## ON THE TRAIL OF THE AMERICAN MISSIONARY

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"Gift of Tongues" Given to Christians in India

upon an extraordinary religious man- feet, with shoulders and bodies twitchan opinion upon it, so I shall simply ing this "baptism with fire," and pouring out of "the gift of tongues," whereby ignorant Hindu girls speak in Sanskrit, Hebrew, Greek, English and other languages as vet unidentified.

Hindu widow's friend," is known among educated people all over the world. She is the most famous of all Hindu women. There is an International "Pandita Ramabai association." which cooperates with her in her work of rescuing, training and caring for high caste widows. She, more than any other woman, has made known to the world the horrors of the child or fainting, from sheer exhaustion. widow's lot in India. Herself a high caste widow, of rare gifts and education, her appeal has been made to people of culture; nor was her work regarded as strictly religious or missionary, not being associated with any religious body.

## A World-Famous Work.

Ten years ago, at the time of the great famine, Ramabai took hundreds of famine orphans, and ever since she has had about 1,400 widows and orphans and deserted girls under her care, as well as 100 famine boys. All whole immense work is known as the Mukti mission, although in certain respects the original enterprise for widows maintains its separate iden-

Ramabai, and because of the great- that I detected one girl using English. ness of her work. I conceived it to be Yes, several of the girls had been my duty to take the hot journey out praying in unknown tongues, this to Kedgaon. Were it not for the more young woman quietly taformed me. important incidents which follow. I Then, in response to my questionings.

ifestation, as remarkable as anything ing and jerking in regular convulsions. in connection with the great revival Some were swaying to and fro, from in Wales. So startling and wonderful side to side or frontwards and back- her." is it that I feel quite unwilling to pass | wards. Two or three were kneeling upright, with arms and bodies moving, narrate, soberly and consecutively. One young woman, the loudest, moved what I have seen and heard concern- on her knees, all unconsciously, two or three yards during the time I watched. She had a motion of her body that must have been the most exhausting physical exercise. She, like others, also swung her arms vio-The name of Pandita Ramabai, "the lently, often the gestures of the praying figures were with one or both hands outstretched, in dramatic supplication. Not infrequently, several girls would clap their hands at the same time, though each seemed heedless of the others. At times the contortions of the faces were painfully

agonized and perspiration streamed

All had their eyes tightly closed, obquieted down somewhat, espied me. never once thought since coming to Thereafter she sat silent, praying or reading her Bible. The discovery of caste lines are now down, and the left, praying aloud and unaware of the story in his own speech, she rewithdrew. A Strange Story.

er the girls had been "speaking with Because of the fame of Pandita tongues" that day, for I had thought



Pandita Ramabai Dongre Medhavi.

of this great settlement, with its wide | meetings are held twice daily by girls acres of farm land, its many modest buildings, and its varied forms of in- Holy Spirit and fire;" it is common dustry. Study and work are the rule for every girl; clothes for that multi- they do not understand, and also to tude must all be woven on the spot, be smitten dumb, so that they cannot and the industrial plant is large. An uncommunicative English woman guided me faithfully to every spot of meeting at which I was present, one the settlement that she thought of interest, from the cornerstone to the steam engine and the dying vats. But not a word did she say that would lead me into a knowledge of what is utter a word, although they underby all means the most noteworthy fact stand perfectly everything that is said concerning this famous institution.

Stumbling on a Revival. Of course, I was aware of the unusual reiigious experiences reported from many Christian communities in | The girls show no effect whatever of India: but I had never associated this sort of thing with Pandita Ramabai's work; probably because some of her foremost supporters in America are identified with the "new theology" which has scant room for the camp may be converted and experience a meeting type of "old-time religion." My first clew was a pamphlet which I chanced to pick up, relating strange spiritual experiences on the part of some of Ramabai's girls. I began to ask questions, which were answered. and discovered that this revival was still under way.

For half an hour I had been hearing strange sounds, now of one person shouting in a high voice, now of the mingled utterance of a crowd, and now of song. At last it settled down into a steady roar. "What is that I hear?" I asked. "It is the girls' prayer meeting," was the answer. "Could I visit hints had proved unavailing. "Why- ply, naturally and directly. So she 1-suppose so. I'll see." In a few told me of the growth of Shadai Saminutes I found myself witnessing a dan, the work for widows, and one of speaking generally. "I live in the fuscene utterly without parallel in my the Mukti mission, the whole supportexperience of religious gatherings.

## A Tumult of Praying Girls,

In a large, bare room, with cement floor, were gathered between 30 and 40 girls, ranging in age from 12 to 20. By a table sat a sweet-faced, refined, native young woman, watching soberly, attentively and without disapproval the scene before ber. After a few been gifted with other tongues, nor do minutes she also knelt on the floor in | we in any wise call special attention silent prayer.

erying at the top of their lungs. The a girl begins to try to speak in another Bamberg, Germany, reports the distumult was so great that it was with tongue, apparently imitating the other covery by Dr. Radard, a Geneva dendifficulty that any one voice could be girls, without mentioning the name or just, that blue rays of light can be spare time this winter in putting These would doubtless grow and the distinguished. Some of the girls were blood of Jesus, I go up to her and used as an ancethetic in the extraction them in and doing away with the mischief they might lead to nobody bent over with heads touching the sreak to her, or touch her on the of teeth.

should tell at some length the story, she proceeded to tell me that these who have been "baptized with the for them to speak in tongues which speak at all, even in their own language. During the early part of the of the girls had been obliged to write her message, because her tongue was holden. Sometimes the girls will go about their tasks for days, unable to pray for the power to do so they are lar as an outcome of this revival." able to speak in religious meetings. the terrible strain they undergo dur- vival, there is only room here to add great revival and receive the Pentefrom this young woman.

The Most Famous Indian Woman. personality. She dresses after the I thought, with seeming reluctance, Hindu fashion, but in white, and her hair is short, for she is a widow. She fact. elects to sit on a low stool at the feet of the person with whom she converses, for the sake of better hearing. While we were talking her grown daughter, Monoramabai, her first assistant in the work, sat on the floor with her arm about her mother, and occasionally interjected a pertinent word. Ramabai (the suffix "bai." it?" I pointedly asked my guide, after means "Mrs." or "Miss") speaks sim-

ed by faith "We do not make a special point of the gift of tongues; our emphasis is always put upon love and life. And have been changed. About 700 of We do not exhibit the girls that have to them. We try to weed out the false The other occupants of the room from the true; for there are other were all praying aloud. Some were spirits than the Holy Spirit, and when

Kedgaon, India.—I have stumbled floor. Some were sitting on their shoulder, and she stops at once: whereas, if a girl is praying in the Spirit I cannot stop her, no matter how sharply I speak to her or shake

> The Wonderful Gift of Tongues. "My hearing is peculiar," continued Ramabai, "in that I can understand most clearly when there is a loud noise (a well-known characteristic of the partially deaf) and I move among the girls, listening to them. I have heard girls who know no English make beautiful prayers in English. I have heard others pray in Greek and Hebrew and Sanskrit and others in languages that none of us understands. One of the girls was praying in this very room (the room of one of the English staff) a few nights ago, and although in her studies she has not gone beyond the second book, she prayed so freely and clearly and beauover them. One girl fell over, asleep tifully in English that the other teachers, hearing, wondered who could be praying, since they did not distinguish livious to surroundings. Such intense the voice." "Yes," spoke up the occuand engrossing devotion I had never pant of the room, "and she prayed by witnessed before. It was full 15 min- name for a cousin of mine whom I utes before one of the girls, who had had forgotten, and of whom I had

> India." When I asked why, in Ramabai's the visitor had this same effect upon opinion, tongues that served no useful half a dozen other girls during the purpose being incomprehensible to next quarter of an hour. At my re- everybody should be given, whereas quest the guide after a time asked the the gift of tongues on the day of Penleader if I might talk with her, and tecost was so that every person in while a dozen of the girls were still that polyglot multitude should hear the departure of the others, the leader | plied. "I, too, wondered about that But it has been shown to me that it is to rebuke unbelief in the gift of My first increst was to know wheth- tongues, she herself has been given the gift."

All these wonders I have set down impartially, as phenomena of great interest to all who give thought to religious or psychic themes. Neither Ramabai, nor the native teacher who led the meeting which I described, is an emotionalist, so far as I could perceive. Both, in fact, are persons of more than ordinary reserve, culture and discernment, nor can I explain the relation between what is happening at Mukti and the revivals that are being reported from various parts of India, most of them characterized by astonishing confessions of sin, on the part of Christians and by prolonged and even agonized prayer, with pronounced physical emotion.

Making Presbyterians Dance. There has been a pronounced physical side to the demonstrations, as I found at Kedgaon. Entire audiences have shaken as if smitten with palsy, strong men have fallen headlong to the ground. Even lepers have been made to dance. Leaping, shouting, rolling on the floor, beating the air and dancing, have been common. Concerning dancing, Bishop Warne said, "Personally, I have not seen much of the dancing; that is reported as mostly having taken place in Presbyterian churches!" It is a fact that the dignified Presbyterians, even the Scotch church missions, have been foremost in these revival experiences.

The revival has continued in various parts of the empire for more than a year; I have reports from Lucknow. Allahabad, Adansol, Moradabad, Bareilly, Khassia Hills and Kedagaon. The Methodists baptized 1,900 new converts during the year, besides the notable result of having secured more than 300 new candidates for the min-

Dramatic in the extreme have been the confessions of sin, and restitution therefore, and the reconciliations be-

Everywhere there is agreement that the lives of the people have been markedly altered for the better. "The revival," says one, "has given India a new sense of sin." The spontaneous composition of hymns has been a curious feature of some meetings: to them, and are able to pray in other Bishop Warne thinks that "there will tongues, and when they especially be a new hymnology in the vernacu-

While columns more could be written concerning incidents of this reing these prayer meetings, and they that it must not be assumed that all all do their regular daily work. The of India is being stirred by these burden of their prayers is intercession, events. Many churches and missions that all the mission, and all India. are strangers to them, and the European population of the country as a whole know nothing about them. Yet costal baptism. So much I learned it is the conviction of those who claim to have received the Pentecostal baptism that all of India is to be swept Ramabai herself is a quiet, strong by a fire of religious revival. Some even say that they have been given direct supernatural assurance of this

(Copyright, by Joseph B. Bowles.) NO LIVING IN THE PRESENT.

Devotion to Business Precludes All

The messenger from Mars surveyed

Nonsense Like That.

the multitude which had gathered to meet him with undisguised interest. Nor did he hesitate to propound such inquiries as his curiosity prompted. "Where do you all live?" he asked.

ture," said a young man, good hu moredly. "And I in the past," said an old man. "Fow odd! And does none of you live in the present?" "Pardon me," said the Martian, hastily. "Perundoubtedly the lives of the girls haps I press my questions too closely." At this a voice from the outskirts of them have come into this blessing the crowd spoke up, sayina: "" e have not yet learned how to live in the present without interruption of basiness. doa't you know."-Puck.

> Makes Pulling Easy. William Bardell, American consul at



Sheep need salt. Keep the box

Sweet apples make fine feed for the milch cows.

will pay you.

Remember hogs like salt, also ashes and charcoal.

A farmer is largely known by the horse he drives.

and save on the feed bill. Roots should be part of the ration

for sheep in the winter. It is poor economy to skimp the feed of the young and growing stock

Cows are sensitive creatures and horse should be disposed of. readily respond to kind treatment.

Don't try to save feed with the ewes. The returns will be seriously

affected if their feed is cut too short

Take pains to save the liquid manure—the most valuable part of the

chine.

In deciding on the kinds of fruits you will raise, select those varieties which are hardy in your locality.

ditions that are hard on the orchard farmers should take a deep interest

begun so early that "breaking-in" will protected and cared for." not be necessary. Try corn and cob meal for the

horses. Considered by many better than pure corn meal.

Sheep manure keeps best if well tion." mixed with straw or clover hulls and tramped in the sheep shed. Keep it dry until ready to haul it out.

the milk pail.

It's not the color of the hog's hair story as to what he is worth.

every precaution is taken to shield out of the way by nightfall? them from harm.

Water not piped to the barn? Did out to the horses?

by the quality of the salt used.

the comfort of the poultry and they in turn will add to your profit.

it puts on the black list.

next season. whisky to debauch mankind is de-

structive.

feeding high-priced grain or cutting ried 18,144 lambs quarter or pigweed down production of the cow, we would seeds, and another 6,420 seeds of crab choose the former every time, and grass and 3,325 of foxtail. Seed supwould be dollars ahead in the end.

ousy because of the success of his homa station, among many samples, neighbor so that he is unable to see tested one having 60 per cent. pure why he didn't succeed and the other seed and 40 per cent. of impurities. fellow did.

convenience to the milker, and cer found to contain per pound 453 witch tainly does keep out the dirt and grass seed, 90 plantain seeds, 151 crab germs from the milk. Why not try grass seeds, 90 wild carrot seeds, 453

cow and the milk is better. Some of this grade were used to sow an farmers are tempted during the short acre one would have approximately production of winter to cut out the two seeds of witch grass and two morning milking. It is a mistake,

"Cover the manufe bile." "Its value will be more in the spring than it will if you do not. But the best plan is to get the manure out on the land as soon as it is made.

Change the hog pasture often. Have small house built on skids so it can be dragged around to a new pasture as desired. If hogs are fed long in one place the grass is killed out.

The bull is at best an uncertain quantity. Never trust him. Keep your eye on him. Never turn your back to him unless he is securely fastened and always have him understand that you are master.

In swine feeding, tests have shown that the largest gain from feeding corn meal alone is less than one-half pound per head per day on well-bred swine. Something is needed besides corn, although this is very essential.

The Christmas season is not the only time you should seek to make people happy. If you forgot all about that family in your community which Raise your own work horses. It you might have helped at Christmas time, do it now. It is never too late to do a good deed.

Runty stock is always hard to dispose of, as perhaps you have discovered to your annovance. Why raise that kind? Care and good feed will turn out good livestock which will sell Provide comfort for the live stock well and return a larger margin of profit than the poor kind.

> The scrawny horse on the farm either tells a story of neglect and abuse on the part of the farmer, or one of worthlessness on the part of the horse. If the former, the farmer needs reforming, if the latter, the

"No milk producer should sign a con tract to sell milk for six months or a year ahead at fixed prices. No grower of potatoes or cabbages would think of pledging himself to accept fixed With veal at present prices the calf prices six months ahead of his promakes a most profitable milking ma- duce." That sounds about right to us. What do you think about it?

It is a safe guess that dairving does not pay on the farm where you see a bunch of cows huddled together in the lee of the barn-yard, their backs It pays to raise fruits, especially humped up like jack rabbits, and each those of the hardy varieties that keep fighting for a place in the patch of sunlight while chewing the butt ends of cornstalks.

The farmer's part and responsibility in forestry matters is thus emphasized by the Wisconsin Agriculturist: Dry soil and cold weather are con- "Forestry has come to stay, and in it for it means more and better crops and a larger income. Every The training of the colt should be farm should have its wood lot, well

Should the dairy cow be fat or lean? It is the commonly accepted theory that the best dairy cows are always thin. But Kimball's Dairy Farmer has this to say on the matter: "A great We are emphatic when we say that many people are telling us that the no milking should be done except dairy cow should never be fat, but through a cheese cloth covering for the competent dairyman realizes that the cow that makes the best record is the cow that comes in in fine condi-

The lantern light flickering in and out of the barn tells the story in many cases of a farmer who has put off the chores until the darkness has fallen. nor his pedigree which counts on Besides increasing the possibility of market day. The scales tell the fires by use of the lantern, the farmer makes the work more difficult, for one can always work much faster Sheep cannot defend themselves, and better by daylight. Why not plan and hence the farmer should see that the work so that all the chores are

Instead of an elevated storage tank many farmers are now using an underyou ever figure out how many thou- ground air-pressure tank which cansand gallons of water you had carried not freeze in winter nor become unduly warm in summer; which obviates the danger of leakage or wind dam-It is the cow with the big appetite age; and in which the water cannot and small udder which makes the become foul or ill-tasting, because it farmer believe that dairying does not is thoroughly aerated by the compressed air. Such a tank may be placed in the cellar, or buried in the No salt is too good for butter-mak- ground; it can be filled by means of a ing. Buy only the best. Many a pump operated by hand power, wind good batch of butter has been spoiled mill, gasoline, electric or hot-air engine; it is simple, durable and satisfactory. The idea, in brief, is to take Don't scold or kick the cow which is an air-tight steel tank and pump restless because of sore teats. Use a water into it from the bottom until the little vaseline instead and handle the air which originally filled the tank is leats carefully until they have healed. compressed, by the rising water, into the upper half of tank. This gives Try the muslin curtains around the pressure enough to force a stream of hen roosts this winter. It will add to water on to the roof of the house.

The importance of care in buying alfalfa seed is emphasized by govern-The Babcock tester will pick out the ment experts who have tested seed unprofitable cows in your herd. Use it bought on the market and found in and then get rid of the animals which one pound of so-called alfalfa seed 32,420 noxious weed seeds: in another 23,082 and in still another 12,848. Of Mix the poultry droppings with road the first named pound less than 59 dust in alternate layers and keep in per cent. was alfalfa: less than 29 barrels in a dry place until needed per cent. was germinable, and among its impurities were 5,490 seeds of dodder-surely the devil's own invention. Corn turned into honest pork to One pound of another lot contained feed a hungry people is constructionly a fraction over five per cent. tive enterprise. Corn turned into that would grow and of a third lot but slightly over six per cent. The Ohio station bought for testing 15 different samples, a dollar's worth When it comes to a choice between each. A pound from one of these carposedly costing \$7.80 per bushel was. when cleaned, found to have cost act-Many a farmer is blinded by jeal- ually \$12.74 per bushel. The Okla-Only 65 per cent, was germinable. A other sample "which at first sight The covered milk pail proves no in- would be classified as good" was foxtail seeds and 155 Russian thistle seed. As the official who made this Milk twice a day. It is better for the test says, if 20 pounds of alfalfa seed foxtail seeds for every ten square feet; four seeds of plantain, seven The barn is not complete without Russian thistle and six seeds of crab stairs to get up in the loft. Use your grass for each hundred square feet. can estimate



Griggs-The idea of your letting your wife go 'round saying she made a man of you. You don't hear my wife saring that.

Briggs-No. but I heard her telling

my wife that she did her best, The Most Suspicious Ever. Henry Clews, the banker and author, was talking at the Union club in who have nothing to do.-Jordan.

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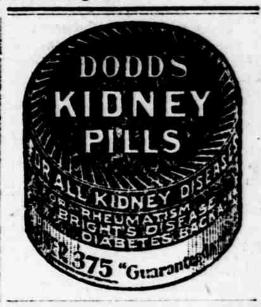
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