

factory, and in the fall of 1854 all of the New York settlers sold out and came to Wisconsin. The same year, the emigrants of 1851 to Lancaster, joined the other party in Marion. Since 1854, this settlement has drawn steadily from different parts of Germany, and now numbers between 200 and 225 individuals. They have bought all the farms that have been offered for sale, gradually taking possession of land once owned by Americans. Their farms, it is reported, range from 80 to 600 acres, the average being perhaps 300 acres. Their houses, fences, and stock are all good, and they have particularly fine horses. New land is constantly broken, and everything is done with characteristic thoroughness. This is a distinctively German community; its members intermarry with Germans, maintain their own schools, and teach their children to speak German. The people belong to two congregations,—a German Presbyterian and a Lutheran; the former maintain a church and minister in their own locality, while the Lutherans attend the church at Boscobel.

In the same year (1854), a Baden community of a very different character was formed in Wisconsin—the St. Nazianz colony, in the town of Eaton, Manitowoc county. Not long after the revolution of 1848, when a spirit of restlessness pervaded Baden, and economic conditions were unusually oppressive, a large body of German Catholics from different parts of the country,—the Black Forest, Klettgau, Breisgau, Schwabia, and Odenwald,—assembled under the leadership of Rev. Ambros Oswald, a Catholic priest from the district of Freiburg, and emigrated to America. This movement was due to overpopulation, and, as they claimed, to the vexations suffered under Protestant rule—but more especially to the desire to form in America a free Roman Catholic community after their own ideas. It was their common sympathy with the peculiar doctrines taught by their leader, that brought them together. He held the idea of the early apostles as to community of goods, and preached as Paul did concerning marriage,—urging a single life for those not already