

Salt Spring Island Church Monthly

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This is the last issue of the *Church Monthly*.

There are quite a number of gasoline launches now in the Salt Spring Island Harbors.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Walter leave for England October 4th.

Miss Mouat, who was nearly drowned whilst bathing last August, died August 31st and was buried September 2nd.

Bishop Cridge (Ref. Episc.) paid a visit to the Island September 13 to 18. He and his two daughters were the guests of Mrs. Stevens.

Mr. Wilson would like to have a Bible reading at some of the houses during the coming winter, should any of our members be willing. He will also gladly administer Holy Communion to any, who through infirmity are unable to attend the regular services.

Confirmation classes will (D. V.) be held in the coming spring.

Received for *Church Monthly* since last issue: A. Walter, 70c.; R. P. Edwards, 35c.; A. L. Wilson, 50c.; J. Nightingale, 35c.; B. Lundy, 70c.; W. Grimmer, \$1; T. Mansell, 35c.; H. W. Bullock, \$2; E. Rosman, 70c.; Archd. Scriven, \$2; Bp. of Columbia, 50c.; W. Dukes, \$1; H. Robertshaw, \$1.05; W. Weare, 35c.; H. Sampson, 40c.; T. W. Jackson, 50c.; W. E. Scott, \$1.50; C. DeMaine, 25c.; A. W. Cooke, \$1.

The following remittances have been paid into the Synod office during the past year: For the Diocesan Mission Fund, \$48.20; for the Synod debt, \$23.60; for the Canadian Missionary Society, \$36.95; for the Jews' Society, \$3.25. This is very creditable.

The Church Building Fund amounts now to \$585. The Bishop has kindly contributed \$25, and Canon Beanlands \$10.

The Parish of Salt Spring Island will now, by the wish of the Bishop and with the consent of the parishioners, be placed under what is known as the "Quebec System." St. Mark's Church undertakes to raise \$136 per annum; St. Paul's, \$84; St. Mary's, \$30; total, \$250. This will be paid into the Synod Office in quarterly installments by the church wardens. Any balance left in the church wardens'

hands, after making the quarterly remittance, will be utilized for church repairs and expenses.

Several things have been stolen or borrowed from St. Mary's Church. Some time ago the vestry clock and a new hammer were missing, and lately a white enamelled jug. It ought not to be necessary to keep the House of Prayer locked.

Mr. L. G. Tolson has issued a prospectus of the private school which he proposes to shortly start at Ganges Harbor.

The Islands' Agricultural Show was held at Ganges Harbor on Wednesday, September 19th. It was a bright, mild day, and quite a number of visitors arrived on the "Iroquois" from Victoria and elsewhere. Mr. Ritchie, the secretary, had a busy time making all the necessary arrangements. The fruit exhibited, although not in such abundance as on some former occasions, was particularly fine, and elicited the praises of the two judges. The poultry also was excellent, Mr. Pargeter, the judge, remarking that the birds were the best he had ever had the honor of judging. It is a pity that the interest in the show seems to be falling off, so many of the principle exhibitors of former years, both of Salt Spring and adjoining Islands, failing to make even a single entry.

The Rev. Canon Beanlands kindly paid another visit to the Islands to assist at our Harvest Festival, Sunday, Sept. 23rd. Morning service was held at St. Mary's, and afternoon service at St. Mark's. Both churches were very tastefully decorated with fruit, grain and flowers. The afternoon congregation at St. Mark's was a large one, and the offerings at the two churches amounted to \$8.05, which was given to the Canadian Missionary Society. The Rev. Canon was the guest, at Fulford Harbor, of Mr. J. W. Hamilton, and at Ganges Harbor of Mr. Geoffrey Scott.

A son and heir was born to Mr. and Mrs. Keith Wilson on September 25th.

The following lines appeared in a recent issue of the *Canadian Churchman*, and are suggestive:

"What kind of a church
Would our church be
If everyone else
Was just like me?"