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The Rev. J. Kemp reports :—

The usual services have been kept up in the Mission during the past year at the several churches and stations, involving long journeys over roads which make travelling anything but a pleasure. The Lord Bishop of the Diocese has paid us two visits, and on each occasion favored us with a missionary address. Confirmation was held in St. Mark's Church, Kinnear's Mills, on the 16th December, when 22 young people were confirmed; and on the 17th at St. James' Church, Leeds, when twenty-six renewed their baptismal vows. The preparation of these was commenced last July, and from the scattered nature of my Mission, I had to take them at ten different points, and to see each one once, I had to travel over a hundred miles. Without wishing to say too much about my labours, I may remark, that during the summer season my Sunday work is about twenty miles and three services, and I have also services on week days in certain localities, where there are old people, or where any are too far from the Church to attend the services.

At St. James' Church, Leeds, a Sunday School has been kept up during the summer months for a number of years, superintended by our worthy Lay Delegate, Mr. George Bayne, who is assisted in the work by some of our young ladies of the congregation. I may also add that the Church here is very much indebted to Mr. Bayne, for more than a quarter of a century of faithful service and constant work, both in the Sunday School and Choir, which must have more than once fallen to the ground had he not held on through all discouragements.

Mr. Wm. McVitey, Church Warden, has also taken charge of a Sunday School at St. Mark's Church during the past summer, where there has been an attendance of from 20 to 30. I gave instruction in each when I was able to be present. St. Mark's Church has been new shingled and the outer walls white-washed during the past year. I must here also acknowledge the efficient work done by the young lady collectors for the Church Society. The subscriptions this year have fallen off—cause, hard times; while some will not give because all the subscribers' names are not inserted in the Report.