

Salt Spring Island Church Monthly

MARCH, 1903.

Our lowest thermometer reading was 16 deg., February 11th, for close upon three weeks the weather was fine and bright.

Service, with magic lantern, will be held at Mr. George Gardner's house, Cranberry Marsh, Saturday, March 18th, 7 p.m.

Service, with magic lantern, will be held at the North End School house, Friday, March 24th, 7:30 p. m.

The Mahon Memorial Tablet has arrived. Subscriptions promised thus far are—Col. Craig \$5, Malcolm & Purvis \$2.50, E. Lee \$2, Mr. Graham \$1, H. Robertshaw \$1. The cost of the Tablet is \$40. Further subscriptions are solicited.

Received for Church Monthly: Mr. Dunbar 35c; E. Rosman 35c; J. T. Collins 70c; J. J. Akerman 50c; Miss W. Essenwine 50c; Mrs. Upjohn 35c.

Butter of excellent quality is being turned out at the Creamery.

Mr. A. R. Bittancourt has completed his large new carpenter shop at the foot of the hill, Ganges Harbor, and is now excavating for the cellars and foundation of his new store.

Mr. Mason, of Victoria, with a family of eight children, is about to build himself a residence on his property at Maxwell Lake.

Mr. H. W. Bullock will not be back from England before June or July.

Mr. J. C. Scovell is expected home the first week in this month.

A general meeting of the Agricultural and Fruit Growers' Association is called for Wednesday, March 1st, at the Mahon Hall, to elect officers and decide about the next show.

The Bishop will administer Confirmation at both Churches on the Island, on Sunday, May 14th. Confirmation classes will be commenced at once, and intending candidates are requested to send in their names.

At the Farmers' Institute meeting held at Ganges Harbor, January 27th, the following officers were elected:—President, Mr. E. Walter; Vice-President, Mr. S. Percival; Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. J. T. Collins; Directors, Messrs. J. Harrison, J. Horel, E. Lee, A. H. Menzies, and Rev E. F. Wilson.

Ash Wednesday—March 8th; Good Friday—April 21st; Easter Sunday—April 23rd.

HOME SUNDAY SCHOOL.—First Class: (Matthew, chapter 26). (1) What was the feast of the Pass

over? (2) Who were the chief priests, scribes and elders? (3) What happened at Bethany? (4) Who found fault with the woman? (5) What did Jesus say of her? (6) Which verses give the Institution of the Lord's Supper? (7) Where is the Mount of Olives? (8) When did Jesus take his disciples? (9) For what purpose? (10) How were they interrupted? Second Class: (11) What was the sin of Judas Iscariot? (12) What made the disciples sorrowful while eating? (13) What did they each say to Jesus? (14) What happened in Gethsemane? (15) What had Judas said to the multitude? (16) What did Jesus say to them? (17) Where did they take Jesus to? (18) How did they treat him? (19) How many times did Peter deny Jesus? (20) Was he sorry?

It seems desirable that a move should be made towards the erection of a church edifice at Ganges Harbor. That evidently is destined to be the centre of activity and the most thickly populated part. Just within the last few years two large stores have sprung into existence; also a blacksmith shop, two butcher shops, the Mahon Memorial Hall, the creamery, and several private residences. A carpenter shop and lumber yard are now under way; also another large general store; and a Family Hotel is in prospect. At present there is no place of worship within several miles. A large majority of the residents are members of the Church of England. The most suitable site for a church would be up the Divide Road just where it branches below Mr. Chalmers'. There are four or five church families on that branch road; it would be accessible also from the Divide and the Cranberry and from across the Bay. Mr. Borradaile is ready to give the land. Looking forward to the future, we should build a good sized substantial church at a cost, say, of \$3000. To begin with we might build the Chancel only, say at a cost of \$1000. Many of our church people have personal friends in the Old Country who would be willing to help a little. If nine others will do the same, the contributor of this article will give \$50. That would be \$500 as a nucleus fund.

The Rev. R. J. Roberts, formerly missionary to the Six Nation Indians at Brantford, Ont., and of late years in charge of the mission on Kuper Island, died, after a short illness, at Chemainus Hospital, February 19th, and was buried at Chemainus on the 21st.