

American Missionary Board, he judged it best to comply with the invitation and accordingly sailed, shortly after his arrival, in a Government steamer which plies regularly between Calcutta, Akyab in Arracan, and Maulmain on the Salwyn. A few days brought them to Akyab, when they again tested the loveliness of Christian sympathy in the kind reception they met with from the Rev. Mr Stilson and his family. These excellent friends immediately made arrangements, at considerable inconvenience to themselves, to accommodate Mr and Mrs Burpe, by affording them a part of their house, and receiving them as members of their family.

In these happy circumstances, and with the advantage of Mr Stilson's counsel and experience, our beloved Missionaries commenced immediately the study of the Burman language, which, being spoken in all parts of Burmah, is judged necessary for the Missionary, although he may also need to acquire the language of some distinct tribe, as that of the Kemees or Karens.

In December Mr Burpe set out in company with Mr Stilson to visit the Kyen and Karen stations and villages at Sandoway and the Ramree island, situated south from Akyab, where several tribes are found, among some of whom, it was thought, a mission might be commenced.

At the last date from our beloved Missionaries, they continued to enjoy uninterrupted health. Mr Burpe had then returned from his voyage to Sandoway, without, however, having been able to decide on the location he should chuse.

The society will remember that the difficulty of choice arises chiefly from the necessity or desirableness of selecting some field sufficiently separated from that of the American mission to present to view the character of a distinct enterprize, and sufficiently extensive at the same time to admit of such enlargement as it seems probable this Society might for some years attempt to make.

But as these and other important considerations will best appear in Mr. Burpe's own words, the Committee proceed to lay part of his last letter before you.

After adverting to the intelligence recently received, that Mr. Abbot of the American Mission was likely to resume the Karen mission at Sandoway, which might prevent Mr Burpe looking towards that field, he proceeds;—

"The important inquiry with us was, where in Arracan shall we locate ourselves? Among what people shall we labour? There are in this province,

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