

Salt Spring Island Parish and Home

MAY, 1898.

The next meeting of the Ladies' Guild will be at Mrs. Berrow's house, Thursday, May 5.

Mr. C. W. Tolson and family are occupying Mr. Mahon's house at Ganges Harbour for the summer.

Mr. Few and his family are leaving the Island for Victoria, and will lease their farm to Mr. Wakelim.

Mr. Purdy, since giving up school teaching, has been devoting his time to his ranch, and is getting more land slashed and cleared up.

Among late arrivals on the Island are Mr. Kelly, who has taken up land and built a frame house on the summit of the divide.

Mr. Wilson Smedley, brother of the late G. F. Smedley, who was drowned, has been on a visit to the Island, on his way from England to the Klondike gold region.

Mr. Mollett and his sons are making great improvements on their 400-acre ranch, and seem to be well satisfied with the Island as a place for farming and fruit growing.

Several of the Island young men, since the sad death of Messrs. Scott and Smedley, have been interesting themselves in the cemetery, laying out paths, levelling and making a rockery in the centre.

There are considerable complaints on the Island in regard to the Fruit Exchange at the City Market, Victoria. Farmers send their produce down, but have to wait a very long time for their money.

Those who are owing for PARISH AND HOME will very much oblige by paying their subscriptions—35 cents if delivered, 50 cents if mailed. It is difficult to meet the expense of publication when subscribers are in arrear.

During the summer months service will be held at the Divide School House, the first Sunday in the month at 3 p.m., the third Sunday in the month at 7:30 p.m. An organ is shortly to be purchased.

There have been two or three isolated cases of the San Jose scale on the Island. On account of this scourge it is now unlawful to import fruit trees or other nursery stock from the United States, Australia or Japan.

Mr. Leonard Tolson and Mr. Frank Scott have each planted out several hundred young fruit trees.

It is reported that Aleck Tilonson is not progressing quite so well as he was doing at the St. Joseph's Hospital, and will not be able to return home at present.

Mr. T. Lee has built a comfortable frame cottage on his new ranch—just under the maples—at the summit of the Horel Hill.

The following contributions have been received thus far to the Diocesan Mission Fund: Mr. Trage and family, \$2.50; Mr. Ruckle, \$2; Mr. Berrow and family, 50 cents; J. T. Collins and family, \$2; Mr. Bullock, \$2; A. L. Wilson, \$2; P. Walker, \$1; Rev. E. F. Wilson and family, \$6.50; Mrs. Akerman, 50 cents; R. Bittancourt, \$1.

HOME SUNDAY SCHOOL.—*May 15th*—Acts xiii-xv. (1) Who was Paul's companion? (2) What happened to Elymas? (3) What is said about John Mark? (4) Tell all that happened at Lystra. *May 22*—Acts xvi-xviii. (1) Who was Lydia? (2) Who were put in prison at Philippi? (3) What did Paul say to the Jailer? (4) Tell about Paul's visit to Athens. *May 29*—Acts xix-xxi. (1) Who was Demetrius? (2) What did the Ephesians worship? (3) Tell about Euty-chus. (4) Tell about Paul being seized in Jerusalem. *June 5*—Acts xxii-xxiii. (1) Where was Paul born? (2) Who was his teacher? (3) What did Paul's nephew do? (4) Tell about Paul being sent to Cæsarea.

The Rev. E. F. Wilson, in presenting the vestry with his report for the year, said that the average attendance at the Sunday services was: St. Mark's Church, 33; St. Mary's Church, 25; North End School, 20; Divide School, 11; Beaver Point School, 8. He had held 111 Sunday services and 23 week day services; had travelled (for parochial work) 1,963 miles, and paid 445 visits; there had been 14 sick cases, 6 births, 6 deaths, 3 baptisms, 1 marriage. The offertories at St. Mark's (including North End and Divide) were: For Clerical Stipend, \$189.45; Widows and Orphans' Fund, \$3.70; Mission Fund, \$3.25; Foreign Missions, \$8.65; Parochial Endowment, \$21.50. At St. Mary's (including Beaver Point): Clerical Stipend, \$27.45; Mission Fund, \$5. The Home Sunday School was in successful operation with about 40 scholars.