

Salt Spring Island Parish and Home

OCTOBER, 1897.

There is again the report of a steamboat to be put on the Sidney route. A big one this time.

Alex. Silverson has been very ill with rheumatic fever, the result of camping in a swampy place.

"Very good stink, very good stink," was a Jap servant's remark when invited to smell his mistress' pot of heliotrope.

The next meeting of the Salt Spring Island Club will be held at Mr. Robertson's house, North End, on Wednesday, October 6th.

A parochial endowment fund has been started in connection with St. Mark's Church. The annual collection last year amounted to \$23.85; this year to \$21.50. Bequests would be helpful.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Brown, after spending the past winter and spring in Kamloops, have been magnetized back to Salt Spring; they are occupying one of the Bittancourt cottages at Vesuvius Bay.

Weather Report for August—Kuper Island: Mean temperature for the month, 65.3; max. (on the 16th) 89; min. (on the 1st) 43.5; mean proportion of bright sunshine, .72; max. daily amount (on 29th) .89; days completely clouded, 0; rainfall, 0.72 inches.

Preparations are in progress for the Islands' Agricultural and Fruit Growers' Association Exhibition on Wednesday, September 29th. The prize list with programmes, rules and regulations is very creditably gotten up, and, with fine weather, the show seems bound to be a success.

✓ "Centreville" has been suggested as a name to designate that part of the Island known as the Central Settlement. The new public hall with the jubilee flagstaff is the centre, and within a short distance are the post office, the gaol, the public school, St. Mark's church and Mrs. Stevens' boarding house, also the residences of the Rev. E. F. Wilson and Mr. A. A. Berrow, nurseryman.

✓ Salt Spring Island is fortunate in having at length secured the services of a medical man. Dr. Baker with his wife and a young child, and accompanied also by two younger brothers, arrived from England the middle of the month. On reaching Victoria he was advised to locate on our island, and accordingly came here at once. The family are at present occupying Mr. Percy Brown's former residence.

Death has again claimed a victim. Maud the seventeen-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Connery, of the "Divide" Settlement, while staying at a friend's house in Victoria, was attacked with typhoid fever. She was removed to St. Joseph's Hospital and was under the best of care and treatment for nine days, but died on the 12th ult. The deceased was a member

of the Church of England, and was a communicant.

Why not establish a fruit market on Salt Spring Island, where fruit could be bought, sorted and repacked? Three-quarters of a cent a pound would probably pay for both the repacking and shipment, and many growers, small growers especially, would probably be glad to sell at this reduction and avoid the cost and risk of boxing and shipment. Boxes marked "Salt Spring Island Fruit Mart" would soon get a name and command the best price.

The Home Sunday School prize giving and entertainment will be held at the Divide School on Friday evening, October 8th, to commence at 5 p.m. All children who have had Home Sunday School books during the year are invited to attend; also any who intend joining and taking books for the year, now ensuing. The parents and friends are also invited to be present. The result of the past year's work will be given at the entertainment and prizes distributed.

The second year of the Home Sunday School commences Sunday, October 17th. Four Bible questions will be given as before for each Sunday. Children in the first class will answer all four, those in the second class the first three, those in the third class the two first. Those in the first and second class must give chapter and verse with their answers. Instead of separate texts a chapter is given, of which one verse is to be learned each Sunday. Children of the first class will begin learning the Church Catechism; those of the second class must say the Creed and the Ten Commandments; those of the third class the Creed and the Lord's Prayer. Books will be examined, lessons heard and marks given once in every nine weeks. It might be well to copy out the rules in the Sunday School books.

Home Sunday School—October 17th: I. Samuel 1-3. (1) Who was Samuel's mother? (2) What did Samuel say when he heard God speaking? (3) How often did Samuel's mother come to see him? (4) Give a short account of Samuel's boyhood. Begin learning Matthew VI., one verse every Sunday. October 24th: I. Samuel 4-6. (1) How old was Eli when he died? (2) What was the name of the Philistines' idol? (3) What holy thing is mentioned in each of these three chapters? (4) Tell about the battle between Israel and the Philistines, and mention three results. October 31st: I. Samuel 7-9. (1) Where was Samuel's house? (2) What did Saul go to look for? (3) Why did Samuel call the stone Ebenezer? (4) Describe Saul's first meeting with Samuel. November 7th: I. Samuel 10-12. (1) What did Samuel pour on Saul's head? (2) What did all the people shout? (3) How had Samuel treated the people? (4) Describe how Saul was made King.