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Besides Jamaica, the Island of Trinidad in the West Indies, has been long a mission field of the United Presbyterian Church. It was originally a Spanish settlement, but has been a British colony for more than half a century. It contains 70,000 inhabitants. It is a beautiful island, on the whole healthy, and very productive of both the necessaries and the luxuries of life. The Roman Catholic religion, introduced of course by the Spaniards, still prevails. There are, however, various protestant denominations. The United Presbyterians have two Congregations here, and several stations. Our mission was begun in 1835, by the Rev. Alexander Kennedy, sent out by Grey Friars' Congregation, Glasgow, who laboured chiefly in Port-of-Spain, the principal town, for a period of fifteen years. The Rev. George Brodie was sent out in 1841, to co-operate with Mr. Kennedy, and to take charge of a Congregation he had formed in Arouca, twelve miles south of Port-of-Spain. At the time of the Union in 1847, both of these devoted Missionaries had proved themselves faithful, zealous and affectionate labourers in the Vineyard of Christ.

In 1850, Mr. Kennedy, having given up his charge in Trinidad on the last day of the preceding year, proceeded to Canada, his constitution, naturally vigorous, being much shattered by his long continued indefatigable labours in a tropical region. But in the good providence of God, his health was soon, in a great measure, restored; and he still labours in the Province, beloved by the people of his charge,