

ravaging Goths. The Roumanians themselves like to think they are descended directly from the Romans. About 1150 A.D. the province was but thinly peopled, and ill qualified to resist attacks from without. The king invited Germans to come and establish colonies in this scantily peopled land, promising them



certain privileges in return for the services he expected. Hungarian heralds began, consequently, to appear in German towns, proclaiming aloud in street and on market-place the words of their royal master. As a German poet sings:

"When castles crowned each craggy height
Along the banks of Rhine,