

home, were widely circulated, since they came from various localities. Moreover, in 1853, Rev. J. A. A. Grabau, the pastor with whom they emigrated, and Captain von Rohr himself, travelled in north Germany, and by their conversations and reports created a further interest and thus directed the stream of Lutheran emigration to Wisconsin. These facts serve to explain to some extent the large north-German — and particularly Pomeranian — element which has been coming into the state increasingly, in later years.<sup>1</sup> According to Geffcken, emigration from the central and southern parts of Germany has been decreasing, while that of the northern districts is increasing. Thus in 1849 and 1850, the Rhinelands furnished from 18 to 20 per cent of the emigration, and Westphalia 38 per cent, while Prussia and Posen furnished only 20 per cent. In 1872, Prussia furnished 11.8 per cent, Pomerania 16.5 per cent, Hanover 12 per cent, while the Rhinelands furnished 8.3 per cent, and Westphalia 3.5 per cent.<sup>2</sup>

The German settlement of southeastern Wisconsin, which began about 1839, was remarkably rapid. In the year 1845, two hundred and fifty thousand acres of land were sold in the Milwaukee land offices, chiefly to actual settlers, of whom the larger part were Germans.\* The Germans who came early to the state were largely from the Rhine provinces, where political discontent was strong at that period, and industry at a low ebb. Others came to Wisconsin from Bavaria, Saxony, Luxemburg, Württemberg, and Switzerland. The eastern counties received the greatest numbers, but a large German element settled early in Sauk and Dane counties.

It was the fine Sauk prairie and beautiful scenery on the Wisconsin that attracted German settlers to Sauk county.

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<sup>1</sup> By the census of 1880 there were reported to be in Wisconsin 111,432 Prussians; 4,518 Hanoverians; 9,315 Mecklenburgers — 125,315, in a total German population of 184,328. Others, too, were reported as merely from Germany.

<sup>2</sup> Friedrich Heinrich Geffcken, in G. Schönberg's *Polit. Œcon. Auflage*, ii., p. 962. See also Roscher and Jannasch's *Kolonien*, p. 385.

<sup>3</sup> *Wisconsin Banner*, August, 1845.