

Salt Spring Island Church Monthly

MAY, 1906.

San Francisco almost destroyed by earthquake and fire April 18th.

The Churchwardens appointed for St. Mary's Church are Messrs. C. Soule and W. J. Hamilton.

Received for CHURCH MONTHLY.—Mrs. Durant, 25c.; A. McLennan, 35c.; J. Burrill, \$2.50.; C. Soule, 50c.; W. Page, 35c.

Among new arrivals on the Island are Mr. Hill, wife and five children, from Manitoba; Mr. Heron, wife and three children, from Manitoba; W. J. Page, F. C. Page and W. Weare, from Camberwell, England. The two first have purchased farms in the Valley, and the three latter are for the present settled at Cranberry Marsh.

Monthly services have been resumed at Cranberry Marsh, and will be held for the present at Mr. R. Weight's house, the third Saturday in each month at 7 p.m.

There were 26 communicants and a congregation of about 90 at St. Mark's Church on Easter Sunday. The decorations were not as good as usual, owing to the lack of help.

Mrs. H. Stevens, just before Easter, collected eggs from the farmers sufficient to fill two boxes (60 dozen) and sent them as an Easter gift to the Orphans' Home and the charitable institutions.

Mr. R. B. Young has purchased the Hudson farm at North End, and has commenced erecting buildings.

Six men attended the Church Bee April 6th, and started clearing up the land ready for the new church.

The offertories for the past year towards clerical stipend were as follows:— St. Mark's, \$122; St. Mary's (with Beaver Point), \$29.80; Divide School, \$10.75. Special offertories and subscriptions:— Christuesday (for widows and orphans of clergy), \$4.15; Diocesan Mission Fund, \$34.85; Missionary Society of Canada, \$34.85; Lord's Day Alliance, \$4.75; Good Friday (for London Jews' Society), \$3.25. These are figures to make one blush. There is every evidence of increasing comfort and prosperity in the homes of the Island and yet the work of God does not advance. The total contributions of the whole parish for 1906 were \$270, and for this year ending Easter, 1906, were \$244.

The average congregations for the year were: St. Mark's 33, St. Mary's 20, Divide School 18. Attendance at Holy Communion: St. Mark's 12, St. Mary's 5, Divide 8. Home Sunday School attendance, 60; Sunday services, 111; week day services,

16; miles travelled, 2,120. Births, 8; baptized, 8; weddings, 2; deaths, 4; 17 persons confirmed.

The offertory at St. Mark's Church, Sunday, April 22nd, for the San Francisco sufferers, amounted to \$6.20, and has been forwarded.

It is proposed to erect a small frame Church Hall on the corner of Mr. R. Weight's farm in the Cranberry Marsh. About \$75 will be required in cash and contributions will be gladly received either by Mr. Weight or Rev. E. F. Wilson.

The Islands' Agricultural Association balance sheet is given on another page. A meeting was to be held April 30th to elect a new treasurer, etc., Mr. A. Ward having resigned.

HOME SUNDAY SCHOOL.—Instead of questions on one or two given chapters as heretofore, those that follow are from different parts of the Bible, so as to encourage Bible searching. Three of them should be looked for each Sunday, and may be answered either orally at the monthly class, or the answers written out, giving chapter and verse. The regular Bible lesson for the month is from St. Luke, chapter 24, and this also should be carefully studied. (1) Who was the wisest and richest king? (2) For what was Nazareth noted? (3) What size was Noah's ark? (4) What was the Tabernacle? (5) Who was Nebuchadnezzar? (6) Find about Moses striking the rock. (7) Who said, 'Speak, Lord, for thy servant heareth'? (8) Who said, "It is I, be not afraid"? (9) Why was Daniel thrown to the lions? (10) Find about an earthquake. (11) Who was Matthew? (12) Who betrayed Jesus?

Llewelyn Wilson and Frank Wescott are leaving for the Yukon.

Mrs. and Miss Beddis have returned to their home.

There are about 50 Church of England families now on Salt Spring Island. Nearly all, if not all, keep poultry. If each family would give one-tenth of the value of the eggs they sell to God's service, they would be none the worse off for doing so and the Church and the Diocese would not be languishing for the lack of funds as it is at present. Church members should consider how many little expenses are entailed in the proper care of a church—Sunday school books, wood, oil, wine, church cleaning, insurance, etc.; and then we want to look out beyond ourselves and try and help God's work in the great world.