

The pastors of New Glarus formerly held divine service in Bilten once in four weeks; but for some years this has been discontinued, and those who do not come to New Glarus for worship, have themselves built a handsome church, at which preachers from Monroe officiate. The chief branch of farming in this settlement is also the making of cheese, for which the land is well adapted, being rolling, and well watered by brooks and springs; and it now comprises about one-half of the township, being the northern and rougher portion.

Thus, from feeble beginnings, has the New Glarus colony, with its adjacent Swiss settlements, expanded from something over a hundred poverty-stricken people, to fully four thousand in numbers; and from twelve hundred and eighty acres of wild, uncultivated land, to over sixty thousand acres, transformed into comfortable homes, with all the conveniences, and many of the luxuries, of life. With comfortable residences and barns, churches and school-houses, fruitful orchards, well-cultured fields of golden grain, well-filled granaries, with herds on many a hill-side, horses and carriages, and pianos and melodeons scattered here and there through the settlement, the people of New Glarus and their descendents have abundant cause to thank God for the success of the past, and put their trust in him for the future.

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