CLIMATE.

People living to the south of the State of Wisconsin are sometimes inclined to scoff and sneer at our Wisconsin climate, and particularly our winters. And yet, we who have lived here all our lives and those who have come here from other states to find happiness with us know that our winter climate is one of the glories of our state. The crisp, clear atmosphere, with just enough snow on the ground to protect vegetation and provide good sleighing for pleasure and for business, is so immeasurably superior to the winter mud of Illinois and states farther south that there is no comparison whatever. For proof ask any one who has been brought up in some other state and has come to our wonderful section to their ever-
looking out over the lake.

lasting benefit. Our winters are the most invigorating time of year, and, to many, the pleasantest season of all. The glories of the Wisconsin summer need not be described, for the people of Chicago, St. Louis and other southern points every year pay several million dollars tribute for the privilege of enjoying what to us is one of Nature’s free gifts.

And of Wisconsin climates, Sheboygan County has a little the best of them all. For one thing it is located along the lake shore. The shore line at Sheboygan extends out into the lake and the city is located more or less on a peninsula, so that the lake influence is felt from three directions, north, east and south. This lake influence is generally quite evident for a distance of from ten to twenty miles inland, the enormous body of water which forms Lake Michigan acting as a huge regulator of heat and cold. Late frosts, killing vegetation, are practically unknown in Sheboygan County; the lake influence also keeps away early frosts in the fall and gives us those wine-of-life days, crisp and biting, with bright sunshine and bur-
nished gold over us and all around us. One fall season in Sheboygan County is worth a year's travel anywhere else. We are accused of having a backward spring season and we frankly admit it. The lake waters in early spring have a cold "hang-over" from the winter chills and these waters must be warmed by the sun before permanent settled warm weather can come. While this is an annoyance when every pore of Nature is longing for spring and warm weather, we have an enormous advantage even in this, and find virtue in the fact that that is what keeps away the frosts and makes crops a certainty. Besides, we would rather put up with a slightly backward spring and accept the glories that follow rather than put up with the same length of time of dust, dirt, flies and mosquitoes which are the share of those where summer is so long that it becomes tiresome, causing insects to multiply and vegetation to die of heat and thirst. We accept our backward springs as another grand gift of Nature and feel not the slightest reason to deny them or wish to change them.

Coming Home.