

## THE KYENS, ARRACAN.

In consequence of this information, Mr. Burpe writes, immediately previous to his embarkation, in reference to the important choice he was called upon to make, "Arracan seems to be the place, and the Kyens the people."

Of this station, as it at present seems so highly probable that it may become the object of our brother Burpe's final choice, it may be interesting to the society to give the following account received from the Secretaries of the American Board in the communications already referred to. From Rev. Dr. Pattison, June 29, 1844. "*The Kyens*." This people occupy the country on either side of the boundary between Burmah proper and Arracan, North latitude 18° or 19° in a direction between Prome, on the Irrawaddy, and Akyab (see map in Malcom's travels). They are 20,000 or more. Like the Kemmees, they have a Karen affinity, and are not idolaters."

From Rev. Mr. Peck, Jan 11, 1845. "In regard to the field of labour. Dr. Pattison's letter to the Rev. Mr. Robinson of St. John, contains nearly all we can now say. The fact that Mr. and Mrs. Wade are gone to Mergui, and may remain there some time, diminishes the claim in that quarter. And the death of the Rev. Mr. Comstock and family, and detention of Mr. and Mrs. Kincaid in this country increase the claims of Arracan. Our Missionaries in Arracan are Messrs. Stilson and Abbott. The latter has to do with Karens emigrating from Burmah, at Sandoway, and on the coast southward. Mr. Stilson occupies the mission premises at Akyab, but would probably return to the Ramree station, if his present place could be taken by another. Akyab has a Burman population of some 20,000, with about 20 English families, including that of the governor of the province, and an excellent physician, &c. It is one of the healthiest, if not the healthiest, place in Arracan. There is a small native church. The Kyens and Kemmees are both accessible from that point, if your missionary should prefer to labour among them rather than the Burmese. But, as you suggest, the final decision may be safely deferred until our friends are on the ground."

## EMBARKATION FOR CALCUTTA.

Our beloved Missionaries, after receiving every attention from our brethren and friends in Boston that Christian kindness could suggest, and awakening a deep sympathy and interest in their behalf em-