

said Miss Newcomb. "We are doing for Veeramma now what we did for Miss Gray then. She died of fever and now one of her girls has gone the same way."

One of *her* girls? Yes, Miss Gray was Veeramma's foster mother! How glad she will be to see one of her little ones in heaven! She had the joy of knowing that Veeramma was a Christian, and seeing her baptized before she went home on furlough.

In the evening as the sun was setting we laid Veeramma, "Mary Acadia Graves," to rest in the cemetery under the brow of the Bimli hill, to await the time when "the Lord Himself shall descend from Heaven with a shout, with the voice of the Archangel and with the trump of God, when the *dead in Christ shall rise first.*"

NETTIE C. GULLISON.

Bimilipatam, June 10th, 1902.

AMHERST, N.S.—The Thank-offering and Thirty-second Annual Meeting of the Amherst W.M.A.S. was held in the lecture room of the Baptist Church, July 10th, beginning at three o'clock. A devotional service led by our President, was followed by the President's address. Reviewing the past year, she traced the guiding hand of God, with consequent obligations to more strenuous endeavor, urging that our equipment for the coming year be "readiness for service." Mrs. Harding was the first president of our Society when it was organized thirty-two years ago by Mrs. Armstrong, then Miss Morris. Except for a short interval, during her absence from town, she has been our faithful and honored leader from that time until now. Roll-call by the Treasurer, Mrs. Charles Christie, showed a membership of one hundred and fifteen, fourteen of whom had joined during the present year. Mrs. Moffatt, Home Mission Treasurer, reported the receipts, \$30.76. Mrs. Sidney Steele, for some time pastor's assistant at Bloor St., Toronto, gave a most interesting account of her work in that capacity. Mrs. Steele is an old Amherst girl, and we were glad to welcome her back, and to look once more into her face. The report of the Salem branch of the Society, given by the President, Mrs. Logan, showed steady increase and growing interest in the work. Mrs. J. K. Barney, of Providence, R. I., who was to lecture in town during the evening, was introduced and spoke with her usual eloquence and force. By a prison sketch, she showed the

efficacy of the conscious presence of Jesus Christ in saving from the power of sin. Prayer by two of the sisters closed the afternoon session. After social intercourse, tea was served in the vestry. The evening session began at eight o'clock, Rev. Mr. P. Richardson, assistant pastor, presiding. The principal feature of the evening was an address on "Work in the North-West," by Rev. M. Robinson, of Lashville, N.B., who had been several years in the West. In a most impressive manner, he told us of the work among the Indians, the foreign population and the English-speaking people in that wonderful land. An interesting exercise by the Mission Band, was the presenting of a Life-membership to one of their number. Mrs. Smith reported the offerings for the day, including four Life-memberships, \$198.07. The music given was much appreciated, especially solos by Mrs. F. A. Cain, and Miss Dobson. We were glad to have with us during the evening, as a chance visitor to town, Mrs. T. H. Rand, of Toronto. The singing of the Doxology, brought to a close a most enjoyable meeting.

THE W. M. A. Society, of the 1st Harvey Church. A year ago we had the pleasure of having Miss Clark speak to us. Her address was encouraging and uplifting. Her whole soul seemed to be in the work; we often hear from her through *Tidings*. We held our annual meeting in March. Took a collection of \$6.56. "Crusade Day" was observed and as a result several joined. The average attendance is good and the interest well maintained. The Society made our President, Mrs. Fletcher, a Life-member. Mr. Fletcher, our Pastor, gave us an interesting lecture on "London," in June, in behalf of our Aid. We had the pleasure also of having Miss Harman, our County Secretary, with us last month. She seems very much interested in the work. Through sickness, etc., we failed to raise as much money as last year. We raised this year \$56.07. We hope to do better next year. The Mission Band is also doing good work, raised \$17 and over this year.

MRS. G. A. COONAN, Sec.

We were glad to notice in *The Helping Hand* a brief, but vivid account by Mrs. Armstrong of her joyous welcome back to Burma, where she had so efficiently labored some 30 years.