

sive as possible. The Committee therefore appointed suitable religious exercises to take place at Horton, in the church in whose bosom our beloved missionary and his partner had so long reposed; and at Halifax, the port at which they were to embark on their way to Boston and thence to India, it was decided that a solemn service of dedication should take place.

In all these matters, however, it was needful that the concurrence of the sister society of New Brunswick should be obtained, and the various arrangements were accordingly made subject to their acquiescence. It was a serious disappointment to our brethren in New Brunswick, that the designation services and embarkation should not take place at Saint John; but, convenience seeming to require a different arrangement, they cheerfully and promptly acquiesced, and the services accordingly took place as recommended by this Board. Both at Horton and Halifax, the religious exercises excited unusual interest, and were felt to be peculiarly solemn and impressive.

EMBARKATION FOR BOSTON.

On the 20th day of April last, our missionaries embarked on board the mail steamer for Boston. It had been a matter of regret that it could not be arranged that they should accompany the excellent missionary, Mr. Kincaid, now in America, on his return to India, owing to the state of Mrs. Kincaid's health, which detained him in this continent longer than had been anticipated; and on arriving at Boston our missionaries experienced again another disappointment. The ship in which they had expected to embark had already sailed previously to their arrival, and a letter giving them information of her purposed sailing at an earlier date than was at first intended had missed its destination.

MEETINGS AT BOSTON.

These events, however, seemed to be overruled for good. The delay afforded our Missionaries an opportunity of attending deeply interesting meetings of various societies in Boston and the vicinity which took place about the time of their arrival, and by this means not only forming many interesting religious friendships, and eliciting the sympathies and prayers of many excellent brethren; but they had the further advantage of receiving much useful information from several missionaries from abroad, then in the United States, with regard to the field, to some part of which Mr. Burpe was designated.