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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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THE CLERGY WILL ESTEEM IT A FAVOUR IF
IN CASES OF SICKNESS THEY ARE INFORMED
IMMEDIATELY.

CALENDAR FOR JANUARY.

- January 1st—Circumcision. Holy Communion at 11.30 a.m. New Year's Day.
January 2nd—2nd Sunday after Christmas.
January 4th—Service in Bocombra.
January 6th—Epiphany. Entertainment in Edenderry Parochial Hall.
January 9th—1st Sunday after Epiphany.
January 11th—Mothers' Union General Meeting.
January 12th—Mid-week Service in Edenderry.
January 16th—2nd Sunday after Epiphany.
January 19th—Mid-week Service in Edenderry.
January 23rd—3rd Sunday after Epiphany.
January 25th—Conversion of St. Paul.
January 26th—Mid-week Service in Edenderry.
January 27th—C.L.B. Concert.
January 30th—4th Sunday after Epiphany.

We wish all our Readers a
very Happy and Prosperous
New Year.

DISTRICT SERVICES FOR JANUARY.

- Bocombra—Tuesday, January 4th, at 8 p.m.
Drungor—Sunday, January 9th, at 3 p.m.
Edenderry—Mid-weekly commencing Wednesday,
January 12th, at 8 p.m.
Hacknahay—Sunday, January 30th, at 3 p.m.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES.

EDENDERRY.

On Sunday night, December 19th, a Carol Service was held in Edenderry Parochial Hall, and the children's choir, trained by Miss A. M'Dougall, sang carols and Christmas hymns. This junior choir is a great asset to the mid-week Service here, where they lead the singing.

PARISH CHURCH.

The Church was decorated simply with holly, etc. At the 8 a.m. Holy Communion Service there was a fair attendance, but we missed many of our regular Sunday worshippers at the 11.30 a.m. Service. The choir sang a special Christmas Anthem, as well as the appropriate hymns. Mrs. Casey was at the organ.

On Sunday night, December 26th, instead of the usual Evening Prayer the Service took the form of a Carol Service, consisting of six carols, an anthem and three hymns, together with appropriate readings from the Old and New Testament.

The choir and organist are to be congratulated on their splendid rendering of the special music. Miss N. Montgomery took the solo part in the carol "See amid the winter snow," and Mr. J. Courtney the solo part of the anthem, and both used their rich voices to the best advantage.

S. AMERICAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

On Sunday, November 28th, the Rev. S. C. Deacon preached at Morning Prayer in the Parish Church. Mr. Deacon had many years' experience of Church work in South America, and his address on the difficulties and opportunities which confront the Church in that vast continent was listened to by all with deep interest. As a result of his words, perhaps, there are some who would like to have a share in helping on the spread of the Gospel there—if so Miss I. Atkinson, Eden Villa, will be glad to supply a missionary box to them.

G. F.S. CONFERENCE.

A 'bus load of members of Seagoe Branch of the Girls' Friendly Society travelled to Lurgan on Saturday, November 27th. We print below impressions sent in by three members of the Seagoe Branch:—

"Miss Scott gave us a wonderful lesson on friendship at our G.F.S. Conference on Saturday. She told us to start friendship first of all in our homes and in our work; to help the shy girls, who join our Society and to make them feel that we really want to be friendly with them. Also to keep our ideals high and to try and live up to the high ideals of the

G.F.S., and by so doing we would be showing others what our Society really stands for, and in this way others might be attracted to join. She told us also to keep in touch with our Associates, wherever we may travel, and as well to use the G.F.S. Homes whenever possible when on holidays.

"Miss Scott pointed out to us the duty of keeping silent, when unkind gossip is being circulated in our presence, as speech may be silver but silence is golden; she also stressed the necessity for regular attendance at our place of worship, and not to regard lightly our Saviour's last request on earth—i.e., to be regular in our attendance at the service of Holy Communion."—(M.C.)

"The G.F.S. Conference in Lurgan was held for the branches in the Diocese of Dromore and was conducted by Miss Scott, of Bray, Miss Hartford, of Belfast, taking the chair.

"Before the Conference began there was a short service in Shankill Parish Church, conducted by the Ven. Archdeacon Hannon. Then we left the Church and adjourned to the Parochial Hall, where Miss Scott gave us her address. She told us of the advantages of G.F.S. when we are travelling—when a G.F.S. member is leaving her own country, she should always let her Associate know, so that the latter will be able to get in touch with an Associate in the locality to which the member is going. When this is done the girl will be met by a member or Associate, who will give her directions or accompany her so that she will arrive safely at her destination; whereas, if a girl does not use this G.F.S. privilege, not knowing the country, she may fall in with bad company and be led astray.

"When Miss Scott had finished talking about travelling and other details, we had group discussions. All present divided up into small groups, each group having an Associate as leader, and answers were given to four questions set for discussion. Then came a nice tea, after which we went back to our seats, then Miss Hartford called all the Associates to the front, where each one read out the answers given to questions set to the groups.

"When this was over Miss Scott gave an address on Christian love. She began by talking about generosity, and said that we could not be true members of the G.F.S. without being generous in giving or doing something for other people, as well as for ourselves. We all know that the main point in a life ruled by G.F.S. principles is to 'bear one another's burdens, to live not for ourselves but for others.' Miss Scott stressed the need for faith in our Heavenly Father. Knowing that everything we do in His name

will prosper. We also must try and be friendly with everyone, irrespective of how they treat us." (L.R.)

(3) "We had a short service in Church at 3.30 p.m., followed by a meeting in the Parochial Hall, where tea was served at 5 p.m. The chair was taken by Miss Hartford, Belfast.

An address on "Friendship" was given by Miss Scott, of Bray, in which she said that, we as members of the G.F.S., should set an example to the world by our deeds, words and actions. She also stressed the need and importance of Prayer, Bible-reading and attending Public Worship and Holy Communion. Then, too, we must do our duty at all times and stand up for the truth and for what we know to be right, and "bear one another's burdens." She went on to say that there was far too much selfishness in the world to-day and little or no friendship, and this was the cause of much strife and war; not until there was an extension of friendship would there be peace.

Previous to this address, the Associates present were given some papers containing questions for discussion; after tea, each Associate in turn read out the findings of her group on the questions set for group discussion. The answers were helpful, as each group looked at the questions from a different angle.

Miss Hartford gave the closing talk on Purity and Kindness, and the Conference was closed with the G.F.S. Prayer." (E.M.)

[We are grateful to the writers of the above impressions for their interesting contributions. (Editor)]

DRAMATIC ENTERTAINMENT.

As was announced in our last issue, a play written and produced by Miss Ashdown, entitled "Grey Matter" will be staged in Edenderry Parochial Hall, on Thursday, January 6th, at 7.30 p.m. The proceeds will be devoted to Parish Funds, and it is hoped that our readers will help the venture by their presence and by making it widely known amongst their friends. Tickets can be had from Mrs. Vance, Bridge Street.

PARISH SOCIAL.

We hope to arrange a parish social early in the New Year. Further particulars will be announced later.

LEVAGHERY JUMBLE SALE.

This effort was organised by the Superintendent and Teachers of Levaghery Sunday School to raise funds to provide better seating accommodation for the Sunday School, and has proved well worth the energy expended—the total sum raised was £18 1s 6½d; this amount was obtained thus:—Subscriptions, £10 13s 4d; Jumble Sale, £7 8s 2½d.

DEBT ON PAROCHIAL FINANCES.

We print below a second list of contributions to the wiping out of the above:—

Amount already acknowledged—£41 17s 0d.

£1—Mr. T. J. Hadden, Mr. R. M'Clements, Rev. G. Howe Daunt.

10/- —Mrs. Vance, Mr. Robert Walker, Mr. Stephens, Mr. Alphonso Kirk, Miss R. Matchett (Riverside), Mr. Joe Ward, Mrs. Ballentine, Mrs. Chambers, Mr. Stanfield, Mr. E. Collins, Mr. Robt. Gracey, Mr. William Gracey, Mr. Wm. White, Mr. Cathcart, Mrs. Thomas Dickson, Mr. Samuel M'Cormick, Mrs. Devlin, Mr. George Locke, Mr. Tom Hall, Mr. Costello, Mrs. Pentland, Mr. Wolsey White, Mr. T. Martin.

9 6—Mr. George Matchett.

5/- —Mr. John Campbell, Mrs. Turkington, Mr. T. Ruddell, Mr. H. M'Reynolds, Mrs. Samuel Best, Mr. James Shepherd, Mr. John Gracey, Mr. W. Best (Church Lane), Mr. Joe Holland, Mr. Ryans.

4 - —Mr. Watson Wilson.

3/- —Mrs. Cunningham.

2 6—Miss Sands, Mr. Joseph Parks, Mrs. Cousins, Mr. T. Finch, Mrs. N. Crawford, Mr. John Livingston, Mr. Joe Hynes, Mr. S. J. Caddell.

Total—£60 13s 6d.

Again we thank those whose names appear in the above list for their practical help, and also Mr. J. H. Twinem for his prompt action in trying to put the finances of Seagoe Parish on a sound basis.

PRESENTATION AT CARNE.

A social evening was held at Carne on Thursday, December 16th, at 7.30 p.m. The occasion was that of a presentation to Mrs. Norman Guy, formerly Miss Millicent Coulter, and previous to her marriage a teacher in Sunday School. Despite the severe cold, fog and ice-bound roads, there was a good attendance. A splendid tea was provided by the Superintendent and Teachers. Games followed. Later in the evening, on behalf of the School staff and children, the Rev. W. F. Hayes handed to Mrs. Guy a pretty tea set. Fitting references were made to the

part Mrs. Guy had taken in the work of the Church in that district. In these Mr. George Wilson took part. The entertainment concluded with the singing of the National Anthem. —(W.F.H.)

QUEENSLAND CALLING.

Mrs. E. Porter, who visited Seagoe early this year, has arrived at her home, near Brisbane, Queensland. For our readers, who will no doubt be interested, we print an extract from a letter she has kindly written to the Rev. W. F. Hayes.

"I am safely back in dear old Queensland again. I really had a most wonderful trip both ways. When I left Brisbane on the 7th January last to reach England, I travelled 12,780 miles, calling in at Victoria, Colombo, Egypt, Port Said, Suez Canal and Malta. The sights were truly wonderful, and I enjoyed every moment of my holiday. On my return I came a different route, calling at Tangier, Gibraltar, and several other ports. I travelled right up to Calcutta. I saw the wonderful Golden Temple in India, and the Holy Temple of our Lord in Palestine. I visited 79 different Churches, the most beautiful being in Malta, but none so dear to me as Seagoe Parish Church, where I was brought up and taught by my parents to love. I brought back a box of wallflower seeds from my sister's garden and a patch of real Irish Shamrock. These are growing splendidly 12,700 miles from their native land. Sunny Queensland has, no doubt, the finest climate in the world. Here wages are high and the cost of living is low; there is every opportunity to make good and become wealthy in a few years."—(W.F.H.)

OBITUARY.

We record with regret this month the deaths of four parishioners. William John Atkinson, of Seagoe Lower, passed away at an advanced age, after a prolonged period of weakness. Mrs. Jane Robb, of Tarson, had been in failing health for some time. She was much esteemed in that district. Miss Amelia Wilson, of Levaghery, was only in the prime of life. As a comparatively new resident in the parish she was less well known. For many weeks, with patience and quiet confidence, she endured great sufferings. The name of James Davidson recalls one who was well known and familiar to most of our readers. He was a loyal Churchman and unflinching in his attendance at public worship. Possessed of a capable mind, he was interested and well informed on many subjects. A well grounded faith enabled him to give invaluable service in the Levaghery Sunday School. There for many years he taught a large Bible Class, and was present even on the Sunday previous to his death. To the bereaved we offer our sympathy. They will find consolation in the Christmas message, which is

always. "God with us." both in the temporal and in the Eternal.—(W.F.H.)

THE MAGAZINE

The distribution of Seagoe Parish Magazine by the members of our Church Lads' Brigade has been carried out very satisfactorily during 1937.

The total number of Magazines now being distributed each month has greatly increased.

We would appeal to those parishioners who take the Magazine to assist the boys in their work by paying for their Magazine each month or paying in advance for the year.

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BAPTISMS.

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

Dec. 5th—William Ivan, son of Samuel and Elizabeth May Morrison, Drumnacanvey.

Dec. 5th—Henry, son of James and Minnie M'Cann, 1 Florence Court.

MARRIAGES.

"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

Dec. 15th—Joseph Quinn, 51, Whitehall Parade, Belfast, and Susan M'Dowell, Levaghery.

Dec. 16th—William James Wallace, Moyraverty, Portadown, and Mary Flavell, Knock, Portadown.

Dec. 18th—John Conn, 40, John St., Portadown, and Annie Ward, 6, Carrickblacker Road, Portadown.

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BURIALS.

"Blessed are the dead which died in the Lord from henceforth, yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours."

December 12th—William John Atkinson, Seagoe Lower; aged 88 years.

December 12th—Jane Robb, Tarson, interred in Drumcree, aged 80 years.

December 13th—Amelia Anne Wilson, Levaghery, interred in Loughgall, aged 46 years.

December 14th—James Davidson, Levaghery, aged 77 years.

December 25th—Mary Wilson, West St., Portadown, aged 68 years.

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 to be given; Two Sponsors at least are required. The father and mother must be present. 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 3 p.m.

Edenderry—Services as announced.

CLASSES, &c.

BIBLE CLASS FOR MEN in Edenderry on Sundays at 10-15 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS 10-30 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.

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