

# Salt Spring Island Parish and Home

MARCH, 1898.

Aleck Silverton is at St. Joseph's Hospital, Victoria, and is reported to be improving.

A. Llewelyn, son of Rev. E. F. Wilson, has left for the Klondike, having joined Mr. Dewdney's party.

Mr. Tom Lee has erected a barn on his new farm, and is now putting up a residence.

Subscribers who have not paid for the current year, will very much oblige by doing so.

Jack Sugrue, a resident of Salt Spring Island, who went up last autumn to the Klondike, is said to have refused \$75,000 for his claim.

All are earnestly invited to attend the special meetings and services which are to be held in various parts of the Island during Lent.

Dr. Gerald R. Baker has been appointed resident physician at Salt Spring Island, and is at present living with his family, in Mr. Percy Brown's house, which he has rented.

The Central School Entertainment was held on the evening of February 4th, and passed off pleasantly, the school children receiving a large number of prizes.

The Ladies' Guild had a very pleasant meeting at "The Maples," (Mrs. Edw. Walters') on February 3rd. The next meeting will be held at Mrs. Norton's, March 3rd.

Mr. Chivers, of Long Island, met with a serious accident January 27th. He was alone in the woods, piling logs, when a heavy log slipped and rolled over him. He was badly crushed, but after regaining his senses managed to crawl slowly and painfully to his house, where, happily he was found later on by a Jap., who happened to call at the Island, and who went immediately for assistance.

Joys and sorrows quickly alternate. To-day a marriage—to-morrow a funeral. On Saturday, February the 12th, St. Mark's Church was gaily decorated with arches and white flowers, to celebrate the marriage of Mr. Frank L. Scott to Miss Kathleen M. Wilson. The wedding march was played in a spirited manner by Mr. Harold Scott, as bride and bridegroom left the church; and among the thirty or more guests who assembled afterwards at the Rev. E. F. Wilson's residence, to congratulate the bridal pair, to partake of the wedding cake, and to throw rice and slippers after them as they drove away, none were brighter, gayer, and more full of fun than Freddy Smedley. Just a week passes—Saturday comes again. The bridal pair is expected home. The smoke of the little steamboat they had chartered is seen in the distance—but no flags are raised on the well-known flagstaffs to welcome them. A search party is out in boats, and, just after bride and bridegroom had landed, and gone up silently and almost unnoticed to their cottage home, the word is passed that the bodies have been found, near together, both in shallow water, face downward on a reef. Harold, 26 years old, and so well known as an athlete and powerful swimmer, with his arms extended and stiffened as though in a last effort to reach the shore; and Smedley, aged 22, and not so good a swimmer, looking as though his hands had been holding on to Harold's shoulders when the icy cold water finally overcame him. It was a frail little skiff they were in, and a strong southeast gale was blowing on that fatal evening when, after passing the afternoon at Mr. L. Tolson's, and getting the mail at the Postoffice, they started to return on their homeward trip across the harbour. The double funeral from St. Mark's Church, on Wednesday, the 23rd, was attended by a large crowd of sympathizing friends. Some of the same white roses that had been used at the wedding, were used again at the funeral.

Weather Report for January.—Kuper Island: Mean temperature 37.4; maximum (on 29th) 48.3; minimum (on 10th) 26.0; mean proportion of bright sunshine, .174; maximum (on 23rd) .722; days completely clouded, 10; rainfall, 2.38 inches; snow 2.30 inches; total precipitation (rain and melted snow) 2.61.

HOME SUNDAY SCHOOL.—*March 20th*—2 Samuel xvi.—xvii. (1) What did Shimei do? (2) What did Abishai say? (3) What did David reply? (4) Tell about Ahithophel and Hushai. *March 27th*—2 Samuel xviii.—xix. (1) How did Absalom die? (2) Who went to tell David? (3) How did David mourn for Absalom? (4) Tell about Barzillai. *April 3rd*—2 Samuel xx.—xxi. (1) What did Sheba do? (2) How was he punished? (3) Why was there famine for three years? (4) Who slew the four giants? *April 10th*—2 Samuel xxii.—xxiv. (1) Which of the psalms is this? (2) Who slew a lion in the time of snow? (3) What did Joab try to stop David from doing? (4) Tell about David and Araunah.