

INDIA.

On the Fourth Sunday in Advent an ordination was held in the Mission church of Palamcottah, Tinnevely, by the Lord Bishop of Madras, then on his first visitation to the Tinnevolly Missions. Seventeen candidates—a large number for this Diocese—all engaged in missionary work, were admitted Priests and Deacons. Of these, eleven were natives, men who would do honour to the ministry of the Church of England any where, who, being found duly qualified, solemnly devoted themselves and were set apart for the sacred work of preaching the "Gospel of reconciliation" to their fellow-countrymen, and gathering into the fold of Christ His wandering sheep.

Surely we may hope that in these first fruits of Missionary enterprise there is rich promise of a full harvest when, even in this land of deep darkness and obdurate error, "the little one shall have become a thousand," and there will be native ministers, "good men and full of the Holy Ghost," coincident with the requirements and adequate for the instruction of Christianized India. The Europeans ordained were:—Deacon—J. Stephenson, St. Augustin's College, Canterbury. Priests—Revs. J. Macdonald, Cambridge; N. Howis, J. Simmons, and W. P. Schaffter, Church Missionary Institution, Islington; J. M. Strachan, St. Augustine's College, Canterbury.

The Rev. Dr. Caldwell, of the Edeyengoody Mission of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, delivered an admirable address, full of wise counsels gathered from the practical experience of five-and- twenty years' mission work in India. The ordination sermon was preached by the Rev. E. Sargent, of the Church Missionary Society, and was an earnest practical discourse on the duties and dangers of the Christian Missionary's work. Several of the natives ordained have no acquaintance with English, and the congregation was mainly composed of Tamil Christians; hence the service was partly in Tamil, and indeed throughout was strikingly missionary in character. There was a great gathering of Tinnevely missionaries on the occasion—an occasion which those who were present will not soon forget;—a welcome testimony to all interested in the cause of God, of the progressive life and vitality of the Church of England Missions in South India.

* * * We have been obliged to omit several communications for want of space, among which is the report of the Niagara District.

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