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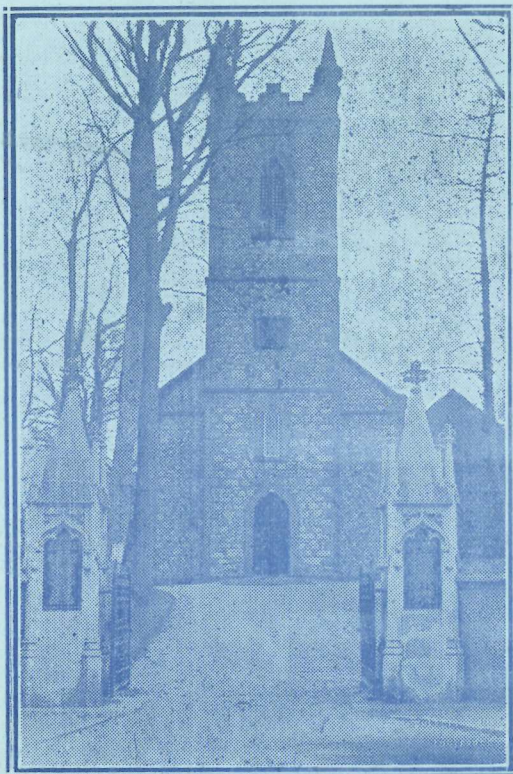
THIRTY-FOURTH YEAR.

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1939

Seagoe Parish Magazine

(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—1st Sunday after Christmas. Feast of
the Circumcision. New Year's Day.
January 3rd—Bocombra Monthly Service at 8 p.m.
January 5th—Dramatic Entertainment in Edenderry.
January 6th—Epiphany.
January 8th—First Sunday after Epiphany.
Drumgor Monthly Service at 3 p.m.
January 10th—Mothers' Union Meeting.
January 11th—Mid-week Service in Edenderry at
8 p.m.
January 15th—Second Sunday after Epiphany.
January 19th—Sunday School Teachers' Social Even-
ing.
January 22nd—Third Sunday after Epiphany.
January 25th—Conversion of St. Paul.
January 26th—Fourth Sunday after Epiphany.
Monthly Service in Hacknahay at 3.30 p.m.

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

MOTTO CARD FOR 1939.

Enclosed with this issue of our Parish Magazine you
will find a motto card, which is well worth preserving,
as it contains a helpful message for us as we face 1939.
It is based on the well-known Scripture promise of
the Divine Presence:—"When thou passest through

the waters I will be with thee." This thought is also
conveyed in the two verses printed on the card:—

"My barque is wafted to the Strand
By breath Divine.
And on the helm there rests a Hand
Other than mine.
One who has known in storms to sail
I have on board,
Above the raging of the gale
I have my Lord."

Each human life is indeed like a ship voyaging in a
stormy sea, destined eventually to reach safe anchor-
age in the haven of God's love. There may be periods
in this voyage when calm surrounds us and all goes
well, but inevitably there comes to each one of us
storms which threaten our very existence, the storm
of temptation when we are in danger of being lured
from the course our Heavenly Father has set for us
to follow our own selfish whims; there is the storm
cloud of sickness and bereavement when life seems
hard and bitter; the storm of disappointment, war,
unemployment, etc. Indeed for many Christians there
seems to be little respite, no calm easy sailing, how
hopeless and crushing life would be if we had to face
them alone, but Christians are not alone and this
is why they persevere and do not lose hope, the
Christmas message explains it, "Immanuel," i.e., God
with us. He who came down to this world on the first
Christmas is ever coming into the lowly and contrite
heart to strengthen and to bless and to guide. Let us
remember this vital truth as we set out on another
stage of our pilgrimage in the coming year, we know
not what trials it may bring us, we know not what
sacrifices we may be called upon to make, we cannot
tell whether we or one we love may be called to
pass through the Valley of the Shadow of Death, our
future is all unknown; "we know not what a day
may bring forth," but this we do know, we can have
with us One who understands because He is man,
One who is all-powerful because He is God. With
Him, on and by our side, no storm can swamp our
barque, not even death itself. He can bring us safely
through all storms to the haven where we would be.
"Lo I am with you always" is His gracious promise.
But He can only be with us if we invite Him by
prayer, public and private, by reading His Word, by
worship and by Sacrament. He cannot, He will not,
accompany us, if we love self or sin more than Him.
Here then, is a call to each one of us as we face the
New Year to be of good courage, for "neither death,
nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor
things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor

depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the Love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." In these words just quoted we have St. Paul's experience of victory, his life was storm-tossed in a very marked degree, ill-health, persecution, disappointment, death, all in turn disturbed his life, but nothing could rob him of Christ's presence; he had Christ in the barque of his life along with him and so he was not defeated. Christ cannot do His part unless we respond to Him and by His grace do ours, and yet so many forget their own part. During His earthly life in Palestine there were places "He could do no mighty work because of unbelief," there were people He could not help because of the hardness of their hearts, the same is true still; there is so much He can do and is longing to do for us but He cannot, we are hindering Him by our selfishness and self-centredness. He does not cast us off or give us up, He never does that. Instead He is giving us a New Year in which we can, if we want to, do our part; 1939 is a new chapter, a fresh start, let us use its opportunities, let us not blot it by self-centredness and carelessness. Have we used His day as He means us to use it, for worship and witness? Those of us who are parents, are we realising and acting up to our responsibility by encouraging our children to worship on Sundays? Are we using as we should Christ's appointed means of grace, prayer, Bible reading, the Holy Communion? These are the questions that the passing of the old year and the coming of the new year suggest to us. If we are dissatisfied "Redeem the time," use the opportunities which the new year will afford of doing better. Let this be one of our prayers in the days that lie ahead:—

"O Lord Jesus Christ, teach me to love Thee more dearly, to know Thee more clearly, to follow Thee more nearly." Amen.

CHRISTMAS.

The choir rendered special Christmas music on Christmas Day, under Mrs. Casey's able leadership at the organ. In the morning the anthem "Christians Awake, Salute the Happy Morn" was sung, the solo portion was taken by Mr. Jim Courtney. At the evening service Miss N. Montgomery sang the solo part of the same anthem. Both soloists and the choir as a whole were at their best. Carols were also sung at Evening Prayer.

The attendance at the Holy Communion Services was very poor; we missed especially many of our young communicants.

We are grateful for gifts of holly, ivy, flowers to decorate the Church.

SOCIAL EVENING.

The Superintendent and Teachers of Levaghery Sunday School organised a most successful social in Edenderry Orange Hall on Thursday, December 1st, at 7.30. We were glad to see the members of the Men's Bible Class present. In spite of the large crowd present the various games went with a swing and all present enjoyed the evening. Tea, served by the lady helpers, formed a pleasant interlude. We append a statement of accounts:—

Receipts:—

151 Tickets at 1/-	£7 11 0
Subscriptions	0 3 6
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	£7 14 6

Expenses:—

Hire of Hall	£0 12 0
Catering	2 10 0
Sundries	0 4 6
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	£3 6 8
Balance in hand	£4 7 10

SEAGOE COMPANY C.L.B.

The annual inspection took place on Tuesday, 29th November, at 7.30 p.m. The inspecting officer was Lt.-Col. S. Waring, D.C.M., who was welcomed to Seagoe by the Rector, who presided, on his first official visit as Commander of the Down, Connor and Dromore Battalion.

The proceedings opened with the Hymn "Fight the Good Fight" and prayer by the Assistant Chaplain, Rev. W. F. Hayes. Then followed the Company inspection, Senior Squad Drill, Senior O'Grady Drill Down, Junior Training Corps, Physical Training, J.T.C. Boxing and games, Interval for tea. Then J.T.C. Squad Drill, J.T.C. O'Grady Drill Down, Senior Physical Training, Senior Gym. Display.

The remarks of the inspecting officer were flattering in his praise of the efficiency and appearance of the Company, and he congratulated Capt. Mitchell and his officers on the flourishing condition of the Company. Mrs. Appelbe presented the prizes for Church attendance, drill down, good conduct, etc. The Chairman in thanking Capt. Mitchell and the officers for their valued help during the year, referred to the departure of Corporal David Donaldson to the Air Force, and extended the best wishes of Seagoe C.L.B. to him for a successful career. He also welcomed the parents present and thanked Miss Topsy Wilson for her help as hon. accompanist.

The singing of "God Save the King" concluded the inspection.

NEW RECTORY BUILDING FUND.

We gratefully acknowledge the receipt of the following subscriptions since our last issue:—

s. J. Hall, James St.	£0 2 6
s. J. Sharps, James St.	0 5 0
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S. Morrison, Levaghery Gardens	0 2 6
Thos. Laverty, Levaghery Gardens	0 2 6
Robert Bairds, Levaghery Gardens	0 2 6
& Mrs. Stephens, Levaghery	1 0 0
ss Stephens, Levaghery	0 10 0
s. A. Marks, Levaghery	0 10 0
ss Thos. Clarke, Levaghery Gardens	0 2 6
ss Maggie Mathers, Lower Seagoe	0 2 6
s. Hunniford, Kilvergan	5 0 0
s. Walsh, Tamnafiglasson	0 10 0
James Sheppherd, Levaghery	4 0 0
s. Archer, Drumgor	1 0 0
ss E. Thompson (senr.), Drumgor	1 0 0
Thos. J. M'Kerr, Drumgor	0 5 0
Wm. Gregson, Drumgor	0 5 0
ss E. Thompson, Drumgor	0 2 6
s. Anderson, Balteagh	0 5 0
s. Cousins, Balteagh	0 10 0
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Previously acknowledged	£416 15 10
Total	£435 13 4

DRUMGOR "IRISH NIGHT" CONCERT.

On Thursday, December 8th, the Superintendent and teachers of Drumgor Sunday School were rewarded for their efforts on behalf of their Sunday School by a packed house and a splendid programme. The stage had been tastefully decorated by Miss R. Gracey with tinsel shamrocks in keeping with the theme of the concert. Mr. Wm. Hutchinson led the community singing, which was an enjoyable feature of the programme, enabling the audience to contribute their share, which they did. The following artistes took part:—Mr. Leonard Mitchell, songs; Miss Dorothy Bond, recitation and song; Mr. J. Loney, violin solos; Mr. J. Uprichard, songs; Mr. G. M'Geown, comedy items; the pupils of Balteagh P.E.S., an amusing sketch entitled "Fatty Turns Dentist," written and produced by Mr. Louis Bell; the Misses Cargin

and Revels, recitations; Mr. V. Lyttle, mandoline selections. Miss T. Wilson played the musical accompaniments.

The Rector, who acted as chairman, thanked the artistes for their valued help, the organisers for their trouble, and the audience for their support. The singing of the National Anthem brought a happy evening to a close.

MOTHERS' UNION.

The monthly meeting of the Mothers' Union took place in Seagoe School on Tuesday, December 13th, at 7.30 p.m. A most helpful Advent address was given by the Rev. H. A. Lillie, B.A., of St. Mark's. Tea was then served to all present, after which an informal sale of articles supplied by the members took place. In a short time the two well-stocked stalls were cleared and as a result over £6 was realised, which goes towards making up the £100 which the members of the Mothers' Union have set out to make as their contribution to the New Rectory Building Fund. We congratulate them on the success of the evening.

The next meeting will be the annual meeting for election of officers, etc., and will take place in Seagoe School on Tuesday, January 10th, at 7.30 p.m.

BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER AND CHURCH HYMNAL.

For some time past dissatisfaction was justly provoked by the expense and poor wearing quality of hymn and prayer books available. As a result of the enterprise of some of the Belfast clergy this has now been rectified, as a new edition has been got out by the Association for Promoting Christian Knowledge and is now on sale to the public. The type will be nonpareil, size of page 4 inches by 5½ inches, and double column. The books will be sold at 1/9 each for Full Cloth binding (separate Common Prayer or Church Hymnal 1/4 each), and 3/- each for Rexine limp binding yapp edges, rounded and gilt, (separate Common Prayer or Church Hymnal 2/- each).

Judging from the shape and appearance of this new edition, it should prove a serviceable book and should last many years of use without falling to pieces as the old editions were in the habit of doing. They can be bought, we are informed, at Miss Allen's book shop in Portadown.

DISTRICT SERVICES.

Bocombra—Tuesday, 3rd January, at 8 p.m.

Drumgor—Sunday, January 8th, at 3 p.m.

Hacknahay—Sunday, January 29th, at 3.30 p.m.

EDENDERRY MID-WEEK SERVICE.

This weekly Service will be resumed on Wednesday, January 11th, at 8 p.m., in Edenderry Parochial Hall.

OBITUARY.

The sad accident in which Alan Jennett was drowned, skating on a quarry hole in Killicomaine, cast a gloom over the whole neighbourhood when the news of it was heard. He was a good boy and his great ambition was to be able to earn to help his mother. At his age his loss is hard to bear, but we know his parents have the prayerful sympathy of all in the neighbourhood at this time. Alan will "grow in grace" in the Great Life beyond the Veil, in the near Presence of Him who said "Suffer little children to come unto Me." His pilgrimage has been short in this world; he has been saved the suffering and difficulties which are man's lot in this life. We must not forget his companions, Kenneth Pentland and George Hunter, who bravely did their best to save him and risked their own lives.

Robert John Bonis was in very poor health for a long time; he leaves a widow and five children to mourn his loss.

To all the bereaved we offer our deep sympathy, and pray that our Heavenly Father will sustain and comfort them in their great sorrow.

JACK FROST.

The week before Christmas provided, as far as the weather was concerned, the proverbial Christmas card weather of frost and snow. It was bracing and seasonably appropriate but it has left a trail behind it of burst waterpipes and damaged heating plants.

The radiators in Seagoe P.E.S. have been damaged by the frost, but a far more serious accident resulted

in Edenderry, where the boiler burst, as the caretaker, Mr. J. Vennard, was attending to the fire. He was superficially burned on the hands and face but is now making satisfactory progress in Lurgan Hospital.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

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The Misses I. and G. Atkinson	1 0 0
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FOR CHURCH COLLECTIONS:—

Mr. J. A. Brownlee	1 0 0
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MARRIAGES.

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

December 26th—William Alexander M'Fall, Moygashel, Dungannon, and Eileen Hobson, Killicomaine.

December 28th—Ralph Herron, Derrycarne, and Margaret Mathers, Lower Seagoe.

BURIALS.

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

November 28th—Frances Green, Fairview Terrace, Portadown, aged 69 years.

December 2nd—Elizabeth Bell, Victoria Street, Lurgan.

December 24th—Alan Jennett, 33 Carrickblacker Road, aged 13½ years.

December 28th—Robert John Bonis, Kernan, aged 43 years. (Interred in Shankill).

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—Wednesdays at 8 p.m., Oct—Easter.

CLASSES, &c.

BIBLE CLASS FOR MEN in Edenderry on Sundays at 10.15 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—10.15 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.

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

G.F.S. CANDIDATES—Oct.—Easter, Edenderry Parochial Hall, Saturdays at 3 p.m.

SEAGOE P.E. SCHOOL—9.15 a.m. Principal—Mr. R. Scott.

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