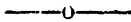


any not receive it, they are asked to call for a copy. In the hope that it may accomplish its mission we send it forth, praying for God's blessing upon it.

Your affectionate Pastor,
ANDREW GRAY.

*Port Medway,
Lent, 1873.*



Our Churches.

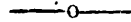
We have now three good churches in this parish, viz.,—“St. John's Church,” Eagle Head; “The Church of the Holy Redeemer,” Port Medway; “All Saints' Church,” Mills Village. Best of all, they have been built upon the Scriptural principle. They offer to all, rich and poor alike, the ministry of the word and sacraments on all occasions of public worship. There are no sold or hired pews, no reserved seats, although regular worshippers, by speaking to the chapel warden, may generally have the same seats kept for them *until the beginning of the service*. These churches are *God's houses*, and *free alike to ALL HIS CHILDREN*. But everyone is privileged to bear his fair share of the expenses, and to this end is invited—

1. To subscribe towards the clergyman's salary.

2. To give liberally and systematically, through the Sunday Offertory, for current and other expenses.

3. To aid the parish in its charitable, diocesan and parochial work.

This parish has adopted the “Envelope System” for the Rector's income. This gives the parishioners the opportunity of contributing quarterly through the Offertory. It has been found to be a vast improvement on the old way, and is attended with very much less trouble. It is to be hoped that all our friends will avail themselves of it.



Progress.

Although we cannot close our eyes to the fact that much work for the Master still remains to be done in this parish, yet we cannot look around us and witness the changed aspect of things without thanking God and taking courage. Through the liberality of our friends abroad, and the exertions of the people for themselves, much has really been accomplished by the blessing of God. Two new elegant churches have been built and consecrated; a third thoroughly painted and otherwise improved, outside and in; the debt which was upon the Rector's for some years has been entirely cancelled, and considerable repairs have been put upon it as well as upon the out-buildings and premises; and the parish in other respects has been improved—all within a short space of time. The problem is