

alists) was delivered by the Rev. R. K. Black. The usual questions were then submitted to the candidate by Rev. J. R. Kean, to which most satisfactory answers were given. And one was then addressed to the church—whether they had extended a call to Brother Sykes to become their pastor, and whether, having heard the declaration of his experience and views of divine truth, &c., they still adhered to that call? This being responded to in the affirmative by Deacon Fancey, the brethren present united in the imposition of hands, while the ordaining prayer was offered up by Rev. J. Howell. The right hand of fellowship was given to Brother Sykes by Rev. J. R. Kean, after which an affectionate charge was addressed to him by Brother Howell. The afternoon services closed with praise and prayer by Rev. J. R. Kean, and the benediction by the newly ordained pastor.

In the evening the services were resumed. Brethren Kean and Howell taking the opening portions of praise, reading the Scriptures and prayer, followed by another hymn: after which Brother Black gave a most suitable and impressive charge to the people, followed by an earnest prayer for pastor and people, and the announcement of one more song of praise: Brother Sykes again pronouncing the benediction.

The afternoon service, considering the quantity of hay cut in the field, and the dangerous circumstances in which the properties of many were placed by the ravages of the devouring element in the forests, was exceedingly well attended; and doubtless the evening would have been equally so, but for a thunderstorm which came on about the time the people would have had to leave their homes: notwithstanding a goodly number were there. The engagements of the day, we find, were much enjoyed by the people, and it is hoped will prove profitable to all.

The Missionary Committee in St. John, N.B., had proposed the ordination to take place in that city at the meeting of the Union next month, but the church, considering that such services might be more profitable for themselves, and desiring that their minister should stand at once on an equal footing with those of other denominations around, were unwilling that it should be postponed, or held at a distance from them, and therefore gave the invitation to the brethren before referred to. Brother Sykes, who visited them for the first time last summer, has only shortly returned among them, after an absence of some months spent in further study under the auspices of Rev. R. Wilson, of Sheffield, N.B., his former pastor in England. He now enters upon his work there under very encouraging appearances. The people have purchased a parsonage, with some nine acres or more of land attached, and were then fitting it up for his reception: since which, the writer understands, he has taken possession. The attendance on his ministry at the village is very good; and out-stations are being occupied with the prospect of good being done.

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INDIA—PAST SUCCESS.

“It is a complete mistake to suppose, as some friends in England do, that the state of Indian missions is such as to afford reason for despondency. Many aspects of it are in the highest degree encouraging. In Tinnevely the native members of the English Church are numbered by tens of thousands, and a regular ecclesiastical system with districts duly assigned and separated, churches, parsonages, schools, prayer-houses in the remoter hamlets, Bible classes, and,