

# Salt Spring Island Parish and Home

APRIL, 1898.

Confirmation classes will commence the middle of this month. Mr. Wilson will be glad to receive any additional names of intending candidates.

A. L. Wilson, who went up on the Amur with Mr. Dewdney's party, is back on the Island again, looking quite pleased with himself, although minus the golden nuggets.

Mr. Fisher and family have left the Island and taken up their residence on the Tolmie estate, near Victoria. We hope they may see their way soon to come back to us again.

Easter Vestry Meetings will be held at St. Mary's Church, April 10th, 8:30 p.m.; St. Mark's Church, April 11th, 7:30 p.m., for the purpose of electing Church Wardens and other officers for the ensuing year.

Mr. Hutt, whose family have property near Ryde, in the Isle of Wight, has been paying a visit to the Island, and is so charmed with its scenery, climate, position, etc., that he is returning to England with serious thoughts of coming back to make his home here.

Mr. C. W. Tolson, wife and baby, and Miss Gibbs, have been paying a short visit to the Island, and were warmly received by their many friends. During their stay they were guests at their old house at Ganges Harbour, which is now the property of Mr. Leonard Tolson.

A concert was held in the Public Hall, Friday, March 11th, and was largely attended, the proceeds to be applied towards Aleck Silverson's expenses in hospital. We are very glad to report that the patient is making very good progress, and hopes soon to be back again on the Island.

The following houses are now connected by telephone: Mr. Broadwell, (post office and central), Mr. Stevens, Rev. E. F. Wilson, Mr. Bullock, Mr. Collins, Mr. W. E. Scott, Dr. Baker, Mr. Frank Scott. The whole length of wire is about seven miles. There is talk of extending the line to Mr. L. J. Bittancourt's store, at Vesuvius Bay wharf.

Envelopes for the Lenten offerings have, by the Bishop's direction, been circulated throughout the Parish; also printed circulars explaining the objects of the Diocesan Mission Fund. It is hoped that the various members of *each family* will contribute, and as soon as possible after Easter the envelopes will be collected and the names and amounts entered on the subscription list.

The lowest the thermometer has been this winter was 22°, Nov. 28th. There has been scarcely any snow.

There have been fifteen deaths registered in the Church of England registry book in the past four years, of which three were the result of accident; five, old age; three, infants; four, women after child-birth. None were from epidemic or other sickness.

*Weather Report*, for February. — Kuper Island: Mean temperature, 41.6; maximum (on 28th) 57.0; minimum (on 26th) 26.5; mean proportion of bright sunshine, .23; maximum (on 16th) .69; days completely clouded, 9; rainfall, 6.84 inches; snow, 0.

The last meeting of the Ladies' Guild, at Mrs. Norton's residence, passed off very pleasantly. There seems to be no lack of orders for work, and the ladies are glad to use their fingers in furthering the work of the Church. This is as it should be, and we think far better than raising money by concerts and theatricals. The next meeting will be at Rev. E. F. Wilson's house, Tuesday, April 12th.

Special Lenten services were held at St. Mary's Church, Fulford Harbour, March 10th, 11th and 12th; at the Divide School, March 25th and 26th. Those still to be held are at St. Mark's Church, Thursday, March 31st, Friday, April 1st, Saturday, April 2nd, 7:30 p.m.; at the North End School, Monday and Tuesday evenings, April 4th and 5th, and at Beaver Point School, April 6th and 7th. On Good Friday, April 8th, there will be morning service at St. Mary's at 10:30 a.m., and afternoon service at St. Mark's, at 3:30 p.m.; on Easter Sunday, April 10th, St. Mark's 11 a.m., and Holy Communion; Divide, 3 p.m.; St. Mary's, 7:30 p.m.

HOME SUNDAY SCHOOL.—*April 17th*—Acts i-iii. (1) Who was Matthias? (2) What did Peter say to the lame man? (3) Describe the Ascension. (4) Tell about the Day of Pentecost. *April 24th*—Acts iv-vi. (1) Who forbade Peter and John to preach? (2) What did they answer? (3) Name the seven deacons. (4) Tell about Ananias and Sapphira. *May 1st*—Acts vii-ix. (1) What happened to Stephen? (2) Whom did Philip baptize? (3) What happened at Samaria? (4) Tell about Paul's conversion. *May 8th*—Acts x-xii. (1) What is said of Cornelius? (2) Who came to teach him? (3) What happened to King Herod? (4) Tell about Peter's escape from prison.