

Salt Spring Island Parish and Home

APRIL, 1900.

A mild winter and an early spring.

Major and Mrs. Craig left for Ireland on the 31st ult.

Mr. J. Akerman, senior, and Mr. Harris were down with the gripe last month.

Mrs. Fritz Walter and Miss E. Hart are coming on a visit to Salt Spring Island early in May.

A blast near the road side caused a runaway and an upset, Mr. W. Whims being the sufferer.

The Patagonian youth, known on the Island as "Jimmy Broom," died in the Jubilee Hospital last month.

Lawritz Sparrow, while seal hunting off the coast of California, January 15th, was drowned. His age was 18.

James Robertson, reported drowned, while rafting on the Yukon six months ago, is all right. He has a contract on hand to get out 175 cords of wood at \$6.00 a cord.

Mr. I. P. Edwards, storekeeper, is now in charge of the Burgoyne Post Office, those under Mr. Rogers at Fulford Harbour and under Mr. Maxwell at Burgoyne Bay having been closed.

There was a row on the wharf at Ganges Harbour, one boat-day recently. Whiskey—a free fight—a broken nose—and one of the assailants sent down for six months. Not very creditable to the Island.

Rev. E. F. Wilson will be much obliged if those who have not yet paid their subscription for "Parish and Home" for the current year, will kindly do so. The magazine is now in its fifth year, and its circulation is well kept up.

Steamboat Notice.—On and from the 1st April, the steamer of the V. & S. R. Co. will exchange mails with Salt Spring Island as follows: Monday—Ganges Harbour, 10:30 a.m., for Nanaimo. Tuesday—Ganges Harbour, 1 p.m., for Sidney. Wednesday—Ganges Harbour, 10:30 a.m., for Sidney. Thursday—Vesuvius Bay, 11:30 a.m., for Nanaimo. Friday—Vesuvius Bay, 2 p.m., for Sidney. Saturday—Ganges Harbour, 2 p.m., for Sidney. The above hours are approximate, subject to weather, detentions, etc.

The Beaver Point Post Office has been closed.

There will be service at the Beaver Point School House, Sunday, April 29th, at 11 a.m.

Mr. H. W. Bullock is expecting his sister and a lady friend on a visit about the end of May.

It is hoped that all church members will this year contribute an offering to the Diocesan Mission fund.

Mrs. Bird has kindly undertaken the direction of St. Mark's choir, in the place of Mr. E. Crofton resigned.

The Furness boys have been busy this past winter, having slashed upwards of 20 acres. It is a great improvement to the valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Tolson and Mrs. C. W. Tolson and her two little ones are expected to arrive on the Island the end of this month.

The Easter vestry meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church immediately after the evening service; at St. Mark's Church, Monday, April 16th, at 8 p.m.

Special services during Holy Week will be held at St. Mark's Church, Wednesday, April 11th, 7:30 p.m.; Good Friday, April 13th, 7:30 p.m.; St. Mary's Church, Thursday, April 12th, 7:30 p.m. On Easter Sunday, April 15th, St. Mark's Church, service and Holy Communion 11 a.m.; St. Mary's Church 7:30 p.m.

Weather Report for February.—Kuper Island: Mean temperature, 39.2; maximum, 54.0 (on the 5th); minimum, 19.5 (on the 14th and 15th); mean proportion of bright sunshine, .256; maximum, .881 (on the 11th); days completely clouded, 13; frost on 9 days; total precipitation rain and melted snow 4.71 inches.

HOME SUNDAY SCHOOL.—April 22nd to May 13th (four weeks)—I Samuel I to III. *First Class*—(1) Who was Elkanah? (2) Why did they go to Shiloh? (3) Were the sons of Eli good or bad? (4) What vow did Hannah make? (5) How often did Hannah go to see her little son? (6) Why was God angry with Eli? (7) How did God say He would punish him? (8) What did Eli say, when Samuel told him God's message? *Second Class*—(9) Who was Eli? (10) Name Eli's two sons. (11) What did Hannah do with her little boy? (12) Was Samuel a good boy? *Third Class*—(13) With whom did Samuel live? (14) What did he hear in the night? (15) Who was calling him? (16) What did he answer?