

Salt Spring Island Church Monthly

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The Islands Agricultural Show, Wednesday, September 19th.

The Rev. J. A. Leakey, of Cowichan, has been appointed Rural Dean for the Northern part of the Diocese.

All subscriptions to the CHURCH MONTHLY for the current year are now due. To those who have not yet paid a slip is enclosed as a reminder.

The Diocesan Synod was held in Victoria, July 5th and 6th. A new and hopeful feature was the well attended missionary meeting on the Friday evening.

Mr. Wilson has had the misfortune to lose his horse "Billy." He broke his leg, and had to be shot. Until he can be replaced by another, Mr. Wilson is unable to meet his regular engagements.

Home Sunday School classes will be recommenced the middle of this month:—Mrs. Ritchie, Wednesday, 15th; Mrs. W. E. Scott, Thursday, 16th; Cranberry, Saturday 18th; Divide School and North End School, Sunday, 19th; Burgoyne and Beaver Point, Saturday, 25th; Dr. Beech, Saturday, September 1st; Mr. Wilson, Friday, September 7th.

Received for the M. S. C. C., through missionary boxes and subscriptions:—Pearl Norton, 90c.; Mrs. J. Horel, 35c.; E. F. Wilson and family \$6.40; Col. Craig, \$1; Miss E. Jenkins, \$2.70; Miss Peddar, \$1.20; Mary and Charlie, \$3; Mrs. Cotsford, 40c.; Maude and Douglas, \$1.50; L. Durant, 25c.; Ruth Baker, \$1.90; Mrs. E. Walter, \$1.10; Miss I. Nightingale, 55c.; Roy and Margery, \$1.50.

HOME SUNDAY SCHOOL.—(August-September)—*Bible Lesson*, Genesis, chapters 37 and 40.—(1) How many Josephs are there in the Bible? (2) How did Joseph's two dreams come true? (3) Who, besides Joseph, had dreams that came true? (4) Who, besides Joseph, was sold for money? *Bible Searching*—Find about (1) Mount Sinai; (2) Mount Nebo; (3) Mount of Olives; (4) Mount Calvary; (5) Mount Carmel; (6) the Lord's Prayer.

A bright little company of children, under the care and leadership of Mrs. Davis, of Nanimo, visited our Island July 10th to 12th, and gave much pleasure to those who attended their entertainment by the spirited way in which they rendered the play "Pirates of Penzance." The party numbered some forty in all, being mostly girls and boys from 6 to 14 years of age. They all seemed to enjoy their picnic stay on the Island, being kindly received and cared for at various farm houses in the neighborhood. Mrs. Davis, out

of the proceeds of the entertainment, kindly donated a handsome contribution to our Church Building Fund.

Home Sunday School prizes and merit cards for the past year have been awarded as follows:—*First Class*—Prizes to Basil Cartwright, Harry Noon, Rosanna Johnson. Cards to Annie McL., Edith A., Leo R., Roy B., Pearl N., Connie H., Jessie McL., Gustave J., Maude S., Sadie H., Carrie C., Douglas S. and Lawrence, Bernard and Lionel S. *Second Class*—Prizes to Grace Norton, Maggie McLennan, Allen Cartwright. Cards to Susan W., Mary T., Ella R., Ida J., Lottie W., Oswald R., Edith L. *Third Class*—Prizes to Margery Beech, Freddy Allen, Charlie Tolson. Cards to Frank J., Beryl S., Jack S. There were 67 pupils on the roll during the year—27 in the first class, 24 in the second, 16 in the third.

The Ven. Archdeacon Scriven and the Rev. Canon Beanlands paid an official visit to the Island as a delegation from the Bishop, July 16th to 18th, the object being to suggest the adoption by the Parish of what is known as the "Quebec System." All the country parishes of the Diocese, with the exception of Salt Spring Island and Comox are now under the "Quebec System," and it has been found to work exceedingly well. It means simply that all offertories and subscriptions collected in the Parish are paid in quarterly by the Churchwardens to the Diocesan Fund, and the Executive Committee of the Synod undertakes to pay each clergyman his entire salary. The Commissioners addressed the congregation of St. Mark's Church on Monday evening, July 16th, and on Tuesday, the 17th, a general meeting at the Divide School. The general meeting was well attended by representatives from all parts of the Island, and among them were five Churchwardens representing St. Mark's and St. Mary's Churches and the prospective Church of St. Paul's. At request of the deputation, the Churchwardens undertook to at once canvass the Island for subscriptions, which may be paid either through the offertory on Sundays or as annual subscriptions. The visitors seemed highly gratified with their visit, and assured the people that the Parish stood well with the Mission Board in the amount of their annual contributions to the Diocese. All that was needed was to have things done in a rather more businesslike way and in conformity with the rest of the Diocese. During their stay on the Island, the Archdeacon was the guest of Mrs. W. S. Ritchie, and the Canon of Mrs. Edward Walter.