

## PUNDITA RAMABAI.

Many readers of the LINK will remember Pundita Ramabai's visit to the Maritime Provinces, and these facts concerning her work taken from *The Colchester Sun* will no doubt prove interesting:—

"The work of Pundita Rambai at Mukti, India for the child widows is continually increasing in magnitude. [She has recently bought an additional 60 acres of land to add to her farm of 150 acres which gives employment to hundreds of her girls. They do nearly all the work and raise two or three crops every year. She has added several new looms to her weaving establishment. She buys the cotton, and a good deal of the cotton required to clothe her large family of 1800 is woven by the widows themselves. She hopes in time to be able to weave sufficient to make it a very paying industry. She has now a printing press of her own where all her reports, books, &c., &c., are printed. She is carrying on over a dozen different industries.

"She also has bought a farm 34 miles from edgeon where she has started a home for orphan boys and now has 120 in it who are learning all kinds of trades besides spending four hours every day in school work. Rev. A. Morton and wife and son are taking charge and are most consecrated workers for God. Already there have been 60 of the boys converted and some fine workers are being prepared to work for the heathen by whom they are surrounded.

"The church building at Mukti will hold 4,000 and many well-known Missionaries have often preached there to 2,000. In the past three years there has been added to the church over 1,500 girls, one of whom has been sent out to the North of India back to her own people as the first missionary who has ever been in that part of that vast empire. Two others of her first converts have gone forth to do famine rescue work and have already saved 2,000.

"The magnitude of the work is well nigh overwhelming. Just to feed them in the cheapest, simplest manner she requires \$3000.00 every month, and the work would be better equipped with \$5000.00. She is praying for every dollar of this and also that God will send her 5,000 girls and boys that they may come to her schools and be taught of the Lord Jesus Christ and be converted, and sent out as missionaries to tell the story of Salvation all over India. Thus the circle

of influence is widening till eternity alone shall be the limit of its scope."

## THE CHRISTIAN WOMEN OF INDIA.

Increased appreciation of the moral blessings of Christianity and the ethical excellence of its devoted missionaries is a great and ever-widening fact. Take, for instance, this description of the Indian Christian women, culled from a non-Christian paper: "She has been the evangelist of education to hundreds and thousands of Hindu homes. Simple, neat and kindly, she has won her way to the recesses of orthodoxy, overcoming a strength and bitterness of prejudice of which few outsiders can have an adequate conception. As these sentences are being written there rises before the mind's eye the pictures of scores of tidy, gentle girls, trudging hot and dusty streets, barefooted, under a scorching sun, to carry the light of knowledge to homes where they will not be admitted beyond the ante-chamber, and where they can not get a glass of water without humiliation, yet never complaining, ever patient. To these brave and devoted women, wherever they are, friends of education all over the country will heartily wish 'God speed.'"—*Missionary Review*.

"The Mission Work needs you with all your strength, time, talents and enthusiasm, the calls were never so loud and imperative as to-day, the needs were never so apparent or plainly set forth. Doors of golden opportunity in all lands stand widely open and bid you enter."

—MRS. J. W. MANNING.

"The cross is easier to him who takes it up than to him who drags it along."—J. E. VAUX.

In a case where a pastor resigned, the people rose in rebellion against his leaving. They unanimously and strongly desired him to remain, but failed to keep him. An earlier expression of appreciation, before it is extorted by the prospect of losing a good pastor, might possibly prevent many resignations and the consequent interruption and loss to the work of the churches.

"Let us ever remember that union is strength; and the successful use of our strength depends upon our loyalty to Christ, and faith in His Work."

—MRS. C. H. MARTELL.