

easy of solution: the people put their shoulder to the wheel, and then Hercules came forward and assisted to the extent of a little over \$2,000. In other words, the nett sum of \$2,000 has been reported as donations from sources outside the parish. May the parish ever go on and prosper.

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Sunday Schools.

Our faithful and devoted Superintendent, T. M. Dumphy, Esq., with the aid of his staff of zealous teachers, has kept the Sunday School at Port Medway open all winter, except on a few stormy days. The other schools, closed for the winter, will (D.V.) resume shortly after Easter, under the supervision of the Rector.

Each school was treated during the early part of the season to a splendid *Magic Lantern Entertainment*, given by the Rector. All appeared to be highly amused and greatly delighted. Another entertainment has been talked of for some time after Easter.

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Our Wants.

Let us be glad that we have these. They are evidences of life in the first place, a condition of stagnation or death alone is free from them. While there is life there will be needs to be supplied. The two are inseparable. It is so with parish life. A living parish will always have needs, which are simply the

calls duty makes upon a living agent. We may never even think to be free from them. They will come, and we must listen to them, and ought to do what we can to supply them.

We want a *little Organ* for St. John's church. We want to see the *fence around the new Cemetery completed*, and part of the land at least levelled. We want to see the churches thoroughly painted. If all our friends will aid us according to their ability we shall soon have these wants supplied.

At Port Medway we are in want of a *Font*. The ladies have taken this matter in hand, and are now sewing for one.

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The new barn in connection with St. John church is a credit to the parish, and a great convenience to the Rector.

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N.B.—There are some balances of subscriptions still due us, on account of the new church at Eagle Head. The parties from whom they are due will greatly oblige by letting us have these amounts *at once*, as we are *really crippled* in our work for want of them. Let all accounts be settled at *Easter*, if possible.

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Lent.

Once more the solemn season calls
A solemn fast to keep;
And now within the temple walls,
Both priest and people weep.

But vain all outward sign of grief,
And vain the forms of prayer,
Unless the heart implore relief,
And penitence be here.