

land than Wisconsin, and that the city and environs may be regarded as national and dependent upon position, we may safely give the rural districts 3,200,000; and, moreover, were she as densely populated as Massachusetts, she would have 6,000,000; these being the data, and Wisconsin one-fourth larger, would contain 7,500,000, with the same number to the square mile. Taking the growth of Ohio and Indiana as a data for Wisconsin increase, we can safely predict, in five years, 800,000 inhabitants, in ten years, 1,100,000, in fifteen years, 1,500,000, in twenty-five years, 3,000,000, in fifty years, 5,000,000. These are subjects challenging the attention and interest of all desirous of seeking a home, and a State with special advantages.

The advantages presented in the preceding, impress every visitor to the State, and have induced greatly the improvements we have simply glanced at. The Chairman of the Board of Trade of the Chamber of Commerce of Cincinnati, visited this State last summer. We know the writer, and no man is better qualified, by travel, reading and observation, to give a correct opinion than he. The following extract, from a letter written during a summer tour, will exhibit his opinion of the present, and from it we may deduce the future greatness of the State.

In a communication to the *Cincinnati Gazette* of the 9th of August, 1855, he says:

"One peculiarity, wherever I traveled in Wisconsin, struck me forcibly, viz.: the apparent high degree of culture, cleanliness and thriftiness of the farms. There is not half so much to remind one of a *new* country as there is in Ohio and Indiana, and this is attributable *chiefly* to the fact, that almost every quarter section, in its natural state, is ready for plowing and fencing without the labor of felling trees enough to burden the navy of the world; and *partly* to the fact, that the class of settlers are off-shoots from the hardy and industrious sons of New England, or the farmers of Western New York and Northern Ohio. Fifty years' labor in New England, or twenty years' toil in Ohio, are not equal in their result to five industrious years in Wisconsin. T."