

Salt Spring Island Church Monthly

JULY, 1903.

Synod meets in Victoria, Thursday, July the 6th.

There will be no Agricultural Show this year at Ganges Harbor on account of the Dominion Exhibition at New Westminster.

There are said to be two weddings on the tapis this summer.

The creamery is turning out about 900 lbs. butter per week.

Home Sunday School classes will meet again in September. Those who have not yet sent in their books, please do so, so that marks may be added and prizes awarded.

The Home Sunday School picnic will be held this year on the stretch of green south of Allen's Lake; it is a beautiful place with plenty of space for games and nice shady trees; there are also probably more children in that locality than in any other part of the Island. Arrangements will probably be made for water sports as well as land sports. The picnic is to be Tuesday, August the 8th, that being the last week of the summer holidays.

After ten months' absence in England, Mr. H. W. Bullock returned to the Island the 12th of last month. And with him came his brother, Mr. P. Bullock, and his brother's wife; also a Mr. and Mrs. Bond (the latter as housekeeper) and their five children.

Among recent settlers to arrive are Mr. R. P. Trefusis, from Cornwall, England. He has purchased a ranch from Mr. E. Walter, adjoining Mr. Cunningham's.

Mr. T. M. Jackson has his new house nearly completed on the shore of Fulford harbor, and was expecting to move in the first week in July.

Received for CHURCH MONTHLY—J. Nightingale, 70c.; A. R. Bitancourt, 35c.; H. Cunningham, 70c.

Received for the Diocesan Mission Fund (Lenten envelopes)—Col. Craig, \$2; Mr. Rosman, 50c.; Miss Bailey, \$2; A. Ward, \$1; Mrs. C. W. Tolson, \$1.25; Mrs. Wilson, \$3; A. R. Bitancourt, \$1; H. Sampson, 50c.; A. Walter, \$2; Rev. E. F. Wilson, \$3; E. Walter, \$2; Norman Wilson, \$1; A. Raynes, \$1; Mrs. Rowland, 50c.; Mrs. Beech, \$1; Geof. Scott, \$1.30; Mr. Chaldecott, \$1; Mrs. Upjohn, \$1; Mrs. Horel, 50c.; J. Nightingale, 30c.; Miss Pedder, \$1; W. E. Scott, \$1; H. Stevens, 50c.; A. W. Cooke, \$1. Total, \$29.35. Twenty envelopes not yet received.

A case has been provided at Mr. A. R. Bitancourt's for the CHURCH MONTHLY magazines; so will those who live in that part of the Island please go there for them. If any prefer having them mailed, the charge per copy is 50c. per annum instead of 35c. They are not allowed to be sent free through the post office.

We want the small boys, that is boys 10 or 12 years of age, to start and clear the site of the new church of underbrush. They might get up "a bee" for the purpose among themselves. The site is 52 yards wide and 70 yards long—just three-quarters of an acre. The brush should be left where it falls and a fire put into it later on. Then, about September, we will have a men's "bee"—and get the logs and stumps burned and the ground levelled.

It is proposed to adopt what is known as the Queen Anne style of architecture in the erection of the new church. A frame work of 8x8 timbers arranged in attractive pattern and well mortised together and the spaces between the timbers filled in with stonework. The advantage of this style of building is that so large a proportion of the work can be done by free labor. The timbers will be hewn out of Douglas pine, and there is plenty of good stone just up the hill from where the church is to be built. As soon as the framework is up, the walls will be lathed on the inside and the stonework will thus have the laths to rest against; it does not require an expert mason to fill in the stonework; smart boys of 15 or 16, with a little practice, can do it.

The way we are setting to work to build the new church is this: We have a book with the proposed plans, elevation, etc., and on the alternate pages are ruled columns for the free labor list, under various heads, such as "Preparing the Ground," "Hewnig Timber," "Erecting Driving Shed," "Hauling Material," etc., etc. A man for a day of ten hours will be credited on the book with a subscription of \$2, that being the present rate of pay for labor. Teams in the same way will be rated at from 30 to 50 cents an hour according to their powers and the character of the work.

Thus far the cash contributions either paid in or promised for the new church amount to \$125, and the promises of free labor amount to \$83.

We are having some extra copies of the letter on the other page printed, so if any wish to send them to their friends in England or elsewhere they can do so. They are intended to follow up the first appeal. There are still some copies of the first appeal also on hand.