

as were the principles of the Pilgrims traceable to the Being "from whom comes every good and perfect gift." The necessities of our forefathers under a rigorous climate, made them not only the most thrifty, but the most enterprising and successful of their age. We are on a parallel with Boston, with more than 20 degrees less depression in temperature, and with climatic advantages beyond conception. We have no easterly or north-eastern winds, sweeping over thousands of miles of ocean, robbed of heat and balminess, to terrify the infirm or aged.

We have winters commencing about the 10th of December—terminating in March—characterized by many peculiarities, yet noted for no inconveniences incompatible with health, comfort and business. Snows here are never deep—strong, persistent winds are unknown in winter—and rain does not fall after the middle of December, until the early rain unlocks the frost and gives life and being to vegetation; the rain gauge shows a fall of but 25 inches during the year—the usual average east is about 53 inches. Our summers are cool and not variable, and the atmosphere during the entire year is remarkable for its clearness, dryness and transparency. No country can surpass the purity and clearness of the water in this. It is convenient and accessible—springs and natural lakes are the predominant characteristics.—These things are not miracles, but are dependent on natural laws, governing countries of certain geographical and topographical position. The latitude of Philadelphia is about 40° north, yet from position, the vicissitudes of climate are greater than with us. There the winter is somewhat shorter and apparently concentrated—yet its changes are destructive to comfort and health. New York is liable to similar but greater objections. With every change of wind there, the temperature changes—all from the contiguity and antagonism of large bodies of land and water, can never be averted. Our position, approximating the centre of the continent, exempts us from these changes—and this blessing is manifested in general good health and a corresponding physical development. We have no epidemics—no endemics; miasmatic