

not assume such a responsibility, until I know what is your determination in regard to sending another. Bro. Vinton says one will not do—two will barely suffice. Bro. Ingalls says the same. Will you send another? You have sought after a field; doubtless you have prayed to God to open up a field for you. He has heard your prayer and opened a door, but the door is wide, and it will require an effort to occupy it. Will you occupy it? Bear with my interrogations. I assure you they proceed from a heart deeply anxious. One is not sufficient for Mergui, and if you cannot send another missionary now or very soon, would it not be better to unite with the American Board? To think of sustaining a distinct field with but one mission family, is absurd. I do not say call me home again. I do not say I am sorry I am here, but this I will say, had I known as much when at home as I do now, I would not have left without another to accompany me, or without the firm persuasion that another would soon follow. One cannot be in this country long without feeling the importance of going forth “two and two” as the Saviour sent his primitive disciples.”

The Board have the satisfaction to state that by a private letter from Mrs. Burpe, dated April 5th, they have learned the happy arrival of our beloved missionaries at Mergui. From this letter they are permitted to make the following extract:—

—“You will be prepared to hear of our arrival at Mergui from my husband's letter to Mr. Crawley, written at Maulmain. He would mention all the circumstances that influenced us in taking this step, and we can now say, that we feel as if God had been directing us in our way, and had introduced us in his own time to that very field of labour, that we ourselves, and the churches at home, have always wished us to occupy, that is, a mission among the Karens. We now, for the first time since we have been in the country, feel ourselves really at home. Formerly there was always some doubt before our minds, as to where we should ultimately settle, now we feel as that point was determined as far as human arrangement goes, and we are willing as long as God sees fit to spare our lives, to remain here and labour in His cause. We trust, however, that we shall not do long alone, surely they will send us one associate soon to assist in occupying this large field. What our feelings of delight would be on welcoming some one from our native land, you can more easily imagine than I can express. Are there not any in preparation now? We sometimes sit and talk about it, till we almost persuade ourselves there are, and that what we so much wish is really the

Now for a word about our new home. We live in a delightful and the pleasantest situation (we think and it is the opinion of others) in Mergui, about half a mile from the Native Town square. Our compound includes perhaps some three or more