

like another Sem of old, led their families from Rotenburg, Germany, far across the Atlantic and settled in the Low-Lands of North Mornington. There they lived alone, like Japheth of old at Joppa.

During those early days of the Church in North Mornington, the people were without a priest to serve to their spiritual wants, consequently the Pioneer-Fathers were both priest and king to those around them. Later on they formed a little colony made up of co-religionists from their native land. The "GEBET-STUND," or prayer hour, was now begun by Andrew Biesinger. On Sundays and holidays, during the Advent and Lenten seasons he would call the faithful to the little chapel annexed to their log-cabin school by the ringing of a little bell—an office which he held until his death—then going to the altar built by Joseph Veitenheimer, upon which was placed a crucifix with two lighted tapers, he knelt and prayed aloud. He began with the recital of the Rosary, that beautiful prayer which is so dear to the Christian heart. This was followed by the Litany or Stations of the Cross. The prayer-hour was brought to a close by the reading of the Epistle and Gospel which was preceeded by and ended with a hymn, the chanters being George Stemmler and John Foerster who were assisted by the entire congregation.

Towards the close of the forties, the fathers of families made biennial visits to Hamilton,