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THE superiority of the climate of Madeira above all others is a fact so generally admitted, that any description of it's advantages might seem superfluous. It's situation is southward of any part of the European continent, or the Mediterranean sea. The town of Funchall is built in a valley, open only on the south to the Atlantic ocean, and defended on the N.N.W. and N. E. by immense mountains, which to the north rise a mile in perpendicular height above the level of the ocean. From these mountains rise the rivers, which flow with such impetuosity to the sea as to prevent any stagnant water. The coolness of the atmosphere at the top of them much increases that condensation of the air by land which produces sea breezes, always increased in proportion to the heat of the sun.

fun. Hence the temperature of the air varies less than in any other part of the world; the thermometer within doors, and not exposed to the sun, being frequently steady for twenty-four hours together, and seldom rising higher than 70 or 75 in summer, or sinking lower than 60 or 65 in the winter.

From these various advantages Madeira is free from the fevers of tropical climates, ague is a disease scarcely known, and dysenteries are less troublesome than even in England. It is besides defended from those northern blasts which visit every part of Europe and the Mediterranean islands* during the winter, and though not frequent, are when they happen sufficient to destroy all the advantages which a residence of several months had produced.

Such a situation could not but be preferred by medical people for the winter

* See Cleghorn on the Diseases of Minorca.

residence of consumptive or scrofulous constitutions. But this, like many other remedies, has been overvalued or abused. Consumptive patients have been sent thither in such a state as to die during their voyage, or even while waiting for convoy, or on the night of their arrival at the island; and many in such a state of the disease that nothing can relieve. Those who arrive at a period sufficiently early in the complaint are often uncertain as to their reception in the island, or, for want of other accommodations, obliged to quarter themselves on such of the British merchants as they have letters of credit on.

Though the hospitality of the English is every where proverbial, yet it must at once occur that the situation of an invalid is often inconsistent with the convivial mode of life of that nation; and if, as would certainly be the case, the benevolence of the merchant should induce him to give up his accustomed habits; those who are the most deserv-

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ing of such a sacrifice would be the least willing to accept it.

These considerations induced some of the London physicians* to request DR. ADAMS to make it his first endeavour to procure sufficient accommodations for invalids on their landing. Such have been his ineffectual attempts for three years; during which he has had the mortification to see those who were unacquainted with the nature of the place hurried from on ship board into taverns ill calculated to receive them, or forced to accept a gratuitous reception from the merchants.

To relieve those who have most occasion for such assistance, DR. ADAMS has found no other means but that of fitting up a large mansion, formerly the palace of one of the Portuguese nobility; and as it is desirable for every one who

* Particularly Sir *Walter* ~~William~~ Farquhar, Dr. Pitcairn, and Dr. Saunders.

makes such a voyage to be perfectly at his ease relative to his situation on his arrival, the following are the terms on which those who come properly recommended are received: 10s. 6d. per diem furnishes every parlour visitor with lodging and board, including wine, tea, and whatever a genteel family expects. A female servant attending two ladies, and satisfied with the fare of the other servants, is included without any additional expence. To relieve both parties of every possible embarrassment, it is to be remembered that every engagement is made by the day; and those who come with a family will be assisted in providing themselves with houses.

Young people are taken under the entire protection of DR. and MRS. ADAMS, and all engagements include every contingent expence.

As it is impossible to fix the precise sum, from the variety of age, attendants, and other circumstances, DR. ADAMS
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has prevailed on his friend Mr. HINCKLEY, No. 28, King-street, Cheap-side, to receive his instructions on this head; and any engagement made by him shall be final.

Instructions to those who wish to avail themselves of the Climate of Madeira.

IT should first be remembered that there is a stage in Consumption which nothing can relieve.—This may seem a more proper notice to the Physician than the Patient; but it is well known that the physician has often proposed the voyage several months before he could prevail on his patient to undertake it.—Vessels that sail to Madeira are usually destined to some more distant port, so that it is not easily known to the Public what opportunities occur. Of this the merchants trading to Madeira have the best

best intelligence.—Mess. BLACKBOURNE, BANGER and Co. merchants, in London, have kindly undertaken to answer any enquiries on this subject directed to them post paid.—Families are advised to bring furniture with them of every kind, as it is difficult to be procured on a sudden, and always sells well. The best calculated for the climate is cane-bottomed chairs, large sofas are also necessary.—The fewer servants are brought over the better; but an English cook is of all others the most useful; both for the voyage and during residence in the island. Houses are not difficult to be procured for those who are not confined by business to a particular part of the town.

Young people of either sex who have made any progress in their education need not be fearful of losing any of their accomplishments,—masters of every kind may be procured; and whatever advantage may be derived from the society of DR. and MRS. ADAMS, will not
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be unattended to. DR. ADAMS is so well known to most of the medical people in London, that he only mentions the following to avoid the appearance of a general reference.

SIR GEORGE BAKER.

DR. SAUNDERS.

LETTSON.

LATHAM.

PITCAIRN.

BLANE.

BAILLIE, ETC.

MESSRS. CLINE,

HOME,

ABERNETHY, ETC.

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