

## DISTRICT NEWS.

## LEEDS.

The Rev. J. Rothera reports :—

The Bishop visited the Mission of Leeds on Sunday, January 20th. After taking two Services at Inverness, the Bishop was driven over from Campbell's Corner by Mr. John McKeage (Warden) to St. James' Church, Leeds, in time for the Confirmation Services in the evening. The Church was well filled. Seven persons were confirmed, including one adult. His Lordship gave an earnest and eloquent address to the candidates on the rite of Confirmation, shewing that it is founded on the scriptures, and that it was practised in the Church from the beginning.

*Monday.*—The Bishop was taken to St. Mark's Mission Kinnear's Mills. Three candidates were presented for Confirmation; after which the Bishop spoke to the Wardens and people about the change that was going to be made; he then returned to Leeds. In the evening, a Missionary meeting was held in St. James' Church. After prayers in behalf of Missions, and a hymn, the Bishop gave an address on Foreign and Domestic Missions. He showed the advancement Christianity has made abroad, viz: in India, Africa, China, and also spoke of the necessity of increasing the staff of workers in this Diocese, in order to carry on the mission work; consequently the Mission Fund required more help to carry out this needy and urgent work. A collection was made for Foreign Missions.

*Tuesday.*—The Bishop was taken to St. Matthew's, Beattie's Settlement. Six (three men, one woman and two youths) were confirmed, after which the Holy Communion was administered. Thirty-five communicated, including those who had just been confirmed. The Bishop returned to Leeds. In the afternoon he visited a few old people who were not able to be present at the Services. They appreciated the visit very much. In the evening, the Bishop was kindly entertained and met a few friends at Mr. and Mrs. Marshall.

*Wednesday.*—The Bishop was driven down to St. Sylvestre. There were no candidates for Confirmation. Divine Service was held in the Church. The Bishop preached an earnest sermon on St. John 3-16. After lunch, at Dr.

King's, he was driven down to St. Giles, which is about seventeen miles from Leeds. Two candidates were presented for Confirmation. The Bishop stayed all night at Mrs. Lefebvre's, at whose house the Clergy are always welcome.

*Thursday.*—His Lordship was taken to St. Agapit Station, G. T. R., by Mr. E. Crain, Warden. Thus ended a visit which cannot but result in good both to clergyman and people. May God add his blessing for Jesus Christ's sake.

## SANDY BEACH.

The Rev. G. T. Harding reports :—

During the week before Lent, a very successful entertainment was given in the Sandy Beach school-house, in aid of the finishing work of the Parsonage. It was got up by Miss Wood, the Model School teacher, entirely on her own responsibility, and the performance of the various pieces, dialogues, recitations, songs, etc., was very creditable, both to the place and the trainer: indeed, I have rarely seen better amateurs than were some of those who took part. The sum of \$61 was realized, and we are much indebted to Miss Wood for the trouble she took, and the efficient help she has thus rendered. I should like to say, also, what I intended but omitted to say, when speaking of the schools in my report to the Church Society, that both Miss Wood and Miss McGie, the teacher at Barachois, are co-operating heartily with me in the schools, and I think the interests of the Church are being advanced thereby.

We lately received the present of a very pretty quilt from the young ladies of the Mission, for which I here beg to thank them most heartily, and a peculiarity connected with the gift is deserving of notice. The quilt was taken all over the Mission and members of the Church had their names written on it, each one paying five cents. Thus we shall have the names of most of our parishioners always before us, as a kind of testimony of good-will—and I hope we shall ever remember this kindness—while the money so raised, about \$15—was applied to buying a pair of portieres for Mrs. Harding, as acknowledged on a former occasion.

I have lately begun to give instruction in vocal music, at the Sandy Beach school. It is given during the school hours, and for the immediate benefit of the school; and a number of the pupils are thus being taught to