

and nothing will be put down here at a venture. His good deeds, and labours of love, are written in the Book of God's remembrance. He was not himself very careful to have them written so as to be read of men. He came to the country to be a self-denying missionary of the Cross, and to that work he devoted his money as well as himself.

The year after Trinity Church was finished, Mr. Stewart proceeded to build another near Philipsburgh, and had it finished in 1811. But though it was as substantially built as the other, it became dilapidated, unfit for use, and vanished away years ago, and is replaced by a well-built brick Church in the village of Philipsburg, where it ought to have been built at first.

Between the two Churches, twelve miles apart from each other, Mr. Stewart divided his services equally, giving to each alternate Sundays, travelling between them on horse-back, foul day or fair day made no difference to him. There were no waggons in those days, nor roads on which they could go. At both places, and on the way, he visited the sick, and, in rotation, other families, to stir them up to their duty by his counsel, exhortations and prayers; at all times, carrying with him, for gratuitous distribution religious Tracts and Prayer Books. How many children and grown up people he baptized—how many candidates he brought forward to be confirmed by the Bishop—or how many communicants he had, cannot be ascertained for want of records. All that can be ascertained respecting the number of communicants is only what the uncertain records of memory can supply, by running over such names as are remembered. It may be that they numbered a little over forty or near fifty in Trinity Church; but excepting two or three, and not certain but of one, who is not now in the country, they have all gone to their long home. Some, perhaps, may think that there must have been a larger number of communicants under the ministry of so good and celebrated a man as Mr. Stewart but let such reflect on this fact, that there were only two or three families in the place, when he came, that knew anything about the Church and her liturgy; and they will no longer think that he was not successful.

As in all new countries, indifference to religion prevailed and does prevail too much yet; and what was known of the Church, and her divine, scriptural, evangelical service, was from the reproaches of her enemies. Much then it is to the praise of Mr. Stewart, that, by his ministry, disinterested zeal, and pious conversation, he removed the bad odour in which the Church was viewed; dissipated the prejudices that were against her, and gained for her a good name, which she has maintained after him, to this day; and to the last day of his residence, he had his Church nearly full every Sunday with people eager to hear the Gospel from his mouth. There are many persons who are constant attendants at Church, and join in the service to all appearance, but who will not be persuaded to partake of the sacrament. There were such persons in his day, and there are such in, and about every country Church now, and why they keep back, is known only to themselves. The old communicants have not only passed away, but also almost all the