

“A New Home: Who’ll Follow?” It is not the trees and their rank growth on the uncleared land, nor the wild animals, which are the most uncongenial *neighbours* to persons of superiour education and refinement in a new settlement. To enjoy facilities, therefore, of communicating rapidly with the civilized Eastern States by founding their new town on the banks of a great navigable river, or close to some main road in the interior, is a privilege truly enviable. I remember wondering, when I first read Homer’s graphic sketch of the advantages of wealth, that he should have placed his rich man’s mansion on the road side—

ὁδῷ ἐπὶ δίκτα ναίων.

To an Englishman, the poet’s notion seemed very un-aristocratic, for we are almost irresistibly reminded of the large sums which an English country gentleman would expend in order to remove the high road to a respectful distance. Probably the present condition of Ohio, rather than that of a county of parks and mansions like Surrey, was the model most frequently present to the minds of the migratory Greeks of the Homeric age.

From Pomeroy, a large steamboat carried us more than 200 miles in about fifteen hours, down the broad, winding stream, past many a well-wooded island, to Cincinnati, where we were struck with the appearance of commercial activity, the numerous wharfs and steamboats, the wide streets and handsome buildings.