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procured an invitation for Dr. Hahn from the Canadian Government to come and visit Canada, and give his opinion of this country. He was out last summer, but, strange to say, neither press mentioned this certainly important circumstance. His very interesting report, as given to his own people, and which gives testimony as to the higher standpoint from which he treats this question, is published in the last report of the Minister of Agriculture, and should find a larger circle of readers than the official Blue Books generally enjoy.

Wurtemberg is, at the same time, one of our best agricultural countries in Germany, and one of the most populated. It is an unfortunate feature of our time that the country people stream into the large centres of population, and then become in a short time physically and morally degenerated. The farm labourer, weary of the hard life, without any prospect of ever possessing an inch of ground himself, becomes discouraged and goes into town, where he promises himself some outdoor pleasure at least to compensate him for the loss of a contented, satisfied, family life. The small farmer (and in Wurtemberg that class is especially large, as the land is a great deal too much divided into small portions) sends his sons and daughters into factories, because his patrimony once more divided would not feed any of them. It is to this class that Dr. Hahn will devote his attention, and this class is the most useful to you. With the proceeds of the sale of the little homestead, the father will be enabled to emigrate, keep his family around him, become a more extensive land owner, and he dies a happier man, having saved his children and grandchildren from swelling the already alarming number of proletarians. You see, gentlemen, that we see in emigration something superior to the mere act of sending people from one Continent to the other. We see in it the only way for social reform, the only rational means of assisting our masses, saving them, however, before they are reduced to the abject condition of the East of London men, with whom your country has been inundated by charitable societies. We believe in helping a man before he has gone from one charity to another, and has his manhood taken out of him; placing him there where he can help himself. Dr. Hahn quotes Schiller in his Wallenstein, when he says:—

“Something a man his own must call,  
Or else he will murder and burn you all.”

And surely this kind of salvation of mankind is worthy of the close attention of prominent philanthropists and statesmen in Europe, as well