

Salt Spring Island Parish and Home

MARCH, 1899.

Several cases of mumps in the Valley.

Mr. Edwin Abbott is expected back to the Island shortly.

The telephone service is being extended to the Fernwood Post Office, at the North End.

A cook stove, nearly new, and a waggon, requiring one new wheel, for sale cheap, at Rev. E. F. Wilson's.

St. Mark's Ladies' Guild will meet in the parlour at the Post Office Friday afternoon, March 3rd.

Mr. Leonard Tolson arrived home from Denver, Colorado, on the 16th ult., and reports his brother to be somewhat improved in health.

Mr. Kinzo's pile camps have been actively at work all winter. A ship load of piles was despatched to China on the 23rd ult.

Subscribers having anything they want to buy or sell, please send their notice in as few words as possible, enclosing ten two-cent stamps, and not later than the 24th of the month.

The raging wind on the night of February 1st reminded many of us painfully of the sad drowning accident just a year ago, when Messrs. Harold Scott and G. F. Smedley lost their lives. Two marble crosses mark their graves in the Cemetery, and a memorial church window is expected to arrive shortly.

Lenten self-denial envelopes have been distributed, and it is hoped there will be a liberal contribution to the Diocesan Mission Fund. It is satisfactory to know that the Fund is now out of debt. Last year the sum of \$1,562 was raised, as compared with \$1,228 the previous year. This is encouraging, especially to those who are really making an effort to help forward the work of the church.

Mr. James Akerman, church-warden, has raised the following subscriptions at the South End of the Island: A. W. Cooke, \$1; W. F. Akerman, \$1; Mrs. J. Akerman, 50c; H. Ruckle, \$2; T. Trage, \$1; J. Pappenberger, 50c; G. E. Akerman, 50c; P. P. Edwards, \$1; Mrs. Rogers, \$1; A. Raynes, \$1; E. Lee, \$1; J. J. Akerman, \$1; Friend, 50c; J. C. Mollett, 50c; James Akerman, \$1; E. F. Wilson, \$1; J. Nightingale, \$2. Total, \$17. Of this amount \$11.80 was expended on insurance and church expenses (St. Mary's) and the balance placed to stipend account.

Mr. William Scott was gored by his bull one day last month, and has had to kill it.

Mr. Irwin's new house on St. Mary's Lake is approaching completion.

Major Craig has purchased the Mahon property on Ganges Harbour, and will probably build this summer.

Mr. Spence, of Secretary Island, had to undergo a painful operation a few weeks ago, and has been removed to the Nanaimo Hospital.

Rev. E. F. Wilson desires to acknowledge with thanks \$25 (in hay and wheat) from Mr. W. G. Scott, and \$10 (in cash) from Mr. Geoffrey Scott.

A concert and entertainment was held in the Public Hall, Friday, February 24th, in aid of the telephone service. It is reported to have been one of the best concerts ever held. Mr. Ashworth and his daughter are decided acquisitions as musicians, and Mr. Lugrue is to be complimented on his success as conductor.

Weather Report for January.—Kuper Island: Mean temperature, 36.8; maximum, 52.8 (on the 20th); minimum 6.8 (on the 4th); mean proportion of bright sunshine, .114; maximum, .600 (on the 3rd); days completely clouded, 15; rain fall, 5.76 inches; total precipitation, rain and melted snow, 7.33 inches; greatest depth of snow at one time, 23 inches.

HOME SUNDAY SCHOOL.—March 12th to April 9th (five weeks): Matthew VII. to XII., also chapter II. *First Class*—(1) Write out a verse beginning with "Ask"; (2) Write a verse beginning with "Enter"; (3) What did Jesus say to the scribe? (4) Give a verse about confessing Christ; (5) Tell about the sick of the palsy being healed; (6) Why did the disciples cry "Lord, save us?" (7) What miracle did Jesus do on the Sabbath Day? (8) Name the twelve disciples; (9) What does Jesus say to the weary? (10) Tell about Jesus raising a dead child to life; Learn Catechism to "Amen, so be it." *Second Class*—(1) What is said of Judas Iscariot? (2) What did the two blind men cry? (3) What does Jesus say about sparrows; (4) What did the centurion say to Jesus? (5) Tell about Jesus healing the leper; Learn Catechism to "days of my life." *Third Class*—(1) How were the wise men guided to Bethlehem? (2) What did they bring with them? (3) What did King Herod try to do? (4) How did Jesus escape being killed? (5) Where did Jesus live when a boy? Learn "The Creed." NOTE.—First Class answer all twenty questions; Second Class, the last ten questions; Third Class five questions. Always chapter and verse.