

Salt Spring Island Parish and Home

APRIL, 1897.

The next meeting of the Salt Spring Island Club will be held at Mr. Broadwell's, Tuesday evening, the 13th inst.

Mr. Hamilton, of Oak Bay, has purchased land on Fulford Harbour, and intends moving on to the island with his family.

An entertainment will be given in the Public Hall on Tuesday evening, the 20th inst., the proceeds to be applied to various charitable purposes.

Telephone wires are rapidly on the increase at the northern end of the island, and soon quite a number of houses will be connected. Vesuvius Post Office will be the Central, the radius extending about five miles.

In addition to the £2 recorded in our last, the following contributions have been received from England towards an organ for church services at the "Divide" school: Harry Lloyd, Esq., £5; Miss Waterhouse, 10s.; Mr. Hughes Hughes, £1 10s; W.M. and M.L.M., 10s.

Several improvements have recently been made in St. Mark's Church. The chancel is now neatly carpeted, a new rod and curtain hang at the back of the holy table, and before Easter Sunday it is expected a stained-glass window will have taken the place of the present plain one. Choir practice is held every Wednesday evening, and several young men and boys have recently joined the choir.

Weather Report for February:—Kuper Island: Mean temperature for the month, 39.3; maximum (on the 4th), 49.5; minimum (on the 21st), 25.5. Mean bright sunshine, .194; maximum (on 26th), .740. Number of days completely clouded, 8. Rainfall, 3.16 inches. Snow, none. Strong gales of wind on 4th and 15th. Willow, alder, lilac and rose bushes budding on the 8th. Robins in great numbers, and frogs croaking on 25th.

The day after our last issue was sent to the printer the most serious accident happened to a young son of J. T. Collins. He was out with his elder brother firing ducks, some distance from the house, and in the act of drawing a cartridge from his gun loaded in his face. The poor child was carried and it was feared at first that both eyes were. As soon as possible he was removed to the hospital in Victoria, and, as a result of skilful treatment, it is hoped that the left eye will be restored. The right one was completely destroyed, the wad of powder being found lodged within it. Johnny is now ten years of age. He was a brave boy, and with both his spirits and appetite. By the time published it is expected he will be back again and.

Mr. W. Scott and several other ranchers have had sheep and lambs killed by dogs during the past few weeks.

The Messrs. Abbott have purchased about five acres of land on Ganges Harbour, and intend erecting a residence.

The rock of Gibraltar rises out of the sea to the height of 1,439 feet; the rock at Burgoyne Bay, on this island, rises 1,953 feet.

Mr. William Smith, one of the oldest settlers on the island, died on the 1st ult. He had been suffering from asthma, and had contracted a cold.

As is usual at this time of the year, subscriptions are solicited towards the Diocesan Mission Fund. Last year the sum of \$43 was sent in, and it is hoped that quite as much, if not more, may be subscribed this year.

The Rev. Mr. Bosanquet, recently from England and now rector of St. Alban's Church, Nanaimo, will deliver a lecture on "the Church of England as it now is," at St. Mary's Church, Fulford Harbour, Monday evening, April 5th; St. Mark's Church, Vesuvius, Tuesday evening, April 6th; service to commence at half-past seven.

The total cost of the little "vicarage" and "stable" at the back of St. Mary's Church, Fulford Harbour, has been about \$75. Towards this Mr. H. Ruckle contributes \$5; Mr. T. Tregge, \$2.50; the Bishop, \$10; E.F.W., \$10. The buildings are on church land, and so are church property. Any further donations towards defraying the cost will be very acceptable. Messrs. Sparrow and A. Horel kindly gave several days free labour.

HOME SUNDAY SCHOOL.—April 18th—1. What happened on Good Friday? 2. What happened on Easter Day? 3. Who saw angels at Jesus' grave? 4. Tell about Jesus meeting Mary Magdalene. Text, Colossians III., 1. April 25th—Nehemiah I.-IV. 1. Why did Nehemiah fast and pray? 2. Who was the King of Persia? 3. Why did the King give Nehemiah letters? 4. Tell how the walls of Jerusalem were re-built. Text, Galatians VI., 7. May 2nd—St. Luke IV.-VII. 1. What did Jesus do in Nazareth? 2. What happened at sunset? 3. Why did Peter say to Jesus "Depart from me"? 4. Tell about the Widow of Nain. Text, John, XV., 4. May 9th—Esther II.-III. 1. Who was Queen Esther's uncle? 2. Of what nation were they? 3. Who was their great enemy? 4. How did Haman plot to get rid of Mordecai? Text, Job XIV., 1.