

Switzerland, and the blue sky in Italy. "Thus the immigrant must choose his new home with well balanced judgment, he must beware of illusions, yet he must bring with him adaptability, willingness and susceptibility to find what he is seeking, or he had better remain where he is.

It is also palpable that emigrants from Europe, and more especially from Germany have fewer sources of statistical information at hand concerning Maryland and the fate of former immigrants in this State than desirable and advantageous to an increased influx of the same element. In this view the figures and data contained in this sketch were compiled, and whilst it is to be regretted that the author could not reach much official information of a later date than the census of 1860, it is certainly of great value for him who may consult these lines, to know that the figures and facts given, are rather below the present standard than the contrary.

It is a well known fact that of the entire population of the United States the foreign born element is about eleven per cent, and that Ireland and Germany furnish by far the largest quota to this ratio. The former has so far yet the preponderancy, the latter, however shows a decided tendency of soon out-numbering the other; vide the following statistical table:

Year of Census. For'n Pop. in U. S. Per cent. of tot. For. Pop.

| | Irish. | German. | Irish. | German. |
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| 1850 | 961,719 | 573,225 | 43.51 | 25.94 |
| 1860 | 1,611,304 | 1,301,136 | 38.94 | 31.45 |

This increase of German immigration over the Irish is so much more remarkable, when compared with the fact that during the period mentioned from Ireland 1 of every 5 inhabitants emigrated, whilst from Germany only 1 out of every 33. The proportion of the native to the foreign-born population varies in the various States, and in Maryland it is 88.72, per cent, natives to 11.28 per cent, foreigners out of which 6.39 per cent, are of German, and 3.62 per cent of Irish birth. This statement includes among the natives the colored people; among the white population (*only*) there are 84.97 per cent native and 15.03 per cent foreign citizens. But if we consider that in this calculation, all the children of foreign parentage, yet born in this State, are included among the natives, whilst on account of language, educational training and habits they might be properly counted among the foreign element, it is no exaggeration to say (in a social, not in a political sense) that this element forms nearly one third of the white and nearly one fourth of the entire present population of Maryland, and in application of the ratio of nationalities previously exhibited, we may safely state that two ninths of the white and one sixth of Maryland's entire population are Germans, and one ninth of its white, and one twelfth of its entire population are Irish. This fact must not only flatter