

Salt Spring Island Church Monthly

FEBRUARY, 1906.

There are 64 children attending the home Sunday School classes.

Mrs. Bond is leaving Mr. Bullock's and will join her husband in Victoria.

The North End School was closed for a week last month on account of sickness among the children.

Received for Church Monthly since last acknowledgment: E. Johnson, 70 cents; A. Ward, \$1; Mrs. Mouat, 35 cents.

Mr. H. Stevens has kindly furnished wood this winter for St. Mark's Church. Little acts of kindness like this are appreciated.

About 35 of our subscribers are in arrears of payment for the Church Monthly. Slips were enclosed to each in November issue.

Mr. Joseph Nightingale's son George has been very ill with pneumonia in both lungs, but under Dr. Baker's good care is now out of danger and steadily improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Walter, we believe, contemplate a trip to the Old Country this fall. Mrs. Walter's parents hope, if spared, to celebrate their golden wedding during the visit.

A printed notice has been received from the treasurer of the Diocesan Synod that "a long-standing floating debt," amounting to \$1486.13, is to be paid off if possible this year, every parish and mission in the diocese being assessed for that purpose. Salt Spring Island is expected to raise \$23.70.

There was a goodly attendance of the Ladies' Guild at Mrs. Stevens' house January 5th. A pleasing feature of the gathering was the presentation of a purse containing \$32 in gold coin to Miss Collins in recognition of her long and faithful services as organist of the church. The money was collected by the church wardens, Messrs. H. Stevens and R. Young. The next meeting of the Guild will be February 2nd, at Mrs. Beech's house.

The annual meeting of the Island's branch of the Farmers' Institute for election of officers was held at the public hall January 25th, Mr. Edward Walter, president, in the chair. The following officers were elected: President, Rev. E. F. Wilson; vice-president, Mr. S. Gray; secretary-treasurer, Mr. J. T. Collins; directors, Messrs. A. H. Menzies, R. B. Young, N. W. Wilson, E. G. Collins, John Mollett; delegate to Central Farmers' Institute, Mr. J. T. Collins.

The following additional subscriptions towards the new church have been received since last issue and acknowledged with thanks: Per Mrs. E. Walter—Capt. Lowther, 10s.; the Misses Lowther, 10s.; Messrs. Lowther, £1; Mr. Edward Lowther, £1 1s.; Capt. Hampton, £1 1s.; George Longdon, £1 1s.; Warren G. Laxton, £1 1s.; S. J. Hannam, 5s.; Miss Eyland, 4s.; Horace Grimmer, £5; sums under 5s., 12s. Per Mrs. H. Rogers—Mrs. Arthur Shirley, £1 1s.

Home Sunday School.—(1 Samuel, chap. 17)—
1. Describe Goliath. 2. What brought David to the battlefield? 3. Had David, as a boy, done any brave act? 4. Name David's brothers and his chief friend. 5. Which of them sneered at him? 6. Why would not David take Saul's armor? 7. Describe how David killed the giant. 8. What did he do after killing him? 9. What did the Philistines do? 10. Why was David not afraid of Goliath? 11. How may we copy David's example? 12. Who was Abner?

We are all busy and have our own interests to attend to, but let us look out sometimes beyond our own fence. A pool from which there is no outlet soon becomes stagnant and unattractive. How different to the running, sparkling stream. The stream draws its moisture from the same source as the pool, but it is a pleasant thing to look upon; the traveler on the road, the sportsman in the bush, the gardener, the farmer, the boy with his fishing rod, all have a welcome for the running stream. Try to make others happy. "They that water others shall be watered also themselves."

Winter is generally the time for making collections for all branches of church work, and it were well, perhaps that we should know what is expected of us. During Lent, by means chiefly of Lenten envelopes, we generally raise between \$30 and \$40 for the Diocesan mission fund. The little cardboard missionary boxes, 16 of which thus far have been given out, are for work beyond the bounds of the Diocese. The money will go to Montreal, and there be distributed. Last year we raised about \$30 in this way. Then in addition to these we are assessed this year \$23.70 to help clear off the old-standing Diocesan debt.