

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

MARCH, 1936.

A Text for Lent.

I acknowledge my transgressions and my sin is ever before me. Ps. li, 3.

A Prayer.

Almighty and everlasting God, who hast nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Season of Lent.

We have entered on the season of Lent, the time set apart each year by the Church in which her members are invited and directed to turn their thoughts to the great questions of "Sin and the Duty of Repentance." Even an Apostle had to acknowledge that he perceived the Law of Sin working in his members, how much more then is there need for the average man or woman to search the deep things of the heart and to see how they stand in relation to the God Whom they profess to serve. At the Services in the Parish Church on Sundays and on Wednesdays (at 8 p.m.) special addresses will be given appropriate to the season, and we heartily invite our people to be present.

Death of Mr. James Vance.

It is with much regret that we record this month the death of Mr. James Vance, of 22, Bridge St., who passed away somewhat suddenly on Wednesday, February 20th. He had been in weak health for some time but the end came unexpectedly. Mr. Vance, or "Jim Vance" as he was called by all his friends, was beloved by many and respected by all. He possessed the genius of Friendship and had a bright and cheery word for everyone. The children loved him, and any person who happened to be in poverty or distress found in him a generous friend and helper. He will be much missed in Edenderry, where he had lived for so many years and where he and Mrs. Vance had so many friends. The funeral took place on Saturday to the new Burial ground at Seagoe Church. At the service in the Parish Church the Rector gave a short address and

CLERGY :

Rev. Chancellor Archer, B.D., The Rectory, Seagoe.

Rev. W. F. Hayes, B.A., The Bungalow, Lower Seagoe, Portadown.

CHURCHWARDENS :

Rector's—Mr. H. MURRAY GIBSON.

People's—Mr. THOMAS MARTIN.

spoke of the spirit of Friendship and Brotherliness which made Mr. Vance so popular with all. He expressed his deep sympathy with Mrs. Vance and Miss Johnston in their loss. The Rev. W. F. Hayes also took part in the service. There was a very large attendance at the funeral.

The Missionary Play.

The Parochial Hall was crowded, gallery and all, at the performance of the Missionary Play "Wheat from the Sieve," on Thursday, February 13th. No less than 42 players had most kindly come from Lurgan to give the play on behalf of the Church Renovation Fund. The Rev. D. Boulger, Curate of Shankill, accompanied the party. The Rector (Rev. Chancellor Archer) introduced the players in a few appropriate words. Miss Ruth Armstrong (a niece of Mrs. James Twinem) played the principal part very impressively, but every player did very well and the whole performance was excellent. We give here a statement of the receipts and expenditure.

Tickets sold, £13 4s 6d; subscription, £1; advertisement, 12s.—£14 16s 6d. By Balance, £2 16s 6d—£12.

Printing tickets, 15s; Hall, 10s; printing bills, 3s; 'Bus and Costumes, £1 3s 6d; cleaning, 3s—£2 16s 6d. Net proceeds—£12.

Shamrock Guest Tea.

The Committee of the Mothers' Union are arranging for a Shamrock Guest Tea to be held in Edenderry Parochial Hall on Tuesday, March 17th (St. Patrick's Day) at 7.30 p.m. Each member of the Committee is inviting a certain number of guests. Each guest will be expected to put a gift of money on the plate, which will be placed on their table. The contributions will be given to the Seagoe Church Renovation Fund.

Prize Distributions.

The past month has been busily occupied with Prize Distributions in many districts of the Parish. Sunday Schools are held in seven centres of the Parish, and the Prize-giving night is a great event in the life of the local Sunday School. It is looked forward to for many weeks by both teachers and children.

Hacknahay—On Friday, February 21st, the old Schoolhouse at Hacknahay was crowded to the doors with an enthusiastic assemblage of parents and children for the annual Distribution of Prizes in connection with the Afternoon Sunday School. Proceedings began at 7 o'clock, when a most generous supply of tea and cake was provided for those present, and full justice was done to all the good things. After tea, a splendid programme of sketches, recitations and songs was given. It is wonderful how the young people can now provide such varied and interesting songs and recitations. We have not the space to give a list of all the pieces which formed the programme, but everything was first-class and even very small children recited quite long pieces. The performance of those who took part in the sketches was very good. There seems to be quite a supply of dramatic talent in the neighbourhood of Carrickblacker. When the programme was finished the distribution of prizes took place. The Rector, who presided, expressed his pleasure at being present and thanked all who had helped to make the evening so successful. He asked Mrs. Atkinson, of Gleneyre, to kindly distribute the prizes. The books were very numerous and included a set of prizes given by Mrs. Atkinson to children who had not missed a Sunday during the year. Three members of the Cregan family were amongst the winners of these special prizes. The Rev. W. F. Hayes helped at the distribution of prizes. At the close of the evening each child was presented with an orange, through the kindness of Miss Calvert. A verse of the National Anthem was sung, and the Rector gave the Benediction. Mr. Maginnis, the efficient and popular Superintendent of the Sunday School, was present, and the success of the evening was largely due to his efforts.

Musical Evening in Seagoe.

A Musical Evening will be held (D.V.) in Seagoe School on Thursday, March 12th, at

8 p.m. The proceeds will be on behalf of the Sunday School Prize Fund. Part of the entertainment will take the form of a Service of Song. Mr. Sidney Robinson and a large choir of adults and children are practising in the School twice each week for it. It promises to be a great success. Tickets, 9d each, are now on sale.

Parish Register for February Baptisms

Ramsey—Feb. 1st, 1936, Margaret Claire, daughter of John and Esther Hamilton Ramsey, of Kernan.

Sponsors—John Ramsey, Esther Hamilton Ramsey.

Allen—Feb. 1st, 1936, William James, son of John and Mary Allen, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Mary Webb, Ruth Webb.

Burials.

Clayton—Feb. 13th, Jeremiah Clayton, of Belfast, aged 60 years.

Fletcher—Feb. 17th, Harold Sidney Fletcher, of Levaghery, aged 8 months.

Yance—Feb. 22nd, James Vance, of Edenderry, aged 58 years.

Levaghery Sunday School.

A very pleasant evening was spent in the old School at Levaghery on Tuesday, February 4th, at 7.30 p.m. The Rev. W. F. Hayes presided. A hearty tea was partaken of by all present, and then a very attractive programme followed. Every item was good and all were thoroughly enjoyed by those present. The prizes were distributed by Miss Bradshaw. Story books and Bibles were very numerous. At the close thanks were accorded to Mr. Stanfield, the capable Superintendent, and his staff of helpers. The district in which the School is situated is of growing importance and the resident population is growing rapidly. The School was built about 1821 as a Day School and Sunday School. It is said to have been built out of the material left over after the building of the present Parish Church. Its quaint exterior and carved wooden pinnacles were designed by Colonel William Blacker. The Day School was under the Church Education Society and was for boys only. A girls' Day School was held in a building nearer to Carrickblacker on the other side of the road and was taught by a Miss Geddis. The building survived until a few years ago, when it was taken down. Miss Geddis was a capable and popular teacher. The School was under the Church Education Society.

Temperance Sunday.

The First Sunday in Lent, March 1st, will be observed as Temperance Sunday. Sermons at Morning and Evening Prayer will be preached on the subject of "Temperance," and the offerings at both Services will be given in part to the Diocesan Temperance Society and the Irish Temperance Alliance.

Carne Prize-Giving.

On Monday, February 17th, **Carne** held its annual Prize-giving. The room was crowded with a very enthusiastic gathering of teachers, parents and children. The Rector presided, and the Rev. W. F. Hayes was also present. A plentiful supply of tea and cake was provided and full justice was done to it. An attractive programme of songs and recitations was given by the young people. After the songs and recitations round games were enjoyed and were entered into with great spirit by old and young. "The Farmer wants a wife" is played with more zeal in Carne than in any other part of the Parish. On the invitation of the Rector, Mrs. Sloan (formerly Miss Cissie Price) presented the prizes to the successful children. A splendid selection of books was given. The Rector and the Rev. W. F. Hayes, in brief speeches, thanked all who had so kindly helped, and congratulated Mr. George Wilson, the energetic Superintendent, on the success of the Sunday School.

A Special Vestry.

On Tuesday, March 3rd, a special meeting of the Select Vestry will be held in Seagoe School at 8 o'clock to consider the Renovation of the Church.

Seagoe Mothers' Union.

A meeting of the Committee of the Mothers' Union will be held in Seagoe School on Tuesday, March 3rd, at 8 o'clock. On Tuesday, March 10th, the monthly meeting of the Mothers' Union will be held in Seagoe School at 7.30. An address will be given to the members by Miss Hilda Macoun, formerly District Nurse in Portadown, on "Health and Hygiene."

Edenderry Sunday School Concert

An attractive Musical Evening will be given in the Parochial Hall on Thursday, March 26th, at 8 p.m. Tickets, 9d each. Proceeds on behalf of Edenderry Sunday School Prize Fund.

Seagoe Prizes.

On Friday, Feb. 14th, the children attending Seagoe Morning and Afternoon Sunday School assembled in Seagoe School for their annual social. The children filled the large schoolroom, and after a splendid tea, a programme of music and recitations was performed by the children. The prizes were very numerous. There were many beautiful Bibles and attractive story books. The Rector and the Rev. W. F. Hayes were present. The Rector thanked the Superintendents, Mr. Scott and Miss Guy, for their help in the important work of the Sunday School. During the evening an impressive address was given by the Rev. Forde Patterson, Curate of St. Mark's, Portadown, on the word "Watch." His words were listened to with close attention by the children. Mr. Scott also spoke to the children.

An Interesting Lecture.

The Dean of Dromore, the Very Rev. A. E. Myles, M.A., Rector of Tullylish, delivered a very interesting historical lecture in the Parochial Hall on Thursday, Feb. 27th, at 8 p.m. The lecture was illustrated by a fine set of lantern slides. The Dean began his lecture by a general sketch of the 17th century in Irish history, and then showed the slides. The Dean is one of our leading authorities on that period and has made a special study of the incidents occurring in Ireland during that critical era. Some of the slides were of very rare occurrences and all were of great interest. Captain Mitchell, of the Seagoe C.L.B., arranged for the lecture and gave good help at the lantern. The proceeds were on behalf of the Seagoe C.L.B. uniform Fund. There was a large attendance, and at the close the Rector, who presided, proposed a vote of thanks to the Dean, which was seconded by Captain Mitchell and passed by hearty acclamation.

Special Services.

On each Wednesday during Lent a special Service will be held in the Parish Church at 8 p.m. Special Services were held in the Parish Church on Ash Wednesday, February 25th. At the morning Service (11.30 a.m.) the Penitential Service was held. At the Evening Service the Rector preached on "Our Lord's Temptation."

The Beresford Fund.

The Seagoe Select Vestry made an application to the Lord Primate for a grant from the Beresford Fund towards the cost of renovation of the Church, and the Lord Primate has most generously given in response a grant of £40. This will be a great help when supplemented by the sums already in hand and by the proceeds of other efforts now being made in the Parish.

Edenderry Prizes.

The annual Distribution of Prizes awarded in Edenderry Morning and Afternoon Sunday Schools will be distributed in the Parochial Hall on Monday, March 16th, at 7.30 p.m.

Our Advertisements.

In this issue of the Magazine many new advertisements fill our advertising columns. We are glad to say the same firms are still advertising, but they have inserted new matter. So we ask our readers to read with careful eye each advertisement. You are sure to find just what you require best and cheapest.

Twenty-five Years Ago.**FEBRUARY, 1911.**

This old issue of the Magazine announces a Lecture to be given by the Rev. W. T. Grey on "Five Years in Japan." Mr. Grey had just returned on a holiday from his Missionary work in Japan. Six Baptisms are recorded in the Parochial list, and five Burials. A list of Lent Preachers is also given. Accounts of Sunday School Prize Distributions occupy a long space. At Carne wee Joe Hynes delighted everyone with his patriotic songs. "He is the youngest performer in Seagoe Parish." Mr. R. J. M'Kitterick, who had just resigned the post of Superintendent of Seagoe Afternoon Sunday School, was presented with a handsomely bound Teacher's Bible. The Misses Dawson are announced to sail on February 4th by the s.s. Beldragon for Rio de Janeiro, South America. "Turnpike Gates in Seagoe Parish" is the subject of the "Old Seagoe Notes."

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The issue of this Magazine for March, 1911, contains portraits of the then new Churchwardens, Charles Collins and Thomas Reid, both now, alas, numbered with the departed. A robbery at the Church on Tuesday, Feb. 21st, is also recorded. As everything of value had been carefully locked up the thieves got practically nothing. Sergeant Long tracked them as far as Lisburn. A Jumble Sale is announced for March 4th. A gymnastic entertainment is announced for March 21st by the Seagoe Physical Culture Team, in Carne Church Hall. In Old Seagoe Notes the subject dealt with is "Old Seagoe Songs." Three Baptisms are recorded.

SERVICES—The PARISH CHURCH

HOLY COMMUNION—1st Sunday after Morning Prayer; 3rd Sunday at 8 a.m., and on the Chief Festivals.

HOLY BAPTISM—1st Saturday of each Month at 3 p.m., and during any Service in the Parish Church, notice be given; Two Sponsors at least are required and they must be Confirmed Members of the Church. Churchings are held at each Baptism. Mothers are expected to bring a thankoffering. (See Book of Common Prayer.)

MORNING PRAYER—Sundays and Chief Festivals, 11.30 a.m.

EVENING PRAYER—Sundays, 7 p.m.

DISTRICT SERVICES

Hacknahay—Last Sunday of Month at 3.30 p.m.

Drumgor—Second Sunday of Month at 4 p.m.

Edenderry—Wednesdays at 8 p.m.

MARRIAGES must be performed between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Licenses are issued by Rev. Canon Hannon, Rector, Lurgan. Due notice (48 hours) must be given to the Rector of intended weddings. **FEES**—By License—Labourers 5/-, tradesmen 10/-, Merchants and Farmers 15/-, Professional, £1. By Banns 5/-. **FUNERALS** will be attended by the Clergy if proper notice be given. **SICK CASES** should be notified to the Clergy without delay. **FEES FOR CERTIFICATES**—BAPTISM 3/7, Children (Factory) 1/- and 2/- (non-residents); MARRIAGE 3/7. An extra Search Fee is chargeable in certain cases. It will be a help to the Clergy if they are notified of the arrival of new Church families in the Parish.

A copy of the Magazine will be sent post free to any subscriber for 3/- per annum.

CLASSES, &c.

BIBLE CLASS FOR MEN in Edenderry on Sundays at 10 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—10 a.m. Edenderry Parochial Hall and Seagoe School. 3 p.m. Seagoe, Edenderry Parochial Hall, Levaghery, Hacknahay, Carne, Drumgor, Bocombra.

MOTHERS' UNION—2nd Tuesday of each month at 7.30 p.m.

CHURCH LADS' BRIGADE in the Parochial Hall on Tuesdays and Fridays.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY in Seagoe School on Mondays at 8 p.m.

SEAGOE P.E. SCHOOL, 9-15 a.m. Principal—Mr. R. Scott.