

Salt Spring Island Parish and Home

OCTOBER, 1899.

Lovely weather all through September.

It is reported that Mrs. Worg is raising money in England towards an organ for the church at Plumper Pass.

A very well attended meeting of the Farmers' Institute was held at the Hall, Pender Island, on the 1st ult.

His Lordship, the Bishop of Columbia, paid an informal, friendly visit to the Island the first week in September. On Saturday there was an afternoon reception at Mr. Wilson's house, and on Monday a picnic party at Fulford Harbour; and on Sunday the Bishop preached at both churches, and administered the Holy Communion at St. Mark's.

HOME SUNDAY SCHOOL—October 15th to November 12th (5 weeks).—Exodus, chapters I. to VII. *First class*: (1) How did Pharaoh treat the Israelites? (2) Name Moses' father and mother. (3) Why did Moses flee from Egypt? (4) What was Moses doing when God first called him? (5) Why was Aaron sent to help Moses? (7) Who was Zipporah? (8) By what name was God known to the Israelites? (9) How many plagues were sent upon Pharaoh? (10) What was the first plague? *Second class*: (11) Why was the infant Moses hidden by his mother? (12) What did Moses' sister do? (13) Where was Moses brought up? (14) What happened at Horeb? (15) Who was Jetro? *Third class*: (16) How was the baby, Moses, saved from being killed? (17) What hard work did the Israelites have to do? (18) Why did Moses kill an Egyptian? (19) Tell about the Burning Bush. (20) What did God tell Moses and Aaron to do?

Our Annual Exhibition, which took place on Wednesday, September 16th, is generally admitted to have been a great success this year. The weather was all that could be desired, the attendance was large and the show of fruit, vegetables, farm produce, etc., exceedingly good. The part of the hall allotted to ladies' work was well filled up and some very pretty things were shown. A new feature was the presence of a detachment of pupils and their teachers from the Indian Industrial School on Kuper Island; they exhibited some very tasty work, and enlivened the proceedings with their brass band. Outside the hall, the show of live stock was not so large as might be wished; neither swine nor sheep were very much in evidence. Of horses and cattle there was a fair number, also poultry. The riding and driving competitions excited considerable interest; but another year there should be a better programme of sports to fill up the time.

Mr. H. Stevens also had a serious fall from the top of a load of oat hay on the 14th ult.; he came down on some stones, and was considerably bruised and shaken up, but we hope will soon be all right again.

Mr. William Cotsford, of the North End, was last month presented with the medal of the Royal Canadian Humane Society, at the Drill Hall, Victoria, for having on the 24th of May saved the life, at the risk of his own, of a young fellow named Donald Mackay. A gale was blowing at the time, and it was with difficulty that both rescued and rescuer were recovered.

Mr. Frank Scott met with what might have been a very serious accident on the 8th ult. He was removing the scaffolding of his new barn, after shingling, when suddenly it gave way, and he was precipitated twenty feet to the ground. He was rendered insensible by the fall, but happily no bones were broken, and he is able now to be about again.

Harvest Thanksgiving service was held in St. Mark's Church on Sunday, September 17th. Some very fine fruit and vegetables adorned the church, which was afterwards collected and forwarded to the Protestant Orphans' Home. The singing was very bright and full toned, the choir seats in the chancel being occupied for the first time. Thanksgiving service is to be held at St. Mary's Church, Sunday, October 1st.

HOME SUNDAY SCHOOL.—The marks for the past year have been counted. In the *first class* Bertie Raines stands first, Mary McFadden second; in the *second class*, (1) Mary Walter, (2) Alvin Raines; in the *third class* (1) May Raines, (2) Arthur Raines. Either of these prize winners may, if they wish, compete also for the Diocesan prizes, the examination papers for which will be issued in a few weeks. Our Home Sunday School is starting now on its fourth year, and we hope there will be a large increase in the number of scholars. Steps will be taken to have some suitable children's magazine supplied to the members. We want as many little children as possible to join the third class. They will not be required to write out their answers this year, but simply to answer a few questions. Please note that, throughout the year, children of the 1st class are expected to write out answers, with chapter and verse, to all the questions given; children of the 2nd class to all the 2nd and 3rd class questions. The 1st class is expected to learn the whole of the Church Catechism; the 2nd class to the end of the Commandments; the 3rd class the Lord's Prayer and the Creed.