

Salt Spring Island Church Monthly

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Mr. R. P. Edwards' place in the Valley is assuming quite a picturesque appearance with its numerous chicken runs, duck pond, duck houses, water wheel, etc.

Mr. Edward Lee is improving the appearance of the Valley road by erecting picket fences and burning up the rubbish.

Mr. Bond is still in St. Joseph's Hospital and but slowly improving.

The Ladies' Guild and the members of the choir are invited to meet at Mrs. Stevens' Friday afternoon, January 5th.

A meeting of the Island's Agricultural Association was called for November 29th last, but was very poorly attended. As there required to be 20 for a quorum no business was transacted. Mr. Phillips has resigned the secretaryship.

Two young Englishmen from York, England, are expected to arrive on the island the end of February.

Mrs. Pennington Legh and her daughter left for England shortly before Christmas. Their return to the Island is uncertain.

Home Sunday School.—(1 Samuel, chapters 15 and 16.) (1) What was King Saul told to do? (2) Did he obey? (3) What did Samuel say to him? (4) Was Saul sorry? (5) What happened to Ajag? (6) Why did Samuel go to Bethlehem? (7) Who was Jesse? (8) Name Jesse's sons. (9) Why was the eldest son rejected? (10) What did Samuel do to David? (11) Did David at once become king? (12) What other events happened at Bethlehem?

First Class—Write answers to the above as clearly and fully as possible, using the actual words of Scripture in your replies if practicable. *Second Class*—Study the questions so as to be able to answer them.

The Christmas entertainment at the North End School was a very successful one, the tree for the children being loaded with presents.

There were festive gatherings also at the Central School, Burgoyne School, the Divide School, and at Beaver Point. The weather in some instances somewhat interfered with the attendance.

A disappointing Christmas Day—heavy rain and very stormy.

Mr. and Mrs. Schetke, of Nanaimo, and their four children arrived on the Island just in time for Christmas and have taken up their residence in Mr. A. R. Bittancourt's cottage.

Mr. D. Keith Wilson, of this Island, was married on the 6th ult. to Miss C. K. King of Victoria. The wedding took place at Christ Church Cathedral, His Lordship the Bishop and Rev. Canon Beanlands both taking part in the ceremony. There was a large attendance in the cathedral and the chancel was prettily decorated. A number of friends gathered afterward at Mrs. King's residence for refreshments and to view the wedding presents, which were more than a hundred in number. The happy couple went to Seattle and Portland on their wedding tour, and have now returned to reside on the Island.

On Christmas Day there was celebration of Holy Communion at St. Mark's church at 8 a. m. and morning service at 11 a. m. The bad weather interfered sadly with the attendance. The offertory for the clergy widows' and orphans' fund amounted to \$4.15. The church was prettily decorated. At St. Mary's church the Christmas service was held on Sunday, the 24th. That church also was nicely decorated.

Church almanacs are supplied to subscribers to the Church Monthly. A few copies are still on hand.

Received for Church Monthly since last acknowledgement: Mrs. Upjohn, 35c; G. E. Akerman, 70c; Rev. H. Payne, 50c; R. P. Edwards, 35c.; A. L. Wilson, 50c; W. J. Hamilton, 35c; J. C. Mollet, 35c; Bishop of Columbia, 50c; J. Royal, 35c; E. Walter, \$2; J. Horel, 35c.; A. Raynes, 70c.

Pyramid shaped missionary boxes are being issued for contributions to the missionary society of the church in Canada (M. S. C. C.) Every family should have one. It is hoped to raise between \$30 and \$40 for this object between now and Whitsuntide.

Contributions to the new St. Paul's church, to be built on the site selected near Ganges Harbor, thus far are as follows: A. R. Bittancourt, \$50; E. Walter, \$20; E. F. Wilson, \$50; H. W. Bullock, \$50; C. Abbott, \$50; H. Cunningham, \$20.

Miss Cunningham, \$5; Leonard Tolson, £5; Miss Greaves, £1; Miss Frost, £1; friend, per Mrs. H. Rogers, 5s.; friends, per Rev. D. B. Hankin, £1 ros.; John Walter, £1 rs.; Wm. Walter, £1 rs.; the Misses Walter, £1 rs.; Miss Mary Walter, 5s.; sale of Mr. Wilson's sketches, \$6.75; Rev. Clement and Mrs. Burrows, £2; Miss Stuart, £2; Mrs. Cronyn, £1.