

like the amount of work which was being done in these directions, by the Deanery of St. Francis; our people are too widely scattered for that, but we hoped to do something that would be helpful to us in our work, and to bring our brethren, occasionally at least, into contact with each other. As a result of our deliberations at Levis, it was decided to hold three conferences during the year, one at Frampton in July, one at Leeds in September, and one at Bourg Louis on the 1st of November. Connected with these gatherings, there were to be public Services for the people, devotional exercises, reading and discussions on matters of interest to the Clergy in their parochial duties. The conference at Frampton was attended by three Clergymen only, so that very little in the way of reading or discussion was attempted. I am pleased to say, however, that we were kindly received by the Incumbent, and that three public Services were held, which were warmly appreciated by the people who, under most unfavorable weather and roads, filled the Churches at every Service, and many expressed a hope that these visits would be repeated every year. At Leeds, the attendance of the Clergy was very small; some were unwell, others had not yet returned from their holidays, so that very little was attempted at this conference beyond the public Services. These the people attended in large numbers, and seemed quite interested.

One part of our programme here, was, that one hour should be given to the devotional study of a portion of Scripture and prayer. This, of course, was intended for the Clergy only, but the Incumbent in giving the notices, mentioned that the devotional Service would be held in the Church, and would be open to all the congregation. When the time came, we found quite a large number of devout people assembled, all of whom seemed thoroughly to enjoy

the addresses made by the Rev. Messrs. Fyles, Washer, Rothera and others, on the devotional lessons contained in the xix Psalm. I am therefore of opinion that in any special efforts to increase our own spiritual life, we would do well to ask our brethren of the Laity to share with us the helps afforded by these exercises. At this conference, an effort was made to adopt a form, which we thought might be used by the whole Deanery, thereby making uniform the registration of all acts of Civil Status entered in our Registers. This, however, is not now necessary, as His Lordship the Bishop has provided a form for the whole Diocese.

Our third Conference was fixed for the first of November at Bourg Louis. It was however an unfortunate selection as to date, all the Clergy being engaged in their own Parishes on that day. It was not in any sense a Conference, but, notwithstanding the unfavorable weather, we had three very bright Services, so that our meeting was not altogether barren of results. I visited during the year, East and West Frampton, Bourg Louis, St. Stephen's and Campbell's Corner Inverness, Kinnear's Mills and St. James' Leeds. In all these places the Church properties are in good conditions, with the exception of the Church at Kinnear's Mills. This building is sadly in need of repairs. Nearly all the Clergy report the Church properties in their respective Parishes and Missions as being in good condition and well insured.

It is very gratifying to gather from the *seven* reports, which have reached me, the unmistakable evidence, that faithful and self-denying work is being done in the Deanery. A few figures will shew this clearly.

Seven Missions Report:—

1294 Services, 100 Baptisms, 140 Persons Confirmed, 249 Celebrations of Holy Communion, 74 Burials, and only 39 Removals.