

Salt Spring Island Parish and Home

MAY, 1899.

The Ladies' Guild will meet at the Post Office, Friday, May 5th.

The stained-glass window, formerly in the chancel at St. Mark's Church, and now replaced by the Scott-Smedley Memorial window, has been removed to Fulford Harbour, and will be put in St. Mary's Church.

A meeting of the Farmers' Institute was held at the Public Hall Tuesday, March 28th. Mr. J. R. Anderson, of the Agricultural Department, was present and addressed the meeting.

Mr. Cecil Abbott, lately from England, has arrived on the Island. His brother Edwin is at present at the Jubilee Hospital, down with typhoid fever, but is recovering, and hopes soon to be back at Ganges Harbour.

The concert on Easter Monday at the Burgoyne Bay School-house was a decided success. There was a large attendance, and, the sum of \$23.95 was netted. It is to be used in the erection of a bell-tower for St. Mary's Church.

As neighbours have objected to the driving-shed, that it will spoil their view, the incumbent and churchwardens of St. Mark's Church have decided not to proceed with it, and the money contributed to purchase lumber, etc., will be returned to the donors. St. Mark's being built on a bare sloping rock, there was no other spot near the church available, except the one selected.

At the Easter Vestry at St. Mark's Church, April 11th, Messrs. Edward Walter and F. L. Scott were re-elected Churchwardens, and Messrs. Ed. Walter and A. C. Reddie (since declined) were appointed delegates to Synod. A vote of thanks was passed to the Ladies' Guild for their assistance in church work. The financial statement showed: Receipts, Ladies' Guild, \$10; subscriptions, \$85.40; offertories \$157.03; total, \$252.43; expenditure, stipend, \$173.90; insurance \$10; Mission Fund, \$38.93; Widows and Orphans, \$3.92; Foreign Missions, \$2.55; New Westminster fire, \$23.15; total, \$252.43.

The Easter Vestry at St. Mary's Church was well attended and passed off very harmoniously. Mr. W. Hamilton was appointed clergyman's warden and Mr. J. Akerman re-elected people's warden. It was decided to have regular collections for the Mission Fund during the year and to contribute \$3.50 towards Synod assessment. Financial statement showed: Subscriptions, \$41; offertories, \$1.65; total receipts \$42.65; expended, stipend, \$15.20; church repairs and insurance, \$17.30; Mission Fund \$5.50; Foreign Missions \$1.65; total, \$42.65.

The Diocesan Synod meets in Victoria June 28th and 29th.

H.M.S. "Egeria" paid a flying visit to the Island Saturday, April 1st, and left again the following morning.

Rev. E. F. Wilson reported to the Vestries that during the year there had been 17 cases of sickness, 9 births, 4 deaths, 16 baptisms, 6 persons confirmed, 1 wedding. He had travelled in the parish 1,820 miles and had paid 493 visits.

Weather report for March—Kuper Island: Mean temperature 40.2, maximum 54.8 (on 31st); minimum 25.8 (on 16th); mean proportion of bright sunshine .426, maximum .887 (on 15th); days completely clouded, 5; rainfall, 2.01; total precipitation rain and melted snow, 3.17 inches.

J. Akerman, churchwarden, begs to acknowledge the following subscriptions towards paying off an old debt on the stove in St. Mary's Church: H. Ruckle \$1, G. E. Akerman \$1, Rev. E. F. Wilson \$1, J. Akerman 50c, W. Hamilton 50c, A. W. Cooke 50c, P. Edwards 50c, J. Akerman 25c, a friend 25. Total \$5.50.

At the Directors' meeting of the Island's Agricultural and Fruit Grower's Association, held at the Public Hall, April 15th, a committee, consisting of the President and Messrs. Booth and Bullock, was appointed to prepare catalogue and arrange for the next show. The Directors will meet again June 17th.

HOME SUNDAY SCHOOL.—May 14th to June 11th (5 weeks)—Genesis, chapters 41 to 50. *First Class:* (1) What was Joseph's Egyptian name? (2) What family had he? (3) How many times did Joseph's brothers visit Egypt? (4) What was done to Simeon? (5) What did Judah do? (6) Why did Joseph put his cup in Benjamin's sack? (7) Tell how Joseph made himself known to his brothers. (8) Tell about Jacob being presented to King Pharaoh. (9) Tell about Jacob blessing Joseph's Sons. (10) Tell about Joseph's death and burial. Learn Catechism to "charity with all men." *Second Class:* (1) Why was Joseph fond of his brother Benjamin? (2) What present did he give him? (3) What did Jacob say when he saw the waggons? (4) What did God say to Jacob in the night? (5) How did King Pharaoh treat Joseph's brothers? Learn Catechism to "Amen so be it." *Third Class:* (1) What was found in Benjamin's sack? (2) How did Joseph treat Benjamin? (3) What did he send to his father? (4) How many came with Jacob into Egypt? (5) In what part of Egypt did they settle? Catechism—First two questions.