

Salt Spring Island Parish and Home

FEBRUARY, 1899.

Snowed up first week in January! None came in and none went out.

Mrs. Booth, our member's wife, has been laid up with an attack of bronchitis.

Since New Year's two little strangers have been added to the population—a little Scott and a little Hamilton.

Mr. McMartin has resigned the school at the Central Settlement, and his place is taken by Mr. Page, from Ontario.

Snow from 20 to 30 inches deep. A few extemporized sleighs without bells. Half a dozen people skating. Unusually severe winter. Over in about ten days.

Foreign Mission receipts during Advent were; offertory St. Mark's, \$1.30; offertory St. Mary's, \$1.65; Mr. Edwards, 50 cents; Mr. Theo. Trage, \$2.50; collected by May Richards, \$1.25; total \$7.20.

Messrs. Lugrue and Williams had a narrow escape from drowning off Kuper Island during the storm of January the 13th, their boat being capsized. They were rescued by a boat from a passing vessel.

Miss Wilson, who has been organist at St. Mark's Church for upwards of three years, was the recipient of a cheque for \$20, as a Christmas box, from the members of the congregation, and she desires to thank them all for their kindness.

Saturday, January 21st, telephone connection was for the first time made between the two ends of the Island. Bitancourts', at Vesuvius Bay, can now speak to Rogers', at Fulford Harbour, a distance of thirteen miles. There are also branch lines to J. Broadwell's, H. Stevens', W. G. Scott's, and Dr. Baker's. Total mileage of wire about twenty miles.

Weather Report for December.—Kuper Island: Mean temperature, 38.0; maximum, 54.0 (on 27th); minimum, 24.5 (on 6th). Frost on six days (2nd, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th and 23rd); mean proportion of bright sunshine, .323; maximum .799 (on 4th); days completely clouded thirteen; rainfall, 3.22 inches; total precipitation, rain and melted snow, 4.13 inches.

Fresh subscriptions have been solicited for the completion of the Public Hall, and, with the free labour of some of our carpenters, the building will very soon now be ceiled and lined and made comfortable. Then a good stove is to be put in, and lamps provided.

Miss Lizzie Wilson, of Fulford Harbour, has succeeded Miss Harrap at the Divide School.

St. Mark's Ladies' Guild will meet in the parlour at the Post Office, Friday afternoon, February 3rd.

Dr. Baker's Government grant has been renewed. All are glad. The Doctor and his pony are two familiar figures now on the Island.

Messrs. McMartin, Chiddick, Llewelyn Wilson and Walter Stevens have started for the gold regions about Lake Bennett.

Mr. Cooke's concert and prize-giving in the Valley came off on the 6th ult., and, notwithstanding the snow, there was a large attendance.

SS. Clayoquot calls now at Ganges Harbour, on her trips to and fro between Victoria and Texada Island, Tuesdays on her down trip, Thursdays on her up trip.

Mr. H. M. Rogers, of Fulford Harbour, has had the misfortune to break his arm. Under such circumstances, both doctor and telephone are found convenient.

The tremendous winds the middle of last month wrought havoc among some of our monster trees, three or four being in some cases piled together across the roads. Mr. H. Stevens and Dr. Baker, who were driving together on the 13th ult, near the Fernwood Wharf, had a narrow escape from being killed, an immense tree being torn from its roots and falling directly over them; providentially it slanted to one side instead of coming across the road, and so they escaped.

HOME SUNDAY SCHOOL.—February 12th to March 5th (four weeks): Genesis XVIII to XXVIII, also XLII. *First Class*—(1) What happened at Mamre? (2) Why did Abraham plead for Sodom? (3) What cities were destroyed by fire from heaven? (4) What happened to Lot's wife? (5) What is told of Ishmael? (6) How did God try Abraham's faith? (7) How did Jacob deceive his father? (8) Who threatened to kill him? Learn Catechism to "God to call me." *Second Class*—(1) What happened to Isaac when a boy? (2) What did the angel say to Abraham? (3) Who was Rebekah? (4) What did Jacob dream? Learn Catechism to "hallowed it." *Third Class*—(1) Who went to Egypt to buy corn? (2) Did Joseph and his brothers know each other? (3) What was done at Simeon? (4) What did they find in their sac. Learn "the Creed." *Note*.—First Class answer an 16 questions; Second Class the last 8 questions; Third Class 4 questions. Always give chapter and verse.