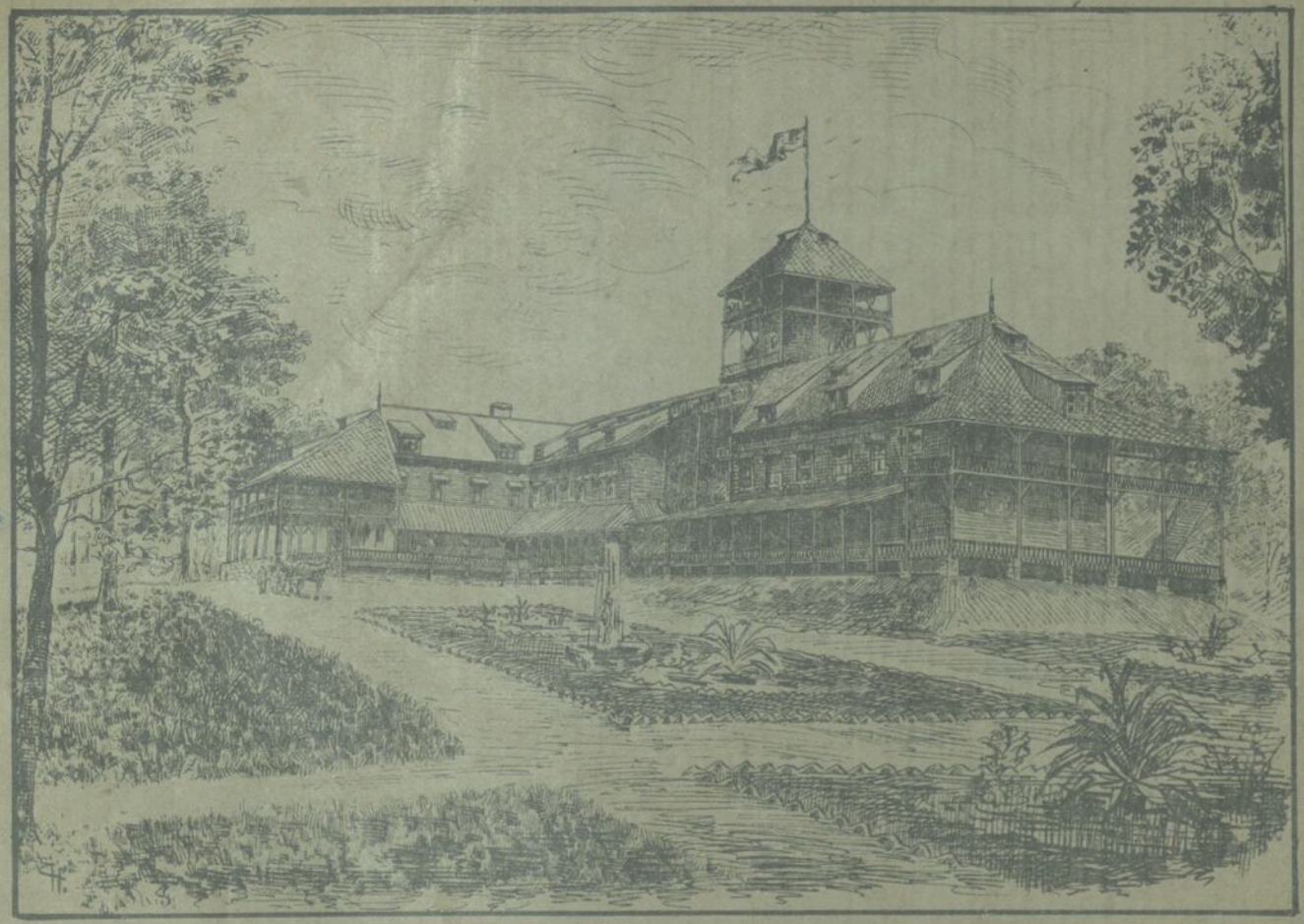


HOTEL MONTE SANO, Near Huntsville, Ala.

Will open June 1, 1887, and remain open until November 1.

Mr. S. E. BATES

Will be the manager of this Hotel. He is from Narragansett Pier, and one of the most popular and best-known hotel proprietors in the United States.

RATES OF BOARD:

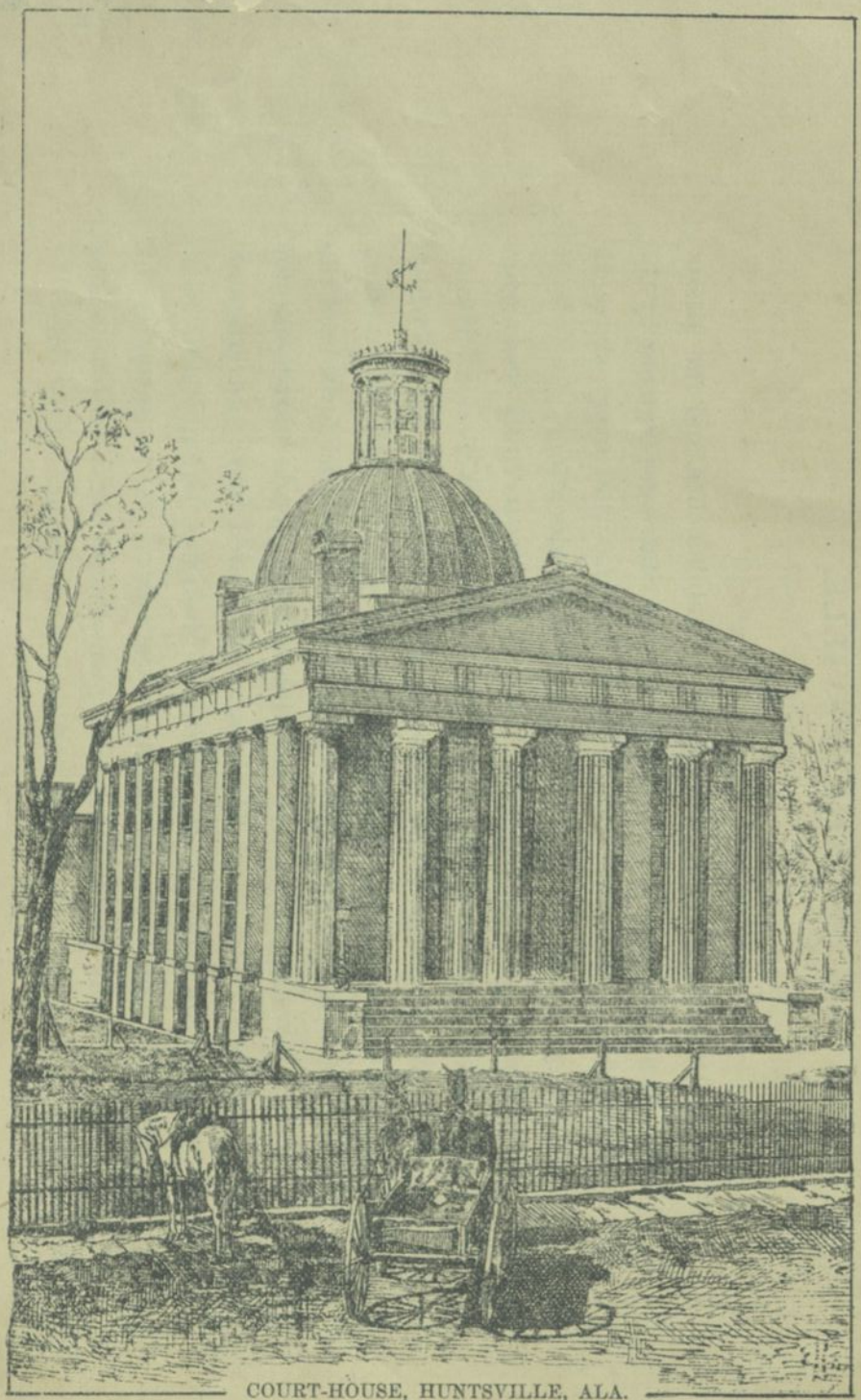
Per day,	$3 50
Per week, one in a room,	$14 00 to $21 00
Per week, two in a room,	$12 50 to $17 50

Mr. A. D. Rogers will have charge of the Livery, which will be hired at low prices.

Parties desiring to remain one month or longer can make cheaper and satisfactory rates by applying to Mr. Bates, Proprietor, Huntsville, Ala.

Passengers leaving on the Louisville & Nashville, or Northeastern Railroad one evening, will arrive at the Hotel the next afternoon at 5 o'clock.

The Louisville & Nashville, Northeastern, Memphis & Charleston and other railroads have low excursion rates, good until October, for Monte Sano.



COURT-HOUSE, HUNTSVILLE, ALA.

HUNTSVILLE.

IN 1803 the territory between the Chatahoochee and the Mississippi Rivers was ceded to the United States government by the State of Georgia, with the Jefferson proviso that every sixteenth section of public land should be devoted to education.

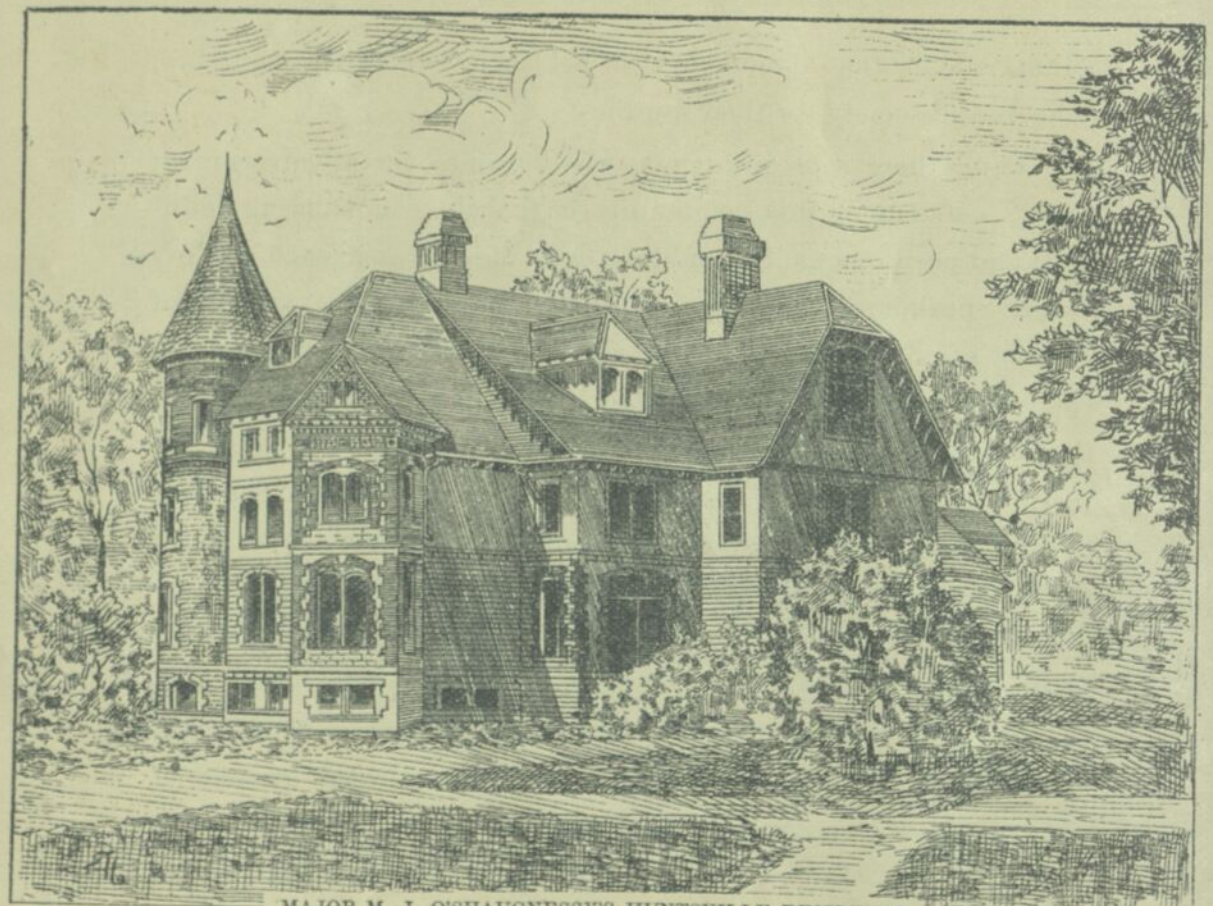
Nearly seventy years ago one-half of this territory was organized for admission into the Union as the State of Alabama. Huntsville was the place where this was done. The building in which the convention was held in 1819 has very recently been taken down, and the lot upon which it stood is now offered for sale to the U. S. government for the erection of a Federal court-house, for which $100,000 has already been appropriated by the government.

This town is the county-seat of Madison, perhaps the richest and most highly assessed county in the State. It was formerly the home of many wealthy men, who owned and cultivated plantations from Southern Georgia to Arkansas and Texas. They lived in

Huntsville for the sake of physical health, law and order, churches, schools and society for their families.

Lands here sold as high as $75 00 and over at government sales. Citizens of this community have held commanding influence and positions in the public affairs of Alabama, such as Governor, Speaker of the House, President of the Senate and Chief Justice of the Supreme Court; and not a few have adorned the counsels of the country as members of Congress, Senators and in the Cabinet. The ladies of Huntsville have long been noted for their unblemished complexions, beautiful forms and classic features, no less than for their graces and mental accomplishments. In a grass-growing country, abounding in beautiful streams of clear water, flowing over pebbly bottoms, the people have ever been fond of stock and field sports and fishing. Wealthy men here raised and raced their thoroughbred four-mile race horses. Huntsville, with its mile track, had its annual meeting, attended by men of note, of whom Gen. Andrew Jackson was one.

Huntsville, the garden spot of the South, situated on the M.



MAJOR M. J. O'SHAUGNESSY'S HUNTSVILLE RESIDENCE.

& C. R. R., 98 miles from Chattanooga, and 213 miles from Memphis. It is 10 miles from the Tennessee River, with a splendid pike connecting them, and has a population of over 6,000 refined, intelligent and enterprising citizens. It has always been regarded as a place of more than ordinary intelligence and social refinement.

There is now no place in the South more attractive and desirable as a home, surrounded as it is by beautiful ranges of mountains (extensions of the great Cumberland range), and magnificent, romantic scenery. A great variety of agricultural and horticultural products are grown in this section. The climate is very equable and one of the most healthy in the world. The atmosphere is always pure and bracing, and Huntsville is most healthfully situated at the base of Monte Sano, a towering peak of the Cumberland range.

The city is most admirably drained, and no place in the South has superior McAdamized streets, which are lined with beautiful shade trees. The city has a public school system, two flourishing

female colleges, two colored institutes, together with other excellent private schools, giving educational facilities for both white and colored, superior to any city of its size in the South.

The Methodist, Catholic, Baptist, Episcopalian, Presbyterian, Christian and Cumberland churches are all well represented here, and have very handsome and commodious church edifices.

Five weekly papers, besides the Daily and Weekly *Mercury*, two banks with large capital, three large hotels, including the Huntsville Hotel, "which is the property of the North Alabama Improvement Company." This is a splendid edifice and is now being entirely remodeled and repaired. It will have all the modern improvements, elevator, gas, electric light, will be newly and elegantly furnished and kept in a style equal to any hotel in the United States. Adjoining this hotel on the west will be erected four magnificent stone front stores connecting the hotel with the Opera House, the upper stories of the stores will be so arranged as to contribute new and beautiful rooms to the hotel. The Opera House, which also belongs to the Company, will be re-fitted

lottsville, Va., but it is further south and the climate, winter and summer, is unsurpassed. For exceptional salubrity reference is made to the statement of Drs. J. J. Dement and others whose professional character and standing are beyond criticism.

"The health of Huntsville is proverbial. Probably no city in the North, South, East or West is freer from epidemic disease of a malaria form, which so much afflicts a large portion of the South and West. We have had no scarlet fever in our midst for thirty years or more. Diphtheria is almost unknown, not more than six or eight cases having occurred among us in twenty years. Yellow fever, the great scourge of Southern cities, has been introduced into Huntsville three times during the past twenty years, but has never afflicted our people. One case in 1873 from Memphis, and twenty-five or thirty cases from Memphis, Brownsville, Grand Junction and Tuscumbia, were received in Huntsville as refugees in 1878, and taken care of in seventeen different localities; besides two corpses were brought here and buried from the Methodist and Baptist churches. Large congregrations attending each funeral,

yet no cases occurred among our citizens. Again in 1879, a lady refugee from Memphis, sickened and died at the Huntsville Hotel, which was then crowded with boarders, and no one was affected by it."

"From published reports the American Health Association for the years 1877 and 1878, held at Richmond, Va., we quote from Dr. D. C. Holliday, a leading physician of New Orleans, in speaking of yellow fever: "I have just learned of a single instance of exemption without any quarantine or attempt at it during the year: Huntsville, Ala., a place of about 5000 inhabitants, where no yellow fever has existed; notwithstanding the introduction of twenty or thirty cases, and their receiving whole families of refugees, with furniture," etc., etc.

In the Valley of the Tennessee, the great mare Peytona was raised by Kirkman. She beat Fashion, the Queen of the turf, who had defeated Boston, in a famous race.

At present attention is turned more to trotting horses, milch cows of high pedigree and stock of all kinds. The Agricultural

Association, of Huntsville, is the most successful in the State, and their exhibit sent to Montgomery State Fair, last November, was conceded to be the finest.

Huntsville is also the headquarters of the North Alabama Sportsman's Club, and many crack shots turn out in the fall with fine guns and pedigreed setters and pointers to make havoc with the abounding quail, woodcock and English snipe. The numberless creeks and rivers that intersect this region are supplied with several varieties of game fish, such as salmon, trout, black bass, pike, bream and perch; and an abundance of live bait can be obtained from the Huntsville Spring. These creeks run to the Tennessee river, Flint river, twenty miles by the M. and C. Railroad; Hurricane Creek, fifteen miles by the railroad; Swan and Beaver Lakes, twenty miles, and the sinks near Triana, sixteen miles; all of which afford opportunities to those fond of fishing.

James H. Cross & Co.
Real Estate Brokers,
Huntsville, Ala.

COL. J. F. O'SHAUGNESSY'S MOUNTAI RESIDENCE—1700 feet above sea

MONTE SANO HOTEL.

THE Huntsville range, embracing "Monte Sano," three miles northeast of Huntsville, is a terminal ridge of the great Cumberland chain. It is a high mountainous area west of Flint river, running southward to the Tennessee. On its eastern side are various wooded slopes and fertile coves, and on the west the rich and lovely valley which extends from Huntsville to the Tennessee river. Occasional ridges and rounded spurs rise in sight amid the rolling highlands and undulating valleys; scenery exceedingly varied and attractive.

The mountain is capped on top by sandstone. The soil is gray and porous and dries rapidly after rainfall. A broad wooded plateau extends for miles, and there are fine drives and walks in different directions through the native forest growth along the mountain crags and chasms. The new and beautiful "MONTE SANO HOTEL," just completed with capacity for 500 guests, and with all the modern improvements, is situated on the ledge of the mountain, and faces southwest.

Looking to the north and to the southwest you behold a beau-

tiful valley, with red clay and limestone foundation very similar to the country around Lexington, Ky. This landscape presents a glowing panorama; as far as can be seen are comfortable houses, cultivated fields and nurseries, beautiful woodlands, McAdamized roads and clear streams fed by everlasting springs.

In the midst of this valley and 600 feet above the sea, peacefully reposes the city of Huntsville. From the same eminence you turn your gaze to the south and to the east, and a scene breaks upon you which baffles description. 'Tis the antipodes of the one you have just beheld. An extended range of wild mountains and coves unbroken by a vestige of civilization. At a distance of twelve or fifteen miles can be seen, winding its way through the mountains, the Tennessee river, which in the sunlight looks like a band of silver.

The name of this mountain indicates that it is healthful. Most mountain retreats are in the mountains, but this hotel is on the summit of Monte Sano, which is several miles long and about a mile wide, covered with beautiful forest groves.

Long before the present magnificent improvements were completed, people from all parts of the country, with impaired health, would seek this mountain and live in tents and huts to enjoy the benefit of the pure air and splendid waters. Near the hotel are

numerous springs, freestone, chalybeate, alum and limestone. Among these is one called "Cold Spring." Its waters registers 55.4 Fahrenheit, and is the coldest in Alabama. This hotel is 1691 feet above the level of the sea. It will be opened for guests on the 1st of June, 1887, and on the 1st of October "The Huntsville Hotel," in the city of Huntsville, with all the latest improvements, will be ready to receive visitors. After the summer is over and the nights get chilly, guests from Monte Sano may remain in Huntsville until the weather becomes safe and suitable for going to extreme Southern homes. Neither money nor pains will be spared in securing the best ability, and in having these establishments both kept in a style nowhere excelled in the United States and, if it is possible, to make this mountain the Saratoga of the South.

The directors of the "North Alabama Improvement Company" will, in a few months, present a prospectus of that company, which owns large tracts of beautiful lands environing Huntsville, valuable real estate in Huntsville, the entire street railroad system, two beautiful pikes, one from the city to the top of Monte Sano, the other extending for six miles around said mountain into the Big Cove; and also large bodies of mineral lands above on the Tennessee river. It was, however, the object of the directors to prepare to entertain, in the best style, winter and summer, those who might

TOLL KEEPER'S LODGE ON ROAD TO MONTE SANO.

be attracted here to look for investments, to establish manufactures or to find permanent homes. This is now faithfully accomplished. The trains from the South arriving at Huntsville at 5 p. m. and 6 a. m., and from the North arriving at 1 a. m. and 1:30 p. m., will be met by tally-ho coaches, each drawn by four splendid horses with expert drivers, and connecting in this manner with the MONTE SANO HOTEL by a romantic drive over a beautiful pike, a distance of about three miles.

There will be established, in connection with the hotel, a livery stable containing four-in-hand tally-ho coaches, and trained coach horses, carriages, buggies, two carts, riding horses and ponies. There will be billiards, ten-pins, croquet, lawn tennis, fireworks, and other amusements.

It is also the object to provide intellectual treats, such as lectures by celebrated persons on various subjects. In fact, to do all that can be done to make the stay of guests pleasant and beneficial. The city of Huntsville provides most excellent schools for both male and female, and parents may, if desired, send their children during the long months they spend on the mountain.

There will be a resident physician at the hotel, while in Huntsville reside many distinguished representatives of the profession.

The picture of the hotel will give the reader a correct idea of the broad galleries which entirely surround the building.

The rooms throughout are heated by steam and lighted by gas, and so arranged that they may be used singly or in suites.

There are no back or inside rooms in the hotel, nor any in which the light does not shine. The rooms are completely furnished with Brussels carpet, armours and bureaus, and the beds are all furnished with spring and hair mattresses, while attached to the guest chambers are call bells, and in the hall are fire hose, which can throw water to any part of the building.

Under the tower, in which is situated an 8000-gallon water tank, are located the bath-rooms (the tubs are porcelain lined) and water-closets ample for the convenience and comfort of the guests.

The "MONTE SANO HOTEL" and the "HUNTSVILLE HOTEL" both belong to and will be kept by the "North Alabama Improvement Company" in the very best style, with nothing but best breads, meats and Jersey milk and butter for guests. Arrangements have been made with Gen. S. H. Moore, of Huntsville, to supply the hotels with Jersey milk and butter.

TEN PIN ALLEY AND DANCING PAVILLION.

TESTIMONIALS FROM EMINENT PHYSICIANS.

HUNTSVILLE, Ala., 1887.

Mr. J. F. O'Shaughnessy, President North Alabama Improvement Co.:

DEAR SIR—Monte Sano is situated about four miles northeast of the city of Huntsville, Ala., being the extreme western terminus of the Cumberland range, and is more than 1600 feet above the level of the sea. On its summit is an undulating plateau about three miles in length and from one-half to three-quarters of a mile in width, over which a graded drive is being constructed to communicate directly with the various points of interest on the mountain. These consist in a magnificent hotel, modern in style of architecture, complete in all its appointings, with ample capacity to entertain comfortably several hundred guests.

Its spacious halls, long corridors, well ventilated and handsomely furnished rooms, beautiful grounds and commanding ap-

pearance, overlooking, as it does, the classic city of Huntsville, which nestles like a thing of beauty at the base of the mountain, at once challenges the admiration of all visitors. There are a number of villas and cottages, some of exquisite taste, erected at different points, and others are in process of erection. These are designed for private residences, and some of them in their artistic beauty and loveliness, vie with the wild and romantic grandeur of the deep gorges below and verdant plains beyond that reach to the banks of the Tennessee. Several springs of fair capacity are situated at convenient distances, two of which are choice chalybeate, one alum and iron, and two freestone. One of the latter has a temperature of 55 degrees and is as pure as any spring water on the face of the earth.

The salubrious altitude, bracing atmosphere, charming scenery, variety and quality of water indicate at once the healthfulness of the location, and guarantee to the enervated invalid, the feeble convalescent, the teething infant, and the seeker of pleasure as well, a summer resort not surpassed, if indeed it has an equal in this country. Monte Sano is of easy access, being situated near the M. and C. Railroad, and connected to the city of Huntsville by a McAdamized road now completed, over which a line of coaches make regular trips every day, and a dummy line is projected leading from the

depot on the railroad to the top of the mountain, and will be in operation at no distant day.

It has been the custom of the writer for the last fifteen years during the summer months to send his infant patients while teething to this mountain, and in every instance, save one, the little suffering waifs were improved as by magic and invariably return to their homes at the close of the heated term in good health and fine condition. Female patients suffering from nervous exhaustion and diseases peculiar to their sex, improve more rapidly while under treatment and make more satisfactory recoveries on the mountain than in the city or surrounding country. Such at least has been our experience. With its geographical location, picturesque grandeur, sanitary conditions and the artistic skill displayed in the buildings and grounds, Monte Sano is destined to be the *ne plus ultra* of health resorts.

M. C. Balbridge, M. D.

Huntsville, Ala., April 26, 1887.

Col. J. F. O'Shaughnessy, President North Alabama Improvement Co.:

Sir—At your request, I will state briefly my experience and observation in regard to Monte Sano as a health resort. It is known to you that for the past twenty years I have been urging the citizens

of Huntsville to make suitable accommodations on Monte Sano for the purpose of allowing our suffering fellow citizens the opportunity of availing themselves of the healthful mountain air, pure water of Cold Spring and the medicinal virtues of the various mineral springs which are to be found there. I congratulate you, and the company which you represent, as well as our citizens generally, that there is about to be open ample accommodations, of a superior kind, for all who may desire to avail themselves of them during the coming season.

You ask me what diseases are most benefited by a sojourn on this mountain. I answer that all cases of general debility, produced from any cause whatever, unless from *serious organic diseases*, find relief in a residence of a few months there. I could not, without taxing patience, enumerate all of the conditions which I have known to be thus benefited.

THE WASTING DISEASES OF CHILDREN.

From my earliest recollection this mountain has been noted as a place to restore to health the little sufferers from the diarrhœas incident to the period of dentition, as well as to prevent them from becoming sick by taking them there before the heat of summer. It has become almost proverbial with our doctors and people, that if they can get to these healthy heights with their teething babies,

they will pass through the summer's heat without becoming sick, or soon get well should they have become ill before going there. I could mention hundreds of children, many of them, my own patients (three of them my own children), who owe their lives to the virtues of Monte Sano, after exhausting all the therapeutic and dietetic remedies which could be brought to bear on their cases.

My invariable advice to my patrons and friends has been to go early and remain until September, and I have the satisfaction to believe that where this advice was acted upon much suffering has been spared the dear little ones and oftentimes a life has been saved.

DYSPEPSIA—INDIGESTION.

There are probably more cases of disease connected with the digestive organs than of all other chronic diseases combined, especially among our Southern people, growing out of our mode of living, cooking, eating and drinking I have sent quite a number of such patients there, and I cannot recall one who was not cured or greatly relieved.

NEURASTHENIA, OR NERVE EXHAUSTION.

This is another disease which I have frequently seen cured, of late years, and the subject would return home in good health after a residence for a few months on Monte Sano; for you have there all the conditions and facilities for allowing this class of people to rest

in quietude and comfort, and to restore their broken-down, exhausted and shattered nervous system to health and vigor.

It is very much regretted that your management has not had the time to have your waters thoroughly analyzed. I hope you will have this done, and done exhaustively, during the approaching summer, as it would not be satisfactory to have it done during winter or spring. At those seasons the waters are too much diluted to get the accurate percentage of elemental parts. Such analysis is not important for the physicians of Huntsville and vicinity, because our practical observation has taught us to know the virtues of these waters; but physicians at a distance can know nothing of the superior advantages of your health resort except through the mineral ingredients of your waters and the other rare, health-giving conditions which I suppose will be fully set forth in the literature which you will give to the public.

Very respectfully,

J. J. DEMENT, M. D.

HUNTSVILLE, April 27, 1887.

Col. J. F. O'Shaughnessy, President North Alabama Improvement Co.:

DEAR SIR—I very sincerely concur with and indorse all that my *confrere*, Dr. Dement, says in the above letter about "Monte Sano" as a health resort. Having spent the greater part of my life

here, and been actively engaged in the practice of medicine for the past twelve years, I am fully prepared to say that not only as a health resort, but as a most pleasant retreat during the hot summer months, I know of no place superior to "Monte Sano."

Very respectfully,

S. H. LOWRY, M. D.

HUNTSVILLE, Ala., April 26, 1887.

Col. J. F. O'Shaughnessy, President North Alabama Improvement Co.:

DEAR COLONEL—It affords me pleasure in reply to inquiries made of me recently regarding the sanitary condition of Huntsville, and the surrounding country, but more especially of the famed "Monte Sano" resort, to state, that but few if any localities in our country possess greater or more healthful attractions, for the pleasure seeker, the invalid adult, or teething babe. Besides the salubrious climate, and the pure gushing water which Huntsville affords in greatest abundance, the invalid in quest of health, need go no further than to the plateau, about 1000 feet above our city and 1620 feet above the sea level, on "Monte Sano," to have his every wish surely verified. Here he will find the Chalybeate, the alum and the coldest and purest free-stone water, standing at 55°, mid-summer, besides the most invigorating and health giving atmosphere, with beauty of

scenery unexcelled, in this or any other country. With an observation and experience of over thirty-six years, in the practice of medicine in this section, I give it as my opinion, that but few localities afford greater advantages for the weak and debilitated, whether from nervous exhaustion, enfeebled digestion, approaching phthisis or the wasting effects of dentition. I have seen and known some of the most wonderful results accomplished within a very short time, after medicinal skill have failed, from visiting and sojourning upon this Mountain of Health, during the heat of summer. I have frequently, as had other physicians, sent patients there, almost "in articulo mortis," and have witnessed their complete restoration during one summer. It well merits its name "Monte Sano."

Yery truly and respectfully,

A. R. Erskine, M. D.

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