

There are four candidates now being prepared for the confirmation, which we hope will take place at the time of the consecrating of our church.

Services during advent were held at the Church, Chase River School house, South Cedar School-house, and at Oyster Bay School-house.

BAPTISMS.

Privately, Nov. 9th, William, May, Amos, Nelson, Westley and Samuel, children of Charles York and Sarah, of Nanaimo River.

At Oyster Bay School-house, Nov. 29th, William, John, Edward, children of John Brenton and Emott, of Oyster Bay. Rosa Jane, daughter of Jane Brenton and John Brickley, of Oyster Bay.

MARRIAGE.

Nov. 17th, at St. Philip's Church, Frederick J. Curran, of Nanaimo, to Rose Bradley, late of Nottingham, England.

E. G. MILLER,
Incumbent.

AN INTERESTING EXPERIENCE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE DIOCESAN MAGAZINE :

DEAR SIR:—It was Sunday Nov. 29th, I had previously arranged with a family of nine who had not been baptised to come from the Bay to meet me at Oyster Bay School House where service would be held and baptism publicly administered.

This family lived some way round the Bay, a few miles, and the only way they could come was in an ox wagon by way of a "skidded road."

The service was fixed for 3:30, the neighbours knew of it, and sixteen attended. I arrived on horseback and having lit a fire some of the congregation made their appearance. Rain was now coming down plentifully and the shades of twilight crept around earlier than usual. Four p. m. came, the candidates had not arrived, I began a shortened form of even-song—we sang hymns to an instrument denominated an "Aeolian orchestra."

The difficulty of manipulating this instrument is that after each verse the musician has to wind back to the commencement, while the congregation stand silently watching.