

them. Garret Howell was the first leader having gathered a few kindred spirits around him such as Reuben Drake and wife, Jacob Foryer and wife, Jane Wilson, who is still living, and some of the name of Miller and Wilson. The First division in this society originated in rather a singular cause. After the lapse of many years, and when the settlement became flourishing, Daniel Howell erected a new frame house, not remarkable for any great architectural beauty or expenditure, but was so for its disproportionate length; from the centre of the roof peered a chimney, solitary and alone, without any attraction of taste or beauty, and adding very little to the beauty or adornment of the house; to supply the latter deficiency he added to each end of the building the similitude of a chimney. Some of his brethern attributed the erection of the false chimneys to pride—one of the seven deadly sins of the Church of Rome—and on a charge of pride he was arraigned before a tribunal of his church. The court, however, after hearing the complainants dismissed the charge. But several members, whose consciences, or something else, could not allow sin in their brother, withdrew, and joined the secession of that day, which party still retains a feeble existence.

The first chapel was erected in 1825, and was after the union a subject of litigation and much contention. The old Chapel certainly, was without any internal or external property to wound the humility of the most humble, but it served its day and was the scene of many a glorious display of Divine power. A substantial edifice of brick and of large dimension has been erected, which was dedicated to the service of God during the past winter. The present church membership is about eighty.

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## THE OTTAWA VALLEY.

As the part of the country indicated by the caption at the head of this article, has of late, for sundry well known reasons, begun to attract considerable attention, we have for a little time past revolved in mind the propriety of giving the readers of the *Repository* some information on the subject, which those of them in other parts of the United Provinces may not possess. We had intended that this should have been mostly the fruits of our own personal observation and research, expressed in our own language. But in the course of some recent inquiries, we have found so much ready written to our hands, and so well expressed, that, as it is a time of unusual bustle with us, we have resolved on the easier method—compiling.

The following sketch is not quite adequate to the idea of this section of country at the present time, having been written full ten years ago; but shall give it as having received the imprimatur of public approval, re-