

Salt Spring Island Parish and Home

JANUARY, 1900.

The last year of the Nineteenth Century.

Warm weather and no snow to speak of as yet.

What shall be the events of 1900? Who can tell?

The Ladies' Guild will meet at Mr. Wilson's house on Friday afternoon, January 5th.

The rainfall for November, 1896, was 12.27 inches; November, 1897, 8.53; November, 1898, 6.25; November, this year, 1899, 13.82 inches.

Mr. Leonard Tolson received a cablegram on the 23rd ult., that his brother Charles W. Tolson died at their mother's home, Tamworth, England, on the 20th. "Charlie" will be very much missed by his many friends on the Island.

Weather report for November—Kuper Island:—Mean temperature, 49.5 (warmer than October); maximum (on 26th), 64.4; minimum (on 2nd), 37.7; mean proportion of bright sunshine, .137; maximum (on 11th), .633; days completely clouded 15; rainfall, 13.82 inches. Rain fell on 27 days.

"The courage wanted to-day is not the courage to face the cannon's mouth—there is plenty of that in England's make up—but the courage that dares to be true. Men are wanted who can stand erect without the crook in the back that leads often to success, but not to virtue—men who will stand by the truth in parliament and in the council, who will not cringe to every passing shower of golden opinion: that is manliness."—Bernard J. Snell.

HOME SUNDAY SCHOOL.—January 21st to February 11th (4 weeks):—Exodus, chapters 19, 20 and 24 to 26. *First Class*: (1) When did the Israelites "meet with God?" (2) What made the people afraid? (3) Why did Moses sprinkle blood on the people? (4) Describe the tabernacle (5) What was the Ark? (6) What other things were there in the tabernacle? (7) What was between the holy place and the most holy? (8) What was the mercy seat? *Second Class*: (9) How were the Ten Commandments first given? (10) What were they written on afterwards? (11) How many rooms were there in the tabernacle? (12) Where were the Commandments kept? *Third Class*: (13) What happened on Mt. Sinai? (14) What did the people see? (15) What did they hear? (16) Who went up to the top of the Mount?

Mr. Philips has left the Island and gone to reside in Victoria.

Miss Collins is now the organist at St. Mark's Church, and there are fourteen members belonging to the choir.

Home Sunday School prizes have been awarded to Bertie Raines, Mary McFadden, Mary Walter, Alvin Raines, May Richards, May Raines and Arthur Raines.

Meetings of the Farmers' Institute were held at Burgoyne Bay and at Vesuvius, on the 9th and 16th of last month. Mr. Tom Wilson gave an address on Fruit, and Mr. Field Johnson on Live Stock. Owing to the bad weather the attendance was small.

The Christmas Tree Entertainment at the North End School-house was very well attended, the room being crammed, and everyone was pleased. The children accomplished their songs, dialogues and party-singing with great credit to their teacher, Mr. L. Ashworth. The six old maids, in costume, afforded great amusement, and little Willie McFadden brought down the house with his well-acted little piece about the big apple.

Contributions to the Mansion House Fund, for the relief of the widows and orphans of our soldiers engaged in the Transvaal: J. T. Collins, \$5; T. H. Rhymer, \$2; E. Crofton, \$1; P. Walker \$1; A. L. Wilson \$1; F. Philips, \$1; L. C. Ashworth, \$1; Willis Stark, 25c; J. C. Scovell, \$2; John C. Mollet, \$2; K. Furness, 50c; J. J. Akerman, 50c; Mrs. Al. Raines, 50c; J. Akerman, \$5; A. W. Cooke, \$1; H. N. Rogers, \$1; John C. Sparrow, \$1; J. P. Booth, \$5; Stephen Hoskins, \$1.25; J. P. Edwards, \$1. Total contributions Salt Spring Island, including amounts acknowledged last month, \$99.

A very enjoyable Christmas Tree entertainment was given at the Public Hall, Wednesday, December 20th. It was a wet, stormy night, but the hall was well filled with both children and grown up people. A large tree, laden with Christmas gifts, filled up one side of the platform. The programme consisted of recitations by the children of the day school, and songs, readings and instrumental pieces by their elders. Half way through there was an interim for refreshments; and after the Christmas Tree, which closed the entertainment, the National anthem was sung and three hearty cheers given for the Queen.