

Salt Spring Island Parish and Home

FEBRUARY, 1900.

A very mild winter thus far.

The following flowers were blooming in January: Roses, violets, primroses, marigolds, chrysanthemums, yellow jasmine, periwinkle, gorse.

Mr. Leonard Tolson sailed for England, via New York, January 3rd. It is uncertain at present whether Mrs. C. W. Tolson will return to Salt Spring Island. A little baby boy was born two days after its father's death.

The annual meeting of the Islands' Farmers' Institute, for election of officers, etc., was held in the public hall January 27th. Results will be given next issue.

His Lordship, the Bishop of Columbia, is off on a trip to the Old Country.

Rev. R. J. Roberts, of Kuper Island, has been ailing in health all winter. We are indebted to Mr. Roberts for the weather report each month.

"Japs' Concert" on the 17th ult. was a great success and netted about \$30 for the telephone service fund. There is still a debt of about \$10, which it is hoped will soon be wiped out.

Another concert is billed for February 15th. This time it is to pay for the seating of the hall.

Mr. A. W. Cooke has left the Island, and the Burry Bay school is now taught by Miss Katie Furness, who obtained a teacher's certificate at last summer's examination.

Miss Annie Furness has kindly undertaken the organ at St. Mary's Church, Fulford Harbor. What is wanted now at that church is a choir.

At the "Choir Tea" at Mrs. Stevens' boarding house on the 12th ult., Miss Collins acceded to the unanimous request to continue her services as organist, and Mr. Ernest Crofton was elected choir master. The other members of the choir are Mrs. A. Valton, Mrs. Bird, Mrs. Wilson, Miss Wilson, Miss Sofia Wilson, Miss Eva Jenkins, Messrs. Cecil Abbott, H. Stevens, Fred Crofton, T. Tucker, Keith Wilson, Pascal Walker, George Borradaile.

Weather Report for December, '99.—Kuper Island: average temperature 28.8; mean ratio bright sunshine, 60; maximum (on the 3rd), .688; days completely

clouded, 12; total precipitation rain and melted snow, 6.70 inches. Rain fell on 24 days.

Wanted.—Good general purpose horse, weight 1,000 to 1,200 pounds, two cows to calve in spring; also 30 head of sheep. State ages and price. Address Herbert Macklin, Galiano, B.C.

A serious buggy accident occurred at the foot of Cemetery Hill January 2nd, the injured being Mrs. Chalmers and Mr. Norton who were driving home from the wharf. The horse was frightened, became unmanageable and overturned the vehicle on a rocky spot bristling with small sharp stumps. It was providential that the parties were not both of them killed. Under Dr. Baker's care they are both now recovering.

Three Japs, lately out from Yokohama, engaged in cutting cordwood near Fisher's Lake, were terribly mangled by a falling tree on the 22nd ult. The doctor was at once summoned by telephone, but he could do nothing to save the lives of them. All three were at once shipped off to the Jubilee Hospital. One poor fellow died on the way down.

HOME SUNDAY SCHOOL.—February 18th to March 11th (four weeks)—St. Mark, chapters 10 to 13. *First Class*—(1) What did Jesus say about riches? (2) What did He say would happen to Him at Jerusalem? (3) What happened just outside Jericho? (4) What happened at the Mount of Olives? (5) What did Jesus say about the "den of thieves"? (6) Who said: "They will reverence my son"? (7) What is told of a certain poor widow? *Second Class*—(9) To whom did Jesus say: "One thing thou lackest"? (10) What did Jesus do in the Temple? (11) Why did Jesus say: "Bring me a penny"? (12) What will be the signs of the last days? *Third Class*—(13) What did Jesus say to little children? (14) Why would not the rich young man follow Jesus? (15) Who was Bartimeus? (16) When did the people cry: "Hosanna in the highest"?

We have subscribers on Galiano, Mayne, Saturday and Kuper Islands, and shall be glad of a post card occasionally containing any local items of interest—not later than the 24th of the month.

Subscriptions to Foreign Missions—H. Ruckle, \$3; Mrs. Wilson, \$2; offertory St. Mary's, \$2.55; offertory St. Mark's, \$1.00; C. Abbott, \$3; Rev. E. F. Wilson, \$3; T. Trage, \$2.50. Total, \$17.95—more than double last year.