

fit for Divine service to be performed in it before next winter. I have assisted in several ways. So you see I am very busy, but it is for the sake of God, and of heaven; and there, and with Him, are my chief treasure and happiness. And so does He bless me, that His Gospel (Mark x. 29. 30.) is in a manner realized to me; & I could sometimes almost say with Jesus, that every faithful Christian is 'my brother, and sister, and mother.' Yet is my affection for you and my relations increased."

At the end of a year's service (Nov. 5.) Mr. Stewart informs the Society that his situation continues to be satisfactory to himself, and, as he believes, profitable to the church. That it really was so may be inferred from certain recorded facts. Early in the year 1809, a new church was completed in the eastern part of the Seigniory and when Divine service was performed the first time on a fine day in January, there was a congregation of a thousand persons. His communicants in this division were twenty seven, and in the Western division, seventeen; and both the congregations showed the interest which they felt in the Psalmody of the Church by engaging a singing-master. Mr. Stewart, to encourage them in their endeavours to improve this portion of the church-service, prepared a small selection of Psalms and Hymns, which he had printed in Montreal.

In August 1809, the Bishop of Quebec (Dr. Mountain,) visited St Armand, and confirmed sixty persons. Here surely were visible proofs of the Missionary's labors. He did not however confine his services to the people of his own particular mission, but was in the habit of making missionary excursions into the neighbouring townships, where there were neither Church nor clergymen; and where, but for his occasional visits, the settlers would have had no opportunity of participating in any of the ordinances of religion. On these occasions he used to perform Divine service, preach, celebrate marriages, and administer the sacraments. Great numbers of children, and not a few adults, were thus from time to time baptized. In 1811 Mr. Stewart had the privilege of opening a new Church in the western portion, when, as he informs us, "a great concourse of people assembled in it." Till his arrival there was not a single Church in the whole of that district which was known by the name of the Eastern Townships, and which even at that time contained a population of 40,000 souls. That which was built in the village of Frelighsburgh, St. Armand East, was the very first erected in that part of Canada.

The second church was that which was erected in St. Armand West, and called in honour of the apostle of the Gentiles, St. Paul's; it was about 55 feet long by 39 wide, and was surmounted by a steeple, the cost of the whole being about £800. This is a large sum for a new settlement, but contributions were received from St. Johns, Montreal, Quebec, and other places; and the successor of Mr. Stewart, without pretending to be exactly informed, states it as his impression from old recollections, that the two churches together cost him about £600.

In 1812, and for some time afterwards, the minds of the settlers were much agitated by apprehensions of an attack from the republican troops;