

AGENCIES.

In the intervals afforded by the college vacations, Mr. Burpe, at several occasions, visited most of the churches of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, as well as of Prince Edward's Island, and every where a lively interest was manifested in his proposed mission, to which, no doubt, his presence, and his earnest and affectionate addresses largely contributed. In the spring of 1844, however, the sum then in the hands of the treasurers of the united societies not being thought as yet sufficient to justify so arduous an undertaking as the embarkation of our missionary for his foreign field of labour; a further visitation of the churches was made by Mr. Burpe during the summer, and again in the early part of the present year, with encouraging success; the intervening period being devoted to certain additional studies which seemed desirable as bearing more directly on his professional duties as a Missionary, and no knowledge of a convenient conveyance abroad having been obtained, his departure was postponed until the spring of the present year.

CHOICE OF MISSIONARY FIELD.

Much anxious enquiry has, from the commencement of our undertaking, engaged the committees of both societies in regard to the proper field for our missionary efforts. The peculiar interest which had already been awakened in regard to the Burman Mission naturally turned their thoughts thither. One of the excellent American Missionaries labouring in that field, the Rev. Mr. Mason, was personally known to some of the members of this Committee, and from him a communication was received congratulating himself and us on our undertaking, and warmly recommending the Karens, in Burmah, as a people who presented a peculiar claim to our sympathies.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH AMERICAN BOARD.

In turning our attention, however, to any part of the Burmese provinces—a field already occupied so largely by the American Baptist missionaries, courtesy and prudence demanded that the matter should be laid before the Board of the American Society at Boston; and a correspondence with them was accordingly commenced; and the Committee are happy to take this opportunity of gratefully acknowledging the promptness, as well as Christian sympathy and courtesy, with which the Board at Boston and its respected Secretaries have met the wishes of this Committee, and have done every thing in their power to facilitate their views.