

## Work Abroad.

### AMHERST, BURMA.

Rambling by the sea during the past nine months, while the pastor (Rev. F. Deunk Crawley) of the English Baptist Church was on furlough in England, Mr. Grigg took the oversight of the church in connection with our own Burmese work.

Though there were only three weekly services, viz., Sunday School, public worship and prayer-meeting, still these, pleasant as they were, with constant visiting, added not a little to our regular duties.

Besides Cupid seemed to be busy sending his darts hither and thither, so we had the pleasure as well as the excitement of no fewer than three weddings in the English church and two in the Burmese, as well as one at our home. As there had not been a wedding in the English church for some years, there seemed to be none outside the missionaries who would undertake to decorate for the occasions.

By borrowing a few rugs and plants, I managed to give the auditorium a somewhat attractive appearance. Such labors of love at home seem very trifling, but in this climate, where exercise soon exhausts, it is otherwise, hence, on the former pastor's return, we found the need of a few days' rest. After attending to a simple Christmas treat for two schools (native) under our supervision, we hied us away from the haunts of men to the historic village of Amherst on the Gulf of Martaban. We left our own fair City of Maulmein at 6.30 p.m. one Friday evening, arriving here about 1.30 a.m.

A nice little cottage ready furnished was rented at the rate of \$5 per week. "Such extravagance for missionaries!" do we hear some one say in an undertone? Well, perhaps it is, but we think it much cheaper than doctor's bills for an attack of nervous prostration.

Amherst an historic place? Yes, here, as long ago as 1826, the saintly Mrs. Judson was buried; here also, that Godly man, James Haswell, labored long and arduously, and here his worthy, and in many respects wonderful, daughter now lives.

The grave of Mrs. Judson has been carefully preserved during these past years, and is a spot to which all visitors resort, as it is quite close to the shore.

Amherst is now beautiful in its wild beauty. Large trees as well as shrubbery are covered with blossoms, from which birds and insects extract food.

A few days ago we went in a bullock cart five miles through a jungle fragrant with the scent of wild blossoms, and the haunt of many kinds of deer.

I wonder if any of my readers ever rode over a corduroy road? If so, you have but a faint idea of the roughness of a part of our journey. As usual, one of the animals was refractory, at times ascending the bank skirting the side of the road, and at times standing still with its hoofs firmly planted in the soil. Once when he assumed this attitude, the driver took from a dirty rag a piece of coon or beetle nut, put it in his mouth, and then opening an eye of the offender, spat some of the liquid juice into it, after which operation we had no further difficulty in that particular line. Perhaps the driver should have been arrested for cruelty to animals, but, well, we were too thankful at not being upset to do more than utter an exclamation of pity.

We have now been in this rural retreat eleven days, have visited the native Christians, given the school children (fifty) a Christmas treat, held services in Burmese and English, and to-morrow expect to return home for a few days, then away North for a month to visit schools and churches, as many as can be reached.

MRS. GRIGG.

### RAMACHANDRAPURAM.

*Miss Hatch's work among the Lepers.*—We are beginning with one leper in a small leaf hut. We may put up a few more huts after conference, which will last through the hot season. Our opening was on Christmas Day, when I gave dubs to all the lepers who assembled with us, about 15 or 20 of them.

### COCANADA.

The new bungalow for our lady missionaries on the Davies Memorial Compound was, at last accounts, rapidly approaching completion. An extra number of carpenters had been put to the work. It was hoped that they would be able to move into it between Christmas and New Year's. The ladies were looking forward to have the new house well warmed, the missionaries, the Eurasians and the native people too.