

terian cemetery at North Bedeque bears the following inscription :

In this place are interred the remains of  
WILLIAM SCHURMAN  
Undeviating in honesty and sincerity, faithful as a magistrate,  
affectionate as a husband and father, kind as a friend  
through life. He exchanged it for eternity on  
the 15th day of September, 1819.  
Aged 76 years.

We will here give a brief account of what became of the two negroes whom Mr. Schurman brought from the States with him—Bill and Sook—whose full names were Bellinger and Susanna. Some people have told me that these two were man and wife, this however is not correct. Bill was quite willing, in fact very anxious at one time to have Sook for a wife. And he with that diplomacy so characteristic of him secured the consent of all the friends. After a time he was asked when the wedding would take place. Bill gravely replied that "it would never take place." "Why," he was asked "is not Mr. Schurman willing?" "Yes, everyone is willing but Sook."

This saying has passed into a by-word used by the present generation. When certain—particularly love—affairs do not come out as hoped for, some one may smilingly ask you if you have secured the consent of "Sook."

Bill remained with the Schurman family until about the year 1800; he then visited the United States, returned, lived and died in Charlottetown.

Sook, after the death of Mr. Schurman, went to River John N. S., and lived with John Schurman's youngest son. She made a visit to the Island, and old residents told of the nice, silvery haired old lady who had a kind word and pleasant smile for everyone, praised all her friends, especially Mr. Schurman who had remembered her so generously in his will. She was a beautiful singer, and for years she led the singing in the Presbyterian church, North Bedeque. She died at River Phillip.

In the year 1798 when a census was taken the following people lived in Lots 25 and 26. As at that time only the southern