

Duerst returns to Switzerland; after which he shall receive such remuneration for his services as the Executive Committee of the Association shall consider just and proper.

When the people arrived on the land, in August, 1845, wholly destitute of money, and unable to live through the approaching winter without help, the agents drew on the Association, which honored the draft, to the amount of \$1,000, which was used to make advances to the families in provisions, cattle, tools, seed, etc. This money had to be refunded, with the price of the lots, within ten years from the foundation of the colony. In 1855, all these debts were fully paid and cancelled, and deeds issued by the Association to each owner. Messrs. Fridolin Streiff and Fridolin Egger were at that time the agents representing the Association, with full authority to settle with every colonist. The last papers were issued, if I am not mistaken, in 1856; and from that time the so-called colony was perfectly independent of the parent Association, although there existed, and yet exists, only the kindest remembrances and relations.

In the fall of 1846, a successor to Mr. Duerst, and assistant to Mr. Streiff, was sent from the old country by the Association, in the person of J. J. Tschudy, who arrived at New Glarus in October, when he at once proceeded to collect some statistics in relation to the financial and agricultural progress of the colony up to that time. On a visit made to every cabin, he found that, although some families were suffering from sickness, and had yet only poor accommodations, still, in general, there was a steady improvement, a hopeful out-look for the future, and reasonable contentment with the new home and the progress thus far made. The winter of 1846-47, was a hard one. From January till the spring of 1847, men and beasts suffered much from exposure in the rough, unfinished huts and stables, and with scarcity of fodder for the cattle. Still, spring found all well, and ready to go to work with a will, and new courage, to break land, plant and improve according to their best ability. They were, however, often hindered and retarded for want of teams, tools, and other necessities, which were provided, as far as possible, by advances from the Association.