Salt Spring Island Church Monthly

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A very mild winter thus far.

Mrs. George Borradaile—a baby boy—January 27th; Mrs. Schetke—a baby girl—February 6th.

Considerable slashing has been done around Crantberry Marsh and Maxwell Lake during the winter.

A new church has been built at Cowichan Station, Rev. J. A. Leakey, rector.

Salt Spring creamery has been struggling against odds, but is gradually working its way up. February last year it was making 550 lbs. butter a week; February this year, 700 lbs. a week.

Mr. W. Andrus has returned to the Island, and is stopping at Dr. Beech's.

Received for Church Monthly since last acknowledgment: Mrs. T. Lee, 35c.; Miss Offerhaus, 35c.; Mr. Dunbar, 35c.; Mrs. Ritchie, 50c.; Mrs. Stevens, 35c.; J. C. Sparrow, \$1; E. G. Borradaile, \$1.70; A. W. Cooke, \$1; Mr Dumaine, 10c.

At a meeting of the Church Building Committee, held at Ganges Harbor Feb. 22nd, it was decided that the new church should be erected on the acre of land kindly given for the purpose by Mrs. Major Wilson at the junction of Cranberry and Divide roads, which has been clready slashed. As funds do not seem likely to be sufficient for a stone building, the committee agree that it is best to build of wood. The ground will be got ready at once, and building will be commenced as soon as possible.

A proposal has been made to lease the unused feed store at the creamery as a mission room, to be used as a meeting place for the Ladies' Guild and possibly also as a reading room for men.

A few of our church people are kindly arranging for a concert to help pay off the Synod debt of \$23.70.

Coal oil is wanted both at St. Mark's and St. Mary's Churches; there is no fund to meet these little expenses; a can deposited at either vestry would be received with thanks.

Lenten denial contribution envelopes will shortly be issued. The money thus collected is for the Diocesan Mission Fund; and it is hoped that every church member will each week make a little extra gift for this purpose during the six weeks of Lent.

During Lent there will be Evening Prayer each Friat St. Mark's Church at 8 p.m., followed by the usual choir practice.

On Good Friday, April 13th, there will be service at St. Mark's Church at 11 a.m.; at St. Mary's, Fulford Harbor, at 7.30 p.m. On Easter Sunday, April 15th, there will be celebration of Holy Communion at 8 a.m., and again after the service at 11 a.m. No service elsewhere on that day, and all are invited to attend St. Mark's.

The Easter Vestry will be held at St. Mary's Church, after service, April 13th; and at St. Mark's Church, after service, April 22nd. It will be unnecessary to appoint fresh Churchwardens for the prospective Church of St. Paul's, as they have been only a short time in office.

Home Sunday School—First Class—St. Luke, Chapter 18.—(Five marks given for a good answer, six marks if extra good, with chapter and verse.) (1) Describe the Temple. (2) Who were the Pharisees? (Look at Matthew 23.) (3) Why were the Publicans despised? (Look at Luke 19.) (4) What does Jesus say about pride and humility? (5) About what did Jesus rebuke his disciples? (6) What is meant by the Kingdom of God? (7) What did the Ruler ask Jesus? (8) Had he kept all the Commandments? (9) What did Jesus tell him to do? (10) What was the name of the blind man? (See Mark.) (11) Did Jesus listen to him at once? (12) What else happened at Jericho?

Mr. Robert H. Kelly, who had been prospecting in the vicinity of Maxwell Lake since last October, has been missing for more than three weeks. Parties of from 30 to 40 men have been beating the woods in search of him, but without avail, and it seems scarcely possible that he can be still living. Within his cabin were found his mining tools and 46 sticks of dynamite, and it was evident that he had gone out in his working clothes and had only his hammer with him. His sister, Mrs. Dumaine, lives on the other side of the lake, and he has a brother also on the island. Their fear is that he may have fallen on the rocks while carrying dynamite and so have been blown to pieces. There is some little fear also that he may have met with foul play, as he had some money about him, and there are said to have been some strange Indians on the Island at the time of his disappearance. It is strange that no trace has been found of him. There was a newly baked batch of bread turned over in the pan in his cabin, which looks as though he had only gone out for a little while and was expecting shortly to return; also, if he had taken dynamite with him, would he not also have taken his mining tools? The whole thing at present is a mystery.