

Salt Spring Island Parish and Home

MARCH, 1901.

The census will take place next month.

Mrs. Dr. Baker has been on a three weeks' visit to Mrs. J. L. Roe, at Union.

The coal bore on Mr. Booth's land is down now between 300 and 400 feet.

A Japanese, driving a load of hay down the Divide on the 18th ult., fell from his seat and was killed, the wagon wheel passing over his head.

The flag at the Public Hall flew at half-mast during the week preceding the Queen's funeral; the bell was tolled on the Saturday, and a memorial service held on the Sunday, the church being draped in black.

A terrible mining accident occurred at Union on the 14th ult., by which between 60 and 70 miners, more than half of them white men, were buried alive 800 feet beneath the surface. The explosion was followed by fire, which prevented all possibility of rescue.

There will be a service at St. Mark's each Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. during Lent. A few changes are to be made in the Sunday services, of which notice will be given on printed cards.

A memorial window to Queen Victoria is to be placed in St. Mark's Church at the western end, over the font. Mr. Cecil Abbott is collecting for it, and has raised thus far about \$56. When the subscription list is completed, the contributions will be duly acknowledged.

Lenten self-denial envelopes have been issued as usual, and the Bishop is very anxious that all church members should this year do their utmost to help the Mission Fund of the Diocese. In 1899 the contributions were \$928, but last year only \$670. There are few missions, such as Ladysmith, waiting to be supplied, but the work of the church is sadly crippled for want of funds.

It was a quarter past nine; she was sitting on a low stool in the doorway, nursing the baby. Her mother heard her cough. "Oh, mother, look at the blood," her mother ran to her. "Mother, I am going to die; and live to you all." And she died in her mother's arms. It was little Bertha Whims, who ten months ago underwent an operation for appendicitis in the hospital, and had since developed pneumonia. There were ten children in the family, and Bertha was the third, a bright, happy child. The funeral was on February 14th and was largely attended by sympathizing friends.

Look out for the cutworms. In many places they seem to be swarming in the soil.

For assaulting J. Sheppard, J. Sparrow was fined \$10 and costs at our local court.

Will those who are owing for "Parish and Home" kindly remit their subscriptions. The printer must be paid, and funds are low.

Mr. J. T. Collins has presented St. Mark's with a book stand for the Holy Table, very neatly carved and put together by himself.

Mr. J. P. Booth, the Speaker of the House of Commons, has returned home from Los Angeles, whither he went last November for his health, and on the 18th ult. left for Victoria.

The sum of \$12.25 was collected by an active member of St. Mark's choir, and expended in defraying the cost of the new lectern, lamps, etc. The lectern was made by Mr. A. R. Bittancourt.

At the Farmers' Institute meeting, held in the Public Hall, January 31st, Mr. J. T. Collins was unanimously re-elected President, Rev. E. F. Wilson was elected Vice-President, and Mr. Edward Walter, Secretary.

The telephone service is to be revived. The Dominion Department of Public Works has decided to connect our Island with Victoria, and work is to commence at once. A cable will be laid across the Narrows and Burgoyne Bay connected with Duncan's, on Vancouver Island, a distance of some seven or eight miles. It will be completed probably some time in April.

HOME SUNDAY SCHOOL.—*March—First Class.*—St. Luke, chapters 16 to 18. (1) Tell about Lazarus. (2) What happened to him when he died? (3) What became of the rich man? (4) What was there between them? (5) How often ought we to forgive? (6) What does Luke 17:10 mean? (7) Tell about the ten lepers. (8) How many of them thanked Jesus for healing them? (9) What does Luke 17:20 refer to? (10) How used women to grind their corn? *Second Class.*—St. Luke 18.—(11) Who went up to pray in the Temple? (12) What did the publican do? (13) What did Jesus say to little children? (14) What did the ruler say? (15) Why would he not follow Jesus? (16) What did Jesus say to Peter? (17) What did Jesus tell the twelve? (18) What happened near Jericho? (19) What did the blind man cry? (20) What did Jesus say and do? *Third Class.*—The story of the twelve children and of the young ruler.