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(EDITOR: THE RECTOR)



"I was glad when they said unto me: we will go into the house of the Lord."
PSALM 122 : v. 1.

"Not forsaking the assembling of yourselves together. as the manner of some is"
HEBREWS 10 : 25.

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RECTOR'S LETTER.

MY DEAR FRIENDS,

The call to serve in this great Parish came to me unexpectedly and unsought, and it meant a painful wrench to leave Dunluce, where I was very happy, but I felt that it was God's Will, that I should accept it. I am grateful for your welcome, and I am looking forward to many years of service amongst you. This huge Parish presents many problems, and so I ask you for your loyal co-operation, that, together, we may all work harmoniously, not for ourselves, but for the extension of Christ's Kingdom in our midst. It is a great encouragement to me to find here, so many keen lay workers; without their help our parochial organisations would not be able to carry on the useful work, which they are doing.

May I take this opportunity of commending this Magazine to you. I hope that every house in the parish will take it regularly month by month; it will help you to keep in touch with what is going on in the Parish, and, as well, it affords other reading matter of an interesting nature. A parochial Magazine is an essential feature in the working equipment of an extensive parish like this, as a means of disseminating information and notices—it is an expensive undertaking, but if the circulation is large enough it pays its way.

The attendance at our mid-week Lenten Services is encouraging; we hope that it will continue to increase; these Services will reach their climax in Holy Week, during which there will be a Service each evening. At the Holy Week Services we will think together of the Cross and all that it means for us, its challenge, its message, its power. On Calvary "God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself"—He is saying to us, "This I have done for thee, what hast thou done for Me"? Let us see to it, that we use these Services prayerfully;—what a wonderful opportunity they give us to take stock of our own lives at the foot of the Cross; yes and what

a need there is for this spiritual stocktaking, lest we by our selfishness or carelessness repeat in our own lives the tragedy of Calvary and "crucify the Son of God afresh."

On Easter Day we will thank God for "the stone rolled away." Christ's self offering bears fruit in His victory over His enemies and the grave. On Easter Day let us gather round His Table as He has commanded us to do, that He may share with us the joy and power of His Resurrection. For fuller details of Easter Services see notices printed below.

May you all have a happy and blessed Eastertide.

Your sincere Friend and Rector,

JOHN W. APPELBE.

THE MAGAZINE.

With this issue we are entering upon a new Magazine year. Owing to the lamented death of the late Editor, Chancellor Archer, there was no issue in January or February. Capt. Mitchell, with the help of the parochial branch of the Church Lads' Brigade, has very kindly undertaken the responsibility for its distribution each month. Subscribers are asked to help the distributors, either by paying in advance, or paying for each Magazine as they receive it. Heads or secretaries of Parochial Organisations are requested to send notices, reports, etc., of their various activities to the Editor, not later than the Monday before the last Saturday of each month. (The Editor reserves the right of altering, omitting or re-editing any matter, that may be submitted for publication.)

We hope our readers will remember on their shopping rounds those who have so kindly helped us by advertising in our Magazine.

Anyone wishing to get the Magazine monthly should communicate with Capt. Mitchell, or one of the clergy.

THE LATE CHANCELLOR ARCHER.

Since the issue of the December Magazine, the Church of Ireland in general, and particularly the Parish of Seagoe, is the poorer for the passing into the "Great Beyond" of the Rev. J. E. Archer, B.D., Chancellor of Dromore Cathedral, and Rector of Seagoe since 1905. He was a distinguished scholar, an eloquent preacher, a kind, good man, and his familiar figure will be greatly missed in this neighbourhood, where he was known and respected for so long. Chancellor Archer had the rare distinction of composing a hymn, which has found a place in our Church Hymnal; and what an inspiring hymn it is; a few years ago it was made special use of at the

fifteen hundredth anniversary celebrations of the coming of St. Patrick—it's lofty thought, couched in such beautiful phrasing, makes it a fitting memorial to him. To his niece and friends we express our deep sympathy.

INSTITUTION.

The Rev. J. W. Appelbe, M.A., was instituted by the Lord Bishop to the incumbency of Seagoe on Friday, February, 5th, in the Parish Church at 8 p.m. There were present a fine congregation and a large number of clergy. After the Service the clergy and their friends were entertained to tea in Seagoe School, by the ladies of the Parish. One of the most pleasing features of this Service was the Bishop's high tribute to the work of the Rev. W. F. Hayes; it was a well deserved compliment, for during the late Rector's long and trying illness, Mr. Hayes discharged his duties in a most efficient manner under very difficult circumstances.

The Rector read himself in according to the accustomed manner on Sunday Morning, February 7th, when the Venerable the Archdeacon of Dromore preached an inspiring sermon appropriate to the occasion.

G.F.S.

The Girls' Friendly Society promoted an Extension Week to mark their Diamond Jubilee, from Feb. 21st-28th, and in connection with this there was used the special G.F.S. prayer in the Parish Church on Sunday, Feb. 21st.

On Monday, February 5th, a large number of the local G.F.S. members were the guests of the Shankill Branch in Lurgan and spent a most enjoyable evening.

On Tuesday, 23rd Feb., a fine turn-out of the members assembled at Seagoe School, when the "Extension Week" was explained to them, and a talk on "Peace." "The fruit of the Spirit" was given by Mrs. Scott.

On Monday, March 1st, a united Diocesan meeting of representatives, from parochial branches was held in Clarence Place Hall, Belfast. Mrs. Appelbe, Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Mitchell and Miss S. Montgomery represented Seagoe.

SEAGOE G.F.S. EASTER GOOD TURN

The members will collect eggs for distribution among the poor of the Parish during Easter Week. We will be very thankful to the parishioners for any gifts to members when they call. (B.S.)

LEVAGHERY PRIZE-GIVING.

The annual distribution of Sunday School prizes took place in the Levaghery School on Tuesday, February 16th, at 7.30 p.m. The room

was brightly decorated and was well filled with an enthusiastic gathering of young people and their parents. The Rector and Mrs. Appelbe were present and received a warm welcome. A very generous tea was provided. The usual games followed and sweets were distributed to all present. Mrs. Appelbe kindly handed the prizes to the children. At the close the Rector thanked the superintendent and the teachers for the arrangements for the evening and for the valued services to the Parish. The proceedings came to an end with the singing of the National Anthem, followed by the Benediction. (W. F. H.)

OBITUARY.

During the months of December, January and February many parishioners, both young and old, were called to their eternal rest. Mrs. Kilpatrick, of Seagoe Upper, quiet and home loving, was called away after a long illness. Miss Susan Thompson, of Kernan, lived to a ripe old age and retained her brightness to the end. The passing of Thomas England, of Belfast, formerly of Breagh, severs a link with a very old Seagoe family. The name of William Elliott marks an event of much sadness. He was in the prime of life and passed away suddenly after a brief illness. John McNeill, of Drumnacanvey, had been in failing health for some time. He was one of our oldest parishioners and was much esteemed. The unexpected death of Morrison Loney, of Killicomaine, occurred after a few days' illness. He was a regular worshipper in the Parish Church. His active, genial presence is greatly missed. Elizabeth McKerr had a long illness. Her bright, gentle nature endeared her to all who knew her. Mrs. Holmes has also passed away. She was an old residenter and well known. Few have had to meet so many sorrows. She bore them with a wonderful courage and was full of interest to the end. We mourn the loss of Mrs. Stoops. Her tragically sudden death is especially sad, coming so soon after that of her mother and husband. Always considerate, cheerful and generous, she will long be remembered. While health permitted she was a regular attender at the Church Services. She was deeply attached to Seagoe. She took a prominent part and a keen interest in all that concerned the welfare of the Church. The last name on our list, that of Agnes Wallace, of Edenderry, recalls one who was very popular in the Girls' Friendly Society and in the Parish generally. She endured a lengthened period of weakness with unflinching patience. To all whose lives have been rendered lonely by the death of some dear one we tender our deep sympathy. (W. F. H.)

THE C. L. B. CONCERT.

The Church Lads' Brigade concert is an entertainment that is looked forward to with increasing interest. This year, owing to unforeseen circumstances, it was postponed to a later date than usual. It was held in the Parochial Hall, Edenderry, on Thursday, Feb. 18th, at 8 p.m. For almost three hours a crowded audience enjoyed a splendid variety programme, including songs, recitations, dramatic scenes and community singing. With a few exceptions most of the items were given by the officers and members of the Company. The proceeds were on behalf of the Uniform Fund. At the conclusion the Rector congratulated Capt. Mitchell and the officers and performers on their splendid programme.

(W.F.H.)

MOTHERS' UNION.

There was a large attendance of the members of the above at their monthly meeting, held in the School on Tuesday, 9th February. After tea, the Rector addressed them on the duties and opportunities of affording a proper witness for our Lord in the Parish and in the home.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 9th, at 7.30 p.m., in Seagoe P.E. School.

SHAMROCK GUEST TEA.

The Superintendents and teachers of the Edenderry Morning and Afternoon Sunday Schools are arranging a Shamrock Tea, to be held in the Parochial Hall, Edenderry, on Thursday, March 18th, at 7.30. Guests will be invited by the hostesses for the evening. There will be a short programme of music. The contributions given by the guests will go to the Edenderry Sunday School Funds.

HACKNAHAY SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The prize distribution was held at Hacknahay on Friday, Feb. 19th, at 7 p.m. A plentiful supply of tea and cake was enjoyed by the children and their parents. The Schoolroom was crowded with people. A very fine programme of songs, recitations and sketches was given. The contributors were all members of the Sunday School. Every item was good, some were very amusing, and there was plenty of variation. Mrs. Atkinson, of Gleneyre, again kindly distributed the prizes. Special prizes for attendance were given by Mrs. Atkinson to children who had not missed a Sunday during the year. The Rev. W. F. Hayes assisted at the distribution. In the course of his remarks he voiced, on behalf of the members of the School, their deep regret at the tragic and early death of Harry Wilson. Mr. Maginnis, the efficient Superintendent of the Sunday School, expressed gratitude to the teachers for their continued support. The Rector, who,

with Mrs. Appelbe, had been heartily welcomed, spoke of his interest in the Parish. The evening came to a close with the singing of the Doxology. On leaving the room each child was presented with an orange, through the kindness of Miss Calvert. Her absence was much regretted.

(W. F. H.)

BOCOMBRA SOCIAL.

The Bocombra Sunday School social took place on Thursday, Feb. 25th, at 8 p.m. There was a good attendance of children and parents. The proceedings began with tea. Afterwards, games and musical items were enjoyed. The Rector presided, and Mrs. Appelbe distributed the prizes. On behalf of the Parish, the Rector thanked the Superintendent and the teachers of the Sunday School for their work in that district. The Rev. W. F. Hayes drew attention to the increasing neglect of many parents to send their children to the Morning Sunday Schools. The pleasant evening came to an end with the singing of Auld Lang Syne and the National Anthem. (W. F. H.)

NOTICES.**HOLY WEEK SERVICES.**

These will be held in the Parish Church each evening at 8 p.m.

Monday, March 22nd. Subject:—"The Challenge of the Cross."

Tuesday, March 23rd. Subject—"The Message of the Cross."

Wednesday, March 24th. Subject—"The Power of the Cross."

Thursday, March 25th. Subject—"The Memorial of the Cross."

Good Friday, March 26th—Morning Prayer and address, 11.30 a.m., Evening Prayer and address, 8 p.m. Subject at 8 p.m.—"Judas."

EASTER DAY, MARCH 28th.—Holy Communion at 8 a.m.

Morning Prayer and Holy Communion, 11.30 a.m. Evening Prayer, 7 p.m.

PRIVATE COMMUNIONS.

Any parishioners who through age or infirmity cannot attend the Services on Easter Day and who would like a private celebration in their homes, should communicate with one of the clergy, who will gladly arrange for it.

ANNUAL GENERAL EASTER VESTRY.

This will be held in Seagoe P.E. School on Thursday, April 1st, at 8 p.m., and all registered vestry members should attend this important meeting and take part, among other things, in the election of the Select Vestry, to act for the year 1937-38.

BAPTISMS.

“ Suffer little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of God.”

- Dec. 5th, 1936—Samuel Trevor, son of Thomas George and Ivy Kathleen Gardiner, Lisniskey.
 Jan. 2nd, 1937—Margaret Frances Hazel, daughter of John Joseph and Florence Magee, Ballyworkan.
 Jan. 2nd, 1937—Edward Townley, son of William James and Elizabeth Jane Webb, Francis St., Lurgan.
 Jan. 2nd, 1937—Roberta, daughter of Ferguson and Mary Whiteside, Edenderry.
 Feb. 6th, 1937—Aileen Edith Averil, daughter of Thomas and Susan Nesbitt, Levaghery.
 Feb. 6th, 1937—Joan, daughter of William John and Ethel Cunningham, Knockmena.
 Feb. 6th, 1937—Joseph Edward, son of William and Evelyn Jennett, Edenderry.

BURIALS.

“ Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth, yea, saith the spirit, that they may rest from their labours.”

- Kilpatrick**—Dec. 12th, 1936, Margaret Kilpatrick, of Seagoe Upper, aged 73 years.
England—Dec. 19th, 1936, Thomas England, of Belfast, aged 65 years.

- Archer**—Dec. 21st, 1936, Rev. James Edward Archer, B.D., Seagoe Rectory, aged 72.
Warnock—Jan. 6th, 1937, Jane Warnock, of Edenderry, aged 86 years.
Loney—Jan 13th 1937, Robert Morrison Loney, of Killicomaine, aged 73 Years. Interred at Kilmore.
M'Neill—Jan. 16th, 1937, John M'Neill, of Drumnacanvey, aged 86 years. Interred at Newmills.
Holmes—Jan 19th, 1937, Sarah Jane Holmes, of Edenderry, aged 82 years.
Elliott—Jan. 20th, 1937, William Elliott, of Edenderry, aged 28 years.
Thompson—Jan. 20th, 1937, Susan Thompson, of Kernan, aged 90 years.
Stoops—Jan. 26th, 1937—Dorkas Jane Stoops, of Killicomaine Rd., Edenderry, aged 59 years.
Wallace—Feb. 8th, 1937, Agnes Wallace, of Edenderry, aged 34 years.
M'Kerr—Feb. 11th, 1937, Elizabeth M'Kerr, of Levaghery, aged 26 years. Interred at Knocknamuckley.

CONFIRMATION.

The Lord Bishop proposes holding a Confirmation Service in Seagoe on Tuesday, 29th June. Further details will appear in the April Magazine.

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 Sunday of each Month at 4 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—Services as announced.

CLASSES, &c.

BIBLE CLASS FOR MEN in Edenderry on Sundays at 10-15 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 alternate Mondays at 8 p.m.

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

MARRIAGES must be performed between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Licenses are issued by Ven. Archdeacon Hannon, Rectory, 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.

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