

Salt Spring Island Parish and Home

NOVEMBER, 1897.

PARISH AND HOME this month enters upon its third year.

The biggest apple grown on the Island this year was probably a "gloria mundi," by Mr. E. Walter; weight, twenty-four ounces; greatest diameter, five inches.

A Ladies' Church Aid Society is to be set on foot this winter in connection with St. Mark's Church. The inaugural meeting will be held at Mr. Wilson's residence 2 to 4 p.m. Thursday, November 11th.

Fourteen boxes of fruit, vegetables, etc., were sent by St. Mark's Church to the Jubilee Hospital and five packages went from the "Divide." The Burgoyne Bay School District sent about sixteen sacks and boxes also to the Jubilee Hospital.

Mr. A. Cartwright has purchased the property that belonged formerly to Mr. Montieth, on Ganges Harbour. What has been generally known as the "Beddis Road" is gradually getting to be settled, the recent arrivals being Messrs. Abbott, Cartwright and Moule.

Weather Report for September—Kuper Island: Mean temperature, 54.6; max. (on the 18th), 75.8; min. (on the 23rd) 33.6; mean proportion of bright sunshine, .48; max. (on the 23rd), .84; days completely clouded, two; hard frost morning of 27th; rainfall, 1.43 inches.

The advent of a doctor seems to have propagated doctor's work; there have been several cases of bad sprains and other hurts calling Dr. Baker's attention. The most serious case on his hands has been that of Aleck Silverson; last reports are that the patient is a little better, and all his friends hope earnestly that he may recover.

The annual meeting of the Island's Agricultural and Fruitgrowers' Association was held at the Public Hall on Wednesday, Oct. 13. Mr. Booth, M.P., in the chair, and a full attendance. The prizes were distributed and officers for the ensuing year elected as follows: President, Mr. J. P. Booth, M.P.P.; Vice-President, J. Brodwell, Sr.; Secretary, P. Purvis; Treasurer, J. T. Collins; Directors: John Scovell, Rev. S. F. Wilson, W. Caldwell, Jas. Chalmers, G. E. Akerman, Geo. Furness, E. Rossman, T. W. Mouat, S. T. Conery, F. L. Scott, Theo. Trage, Jos. Nightingale, H. L. Robertson, W. Grimmer, H. Macklin, J. Richardson, J. Hick, J. Payne, H. Burge, all.

The Agricultural Exhibition on September 29th was a great success, the show of live stock, as well as of field and orchard produce being very much in advance of the exhibits a year ago. The fruit and vegetables were particularly fine, as testified to by Mr. Palmer, the Government Fruit Inspector, who kindly acted as one of the judges. Some of the ladies' work was particularly attractive, as also were the map drawing and penmanship done by the children. There was a lively competition in the bread-making line, special prizes having been offered to the best bread-maker under eighteen years of age, as well as to the ladies of more age and experience. The extensive show of pot-flowers served to liven up the hall, and altogether the display was one to do credit to the Island's Association.

The Home Sunday School prize-giving and entertainment passed off very successfully at the Divide School on Friday evening, October 8th. Nearly all the children connected with the Home Sunday School during the year were present, and, with their friends, they quite filled the room. Prizes were awarded as follows: First class—Eertie Raines, 593 marks, 1st prize; Arthur Walter, 582 marks, 2nd prize; Lily Sampson, 570 marks, 3rd prize. Second Class—Rose Whims, 278 marks, 1st prize. Third Class—Connie Fisher, 148 marks, 1st prize; Amy Rule, 146 marks, 2nd prize. Special prize for repeating catechism, etc., Archie Berrow. Two of the prizes were donated by the Bishop. During the evening songs and recitations were given, and refreshments partaken of, and before leaving the children enjoyed some good, romping games. About forty children belonged to the Home Sunday School last year, and this year the number will be augmented.

HOME SUNDAY SCHOOL, *November 14th*—I Samuel XIII.-XV. (1) Who killed twenty men? (2) Who killed King Agag? (3) What wrong things did King Saul do? (4) Tell about Jonathan and the honeycomb. *November 21st*—I Samuel XVI.-XVII. [1] Who was Jesse's youngest son? (2) What great things did he do? (3) What did Samuel do at Beth-lem? (4) Tell about David meeting Giant Goliath. *November 28th*—I Samuel XVIII.-XX. [1] Who were great friends? (2) What did Saul do to David? (3) Who sang David's praises? (4) How did Jonathan warn David of his danger? *December 5th*—I Samuel XXI.-XXIII. (1) Where did David hide himself? [1] Who killed the priests? [3] Who came to David in the woods, and why? (4) What did David do in Nob? *December 12th*—I Samuel XXIV.-XXVI. (1) What did David do to Saul? (2) Why did he do it? (3) How did Abigail treat David? (4) Tell about "the spear and the cruse of water."