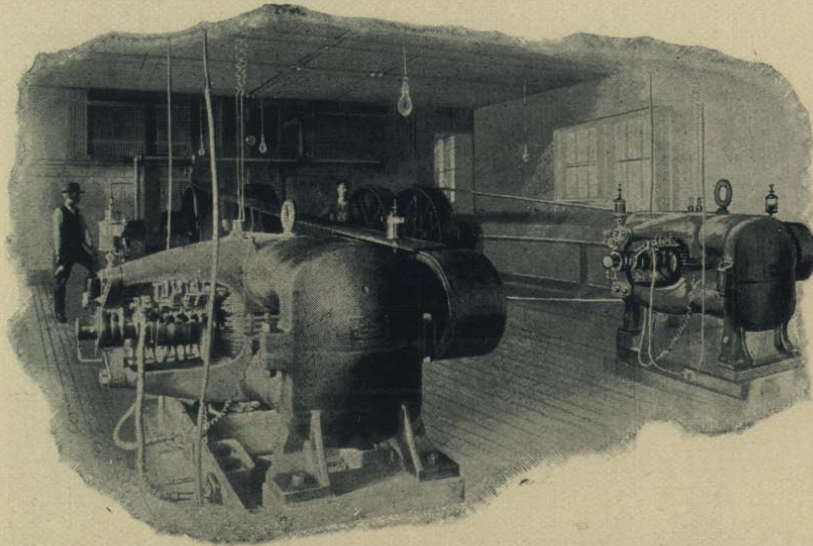


It is a new country with an old age. It has the buoyancy of youth with the wisdom of gray hairs. It is a land with an historic past, whose future gives promise of a far greater though a more peaceful history.



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The educational and religious advantages of Staunton are of the most ample and generous character. It is the seat of the State Institution for the Education of the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind, a commodious and imposing structure, equipped and provided for in the most liberal manner by the State government, situated in the midst of grounds which for natural beauty are unsurpassed any-where, and attended by the deaf mutes and the blind children from all sections of the commonwealth. Reference has already been made to the easy accessibility of Staunton to the three great educational institutions of the South for young men—the University of Virginia, Washington and Lee, and the Virginia Military Institute, each within an hour's ride by rail. Staunton itself might be appropriately called a woman's university, as Cambridge and Oxford, in England, are universities for men, if we might compare the various female seminaries here located to the dif-

ferent colleges in the English university towns which go to make up the whole university.

There are in Staunton five high grade colleges for the education of young women, each possessing its own buildings, equipments, grounds and faculty, and each attended by students from every section of the United States. They are among the most thorough and successful institutions of learning in the country, and are as follows: The Augusta Female Seminary, the Virginia Female Institute, the Wesleyan Female Institute, the Staunton Female Seminary and the Roman Catholic School for Young Ladies and Girls.