

We shall have more to say upon this subject; but we have had our growl and feel the better for it.

Our annual Confirmation claims attention. We hope the Bishop will be able to allow its being held previous to Easter Day, so that those who present themselves for admission to full membership of the Church may take their part in the great Eucharistic Sacrifice and greeting of their Lord on Easter Morn. Confirmation is not a matter which can be glossed over as an extra and in many cases an unnecessary action. It is the means which God has appointed whereby a large and special measure of His Holy Spirit can alone be obtained. To those who refuse, that gift can not be otherwise obtained. Are any of us so strong as that we can do without this special gift? And it must be remembered how distinctly Holy Church makes it a necessity previous to reception of the Holy Eucharist. Exceptions can only be made under the most extraordinary circumstances, and such only under the authority of the highest within the Church.

We deeply regret the death of Harry Marpole, one of the pupils at Mr. Clinton's school, which took place very suddenly on the 20th instant. A favorite with masters and boys, and in fact with all who knew him, his loss is much felt. He carried off at the end of last term the prize the Rector offered for "Religious Knowledge," and showed by his papers a most marked grasp of those Eternal Verities which were so soon to be his. The sympathy of the parish goes out to his sorrowing parents. *Requiescat in pace.*

ST. PAUL'S, NANAIMO.

The Rector, the Rev. J. B. Good, had the misfortune three weeks ago to slip on the ice-covered steps of his own house, and in falling to fracture a rib.

In consequence of this sad accident, the services at St. Paul's were of necessity omitted on January 15th, but arrangements were made, by calling in the kind assistance of the Rev. C. J. Brenton, by which the Rev. G. W. Taylor was enabled to be at Nanaimo and take the Services on January 22nd, and the Ven. Archdeacon Scriven to do the same on January 29th.

It is expected that Mr. Good will be sufficiently recovered to attend to his own duties on Sunday next.

ST. LUKE'S CEDAR HILL.

The Annual Christmas Treat of the Sunday scholars of this and the adjoining parishes was held on Friday, January the 28th, in the Cedar Hill Schoolroom. There were fewer children than usual present on this occasion as for various