

necessities, had arrived from the old home, and been made available, it would have gone hard with the colonists. This money was expended for food, tools, and some stock of various kinds, and for building material.

The large cabin or hut, built partly in the hill-side, answered the intended purpose of a make-shift until others could be erected. This original shelter for the colony was so contracted, that at night, and on rainy days, the inmates were crowded together like sheep in a pen. New log houses, of rude structure, were erected, some twelve to sixteen in number, so as to accommodate the several families, by putting two in each cabin. So, by Christmas the several families were distributed in their new homes, and somewhat prepared for the expected severities of the season.

The first winter was thus encountered, indifferently provided for, but fortunately it proved a very mild one. In the following spring, the land was portioned off into sixty lots of twenty acres each, and, according to the arrangement made in Switzerland, each colonist who was the head of a family, twenty-two in number, received twenty acres of tillage or meadow land, the location being determined by lot. The timber lot was, for eight or ten years, held in common, each using, under certain rules, what he required; but it was at length divided into two and a half acre lots, and apportioned among the heads of families. It was understood that the value of the land at the time of the purchase, \$1.25 per acre, should be repaid within ten years, by the colonists, without interest; and should any persons abandon their portion before payment, the next emigrant settler arriving, might make claim thereto. However, few portions were abandoned, and all were paid for before the allotted time expired. The remainder of the allotment tracts, after supplying the original emigrants, was subsequently granted to newcomers, to several single men of age, and, in some cases, to widows who claimed them.

After the division had thus been made, each colonist began to clear and break up his lot in a small way, in which labor the women rendered assistance, as most of them were accustomed to out-door work from childhood. This breaking was slow and