

# Salt Spring Island Church Monthly

JANUARY, 1904.

Christmas Day was a lovely day—bright and mild.

Threshing is behind this season, there being no separator on the road.

Mr. and Mrs. Legh, of North End, left for England December 5th.

Mr. A. Trage, of Beaver Point, shipped 1,700 boxes of apples last fall.

Mr. J. Hörel has sold his former house with 160 acres of land to Mr. LeJeune, a brother of Mrs. Mollet.

Two weddings are in prospect in the early days of spring.

Pleasant news for all.—Taxes are to be increased from 50 to 100 per cent. throughout the Province.

There are 27 children now attending Mr. Cooke's school on the Divide.

A lamp upset and set the floor on fire in a bedroom of Mr. Frank Scott's house on Christmas Eve. Little Girlie was in bed and had a narrow escape. Happily the flames were extinguished before any great damage was done.

A most successful childrens party was held at Mr. Ward's house, Ganges Harbor, in the early evening of the 26th ult. Mrs. Ward has a great knack of making children happy. The only untoward circumstance was that poor old Santa Claus got his beard on fire and *singed his eyebrows.*

Mrs. Conery was taken very ill on the evening of Christmas Day with a bad heart attack, but is now recovering.

The Victoria Creamery, near the Royal Oak, was burnt down about a week ago. Until they can rebuild they will send their cream to our Salt Spring Island creamery, which is just ready to open. We shall have to run it night and day to do their work as well as our own, as they were making butter from 800 cows.

Two babies were born at Ganges Harbor last month within a day of two of each other, a little Cartwright and a little Cunningham, both girls.

Mrs. Edward Walton is laid up with a sprained ankle.

Successful Christmas trees were held at the Central Settlement December 17th and North End the 18th. Both were largely attended by both old and young,

and there were recitations and songs and instrumental music, followed as usual by an all-night dance.

Both the churches of St. Marks and St. Mary's have to thank a quiet, unobtrusive giver, who steps quietly in when the churches are unoccupied, hangs crimson curtains where needed, puts fresh coverings on communion table and prayer desk, new markers in the books, cans of oil for the lamps, and even places a brand new organ in place of the old one. There are *not many* in these degenerate days who care anything whatever about the Church, so that these kind acts are all the more appreciated.

Two accidents that might have been most serious occurred with a day or two of each other rather more than a month ago. Frank Crofton got caught in the belting of a chaff cutter and was drawn on to the cogs before the engine could be stopped, and J. Royal fell under the heels of his team and had his jaw broken in three places. Both now are convalescent.

The mail steamer Iroquois has passed into new hands, Mr. T. W. Paterson having sold her to Messrs. Sears and Munro for \$20,000. Capt. Sears now runs her and Mr. Munro acts as purser.

HOME SUNDAY SCHOOL.—*First Class* (See also page 33.) St. John, chapters 11 and 12.—(1) How many times did Jesus raise the dead? (2) What happened at Bethany? (3) What is said about the Resurrection? (4) Who was buried in a cave? (5) How did Jesus show His sympathy? (6) Why did He lift His eyes to heaven? (7) What did Mary do to Jesus? (8) Who found fault with Him? (9) How did Jesus enter Jerusalem? (10) Was it His last visit? *Second Class*—(11) Who lived at Bethany? (12) Why was Jesus sent for? (13) Who met Him first? (14) What did Martha say to Mary? (15) What did Martha say to Jesus? (16) What did the Jews say? (17) How did Jesus raise Lazarus to life? (18) How long had he been dead? (19) Did the people believe in Jesus? (20) What did the Pharisees do?

Received for CHURCH MONTHLY since December 1st: Mr. Sampson, 50c.; Mrs. Mouat, 35c.; Mr. Manson, 50c.; Mr. Leask, 15c.; Mr. Mansell, 50c.

The shares in the Salt Spring Island Creamery are \$10 a share. Not less than two shares accepted, and this only until February 1st. Creamery expects to start work January 1st. H. P. of engine is 12, boiler 20; capacity of churn 350 lbs.