

years ago. There are several very good houses that have been recently built; but they do not occupy new ground, only the ground on which the old houses stood. New lots are not taken up, and probably will not be, till certain questions respecting the estate of the late Mr. Freligh are settled.

All the original settlers east of the village, covering twenty square miles of the parish, were Baptists. They have always had a minister of their own denomination, called Elder; and had the first house that had been built, it is believed, for prayer and preaching, between the river Richelieu and the Lake Memphramagog. Whatever may have been expected when Mr Stewart settled in Frelighsburch from either the growth of the village or from the settlers east of it, both have been a disappointment.

During the first winter of Mr. Stewart's residence, Divine service was held by him in a small school-house, about a mile down the river at Lagrange's mills. A little farther down; he took up his lodging for himself and man servant, in Mr. Houck's house. Why he did not stay in the village is not material to know, but in the course of the season, before the end of the year, he purchased a small one story house in the village offered for sale, to which he removed. That house stands, for it is yet standing in the south extremity of the village, on a beautiful declivity, facing the church that was rising into a state of completion on the opposite side. As the people were all new settlers, and of course glad at the prospect of having a Church to go to, especially those of them that came from older settlements, where they were accustomed to enjoy religious privileges, they were soon persuaded to adopt measures for the erection of an edifice that would supersede the necessity and unseemliness of meeting to celebrate the worship of God in a small school-house; and hence the origin of Trinity Church. In the course of his first winter in the place Mr. Stewart had the satisfaction of seeing preparation going on, in getting out materials for the building. Application was made to the executors of the late Abraham Freligh's will for a piece of land for Church and burying ground; but as the heirs were not all of age, application had to be made to the Judges of King's Bench, before they could make a grant and give a title. Permission was granted, and the Executors very generously made over by a deed of conveyance two acres of ground for a Church site and burying ground. Mr. Stewart purchased of them two acres and a half more, adjoining the same, for a parsonage and garden. The materials for building were procured and laid on the ground; and in the summer of 1808, Trinity Church was erected, and made ready for Divine Service before winter, all except the cupola and gallery. The edifice is now old but in good condition, though at a great expense, from time to time, for repairs; while many other churches in the country, built at a more recent period, have decayed and disappeared.

There are seventy-one pews in the Church, most of which were sold, and the proceeds were applied, so far as they went, to pay for the building, which in all cost £690 18 10. Mr. Stewart himself laid out his own money very liberally, but how much there are no records to shew,