

and by Mr. Fulton J. Coffin, missionary for Couva.

Miss Graham who goes to Trinidad, is a great grand-daughter of Rev. James Graham, of Stewiacke, one of the early ministers of Nova Scotia.

Strange how death in the mission field which we sometimes think acts a deterrent to others is sometimes used by God for a purpose just the contrary. When news came of the death of the late Miss Archibald, at Couva, the Miss Archibald who is now going who was a friend of her's and who had often thought of the field and work, said to her mother that she felt as if she should go and take up the work thus laid down, and now in obedience to the call her response is "Here am I send me."

Mr. Coffin who goes to Couva is a native of P. E. Island, and finished his studies last spring at Princeton. He recently received a unanimous call to Richmond, N. B. The Presbytery of St. John met at Synod, sustained the call and presented it to him. Though he knew of nothing to prevent he asked for a time to consider the question, intending, if no further light came to him, to accept it. On Monday night he heard Mr. Morton at Synod, and the impression that had been for some time upon his mind, whether he should not offer himself for the foreign field deepened almost to conviction. On Tuesday morning he spoke to Mr. Morton on the subject, but did not decide. Afterward he thought he would go home to P. E. Island, and perhaps consult with friends and take longer time to consider. With this intention he went down to the wharf on Tuesday, intending to go to Charlottetown, and found that the boat had gone. He returned to the church, received a message from Mr. Morton and had another conversation with him, making further inquiry about the work, and finally offered himself for it. At ten o'clock in the evening the F. M. Committee came together to consider the matter of which some of them had been thinking during the day. Careful inquiry was made on various points from those who could give information, medical men were called in to examine and report, and ere the Synod was ready to close all had been arranged and the appointment made. Several points in the progress of the case seemed so distinctly the hand of Providence that the committee feel confident that they have the man of God's own appointment for the work.

Mr. Simon A. Fraser who has been in Trinidad will return to Nova Scotia this autumn to resume his studies.

A lady of St. James congregation, Charlottetown, gave Mrs. Morton \$50.00 to be used in forwarding her work among the Hindu women.

Shelburne is to have a new Presbyterian Church to replace the old one which was built in 1804.

On Sabbath, Sept. 22nd, the new Presbyterian Church at River Hebert was formally opened for public worship. Rev. James McLean, of Great Village preached in the morning, Rev. D. Macgregor, of Amherst in the afternoon, and Rev. E. M. Dill, of Parsboro in the evening. The church will seat from 350 to 400 people. It is very neatly finished and will cost with furnishing about \$4,800. The debt is about \$2000. Mr. Smith is doing well in this widely scattered field and the energetic Presbyterians of River Hebert have "had a mind to work."

#### THE MEETING OF THE SYNOD.

Ever since the Union of 1875 our Synod meetings have been limited to two days or two and a half, the work and interest being transferred to the General Assembly. This was felt to be an evil as not more than one eighth of our ministers and presbytery elders ever attend the Assembly, which meets for the most part in the West, making attendance both difficult and costly. This year for the first time since the Union, the Synod extended into the second week, meeting on Thursday evening and closing late at night the following Tuesday, and nearly all experienced a sense of relief from pressure and a calm enjoyment in the prosecution of the Synod's work.

As Rev. J. M. McLeod, the Moderator of last year, has removed to Vancouver, the opening sermon was preached by the ex-Moderator, Rev. E. A. McCurdy, from 1 Tim. III. 15, "That thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God which is the Church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth."

The Synod was then constituted, with prayer and the Clerk read the changes in the Roll during the year, which were as follows:—

*Deaths.*—Abraham McIntosh, St. Ann's, March 10th, and A. Ogilvie Brown, Campbellton, April 27th.

*Demissions.*—D. B. Blair, J. Ferry, J. A. F. Sutherland, E. Gillies, A. Brown, John M. McLeod, W. J. Thompson.

*Translations.*—A. S. Stewart to Moss, Ontario, G. Fisher to Dalhousie, A. F. Carr