

THE LOST ISLANDS. A CONTRIBUTION TO THE  
STUDY OF THE NATIONAL CONTROVERSY AND  
POPULATION SHIFTS IN CENTRAL MORAVIA  
PART 2

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Whereas the first part of the present work on the development of the nationality problem in Central Moravia in the Age of Emperor Francis Joseph I, which appeared in Vol. 2 of the *Bohemia-Jahrbuch*, pp. 357—413, attempted to show the driving forces, the present second part depicts the results of this play of forces in the everyday life of the individual linguistic islands of Central Moravia. They stand as examples also for the other urban linguistic islands, not mentioned, of Loschitz, which became Czech in 1888 above all through population shifts, Hohenstadt and Miglitz, which maintained their German municipal representation until 1918, the rural linguistic islands of Wischau, Deutsch-Brodek, Wachtl, Konitz and Gewitsch, and the small towns on the periphery of Moravian Slovakia, which for the most part fell without a hard struggle, as a result of natural immigration.

The detailed description of the nationality struggle in Olmütz reflects the importance of this city and is designed to do justice to the radiation upon the greater part of Moravia. Alone because of its central location the national domination of this city appeared to both the Germans and also the Czechs to be an essential factor for national self-assertion. Up to 1918 Olmütz was the mainstay of German nationality in Central Moravia. Its position is reflected in its century-old reputation as a „royal capital“, as seat of the Archbishop of Moravia, as traditional German school and one-time university city, as a natural metropolis of the predominantly Czech-settled Hanna plain, and finally as imperial-royal garrison town.

The general account of the national disputes in Littau records the unusually rich details of this struggle which have been preserved for us by a

fortunate chance. It was fought here bitterly, whereas the towns on the Betschwa and the central March more or less helplessly came to terms with the advancing Czech nationality.