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“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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CHURCHWARDENS.

Rector's—GEORGE LEAKE.

People's—J. R. REID.

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

A Happy
New Year
to all
our Readers.

CALENDAR FOR JANUARY.

- January 1st—The Feast of the Circumcision.
(New Year's Day.)
- January 5th—2nd Sunday after Christmas.
- January 6th—Epiphany.
- January 9th—Monthly Meeting of the Mothers'
Union at 3.30 p.m.
- January 12th—1st Sunday after Epiphany.
Service in Drumgor at 3 p.m.
- January 19th—2nd Sunday after Epiphany.
- January 25th—Conversion of St. Paul.
- January 26th—3rd Sunday after Epiphany.
Service in Hacknahay at 3.30 p.m.

RECTOR'S LETTER.

My dear Friends,

I take this opportunity to wish you all God's richest Blessing, both individually and in your homes, during the year, upon which we have now entered. The coming of a New Year, the passing of the Old, is

a very solemn reminder to us, that we have passed another milestone in our journey through time, to Eternity. It should be for us all, a time of recollection, of self-examination, and of re-dedication. The old year, which we have now left behind, was given to us by Almighty God for a purpose. What was that purpose? It was that we might use it in such a way that God could work out His purpose in us, and through us; in us because His will for us is that we should grow in grace, which means growth in Christ-likeness; through us, because we can be His witnesses; channels, through which His loving plan may be brought home to other people. Let us ask ourselves, then, have we progressed in Christ-likeness, have we grown in grace during 1940? If we are spiritually alive, we should be able to discover some progress, no matter how slow or how small it may have been. "Grow in grace" is a New Testament motto, it covers one aspect of the Christian's life, but it is not the whole story. "Ye shall be my witnesses." "We are God's fellow-workers." These texts bring out another aspect of the Christian life equally important. "No man liveth unto himself." St. Paul, long ago, in writing to some of the people whom he had led to Christ, was able to say "Ye are our Epistle known and read of all men." He meant, of course, that by their lives, these men and women were bearing eloquent testimony to the reality and saving power of God in Christ. These thoughts suggest the question:—What sort of a letter have I written by my life during the year that is past? Has it been in any sense a reminder to others, that the love of God is a very real thing in human life, that Jesus Christ is not only a hero, who lived and died nineteen hundred years ago but that He lives and strengthens and guides travellers on life's rough highway to-day?

The days in which you and I are living are momentous in more senses than one. The forces of evil and godlessness are striving to overthrow and banish from the world, all the things, which Christians everywhere value. It is a special time of testing for all, who profess and call themselves Christians. We, and all who believe in God's way of life,

as it has been revealed in Christ are called to pray and work for the defeat of evil, we are all in the front line in this stupendous struggle. We are confident, that with God's help victory will be achieved. When victory comes there will be a task awaiting us just as difficult, which will demand the best we can give; it will be the task of building a new Christian order on the ruins of the old. In this each one can, and must, play a part. A truly Christian civilisation cannot come into being, except in, and through, those who profess to be Christ's disciples. Upon the strength and vitality of our discipleship our success will depend. Let us look upon the New Year of 1941 as God's gift to us, in which He is giving us new opportunities to grow in grace, and to be witnesses for Him, in a world, which sorely needs fresh proof of the reality and value of the things of the spirit.

Let us then, as we set out into 1941 re-dedicate ourselves to the service of Christ, and pray now and always, for grace, that we may use aright the opportunities for serving Him, which God's gift of a new year will afford us. If we approach it in this spirit, and use every day of it as a new gift from God then 1941 will indeed be a Happy and Prosperous one in the highest sense, and which it is my earnest prayer may be the experience of us all.—Your sincere friend,

JOHN W. APPELBE.

ARMAGH PROTESTANT ORPHAN SOCIETY.

The annual card collections for the above have been completed. We print below the names of the collectors, with amounts collected, and in doing so we take this opportunity of expressing our sincere thanks to them for their splendid help on behalf of this very worthy cause. In spite of war conditions we are glad to see that the return is slightly more than last year's amount, but the contribution from this parish is still very far short of what it should be, when one takes into account the worthiness of the cause, and the fact that the Society pays £30 per annum to five orphans in this parish. We hope that, when the collectors call again at the end of 1941, our parishioners will bear in mind the importance and urgency of the work of the Armagh P.O.S. in helping those children, who have been deprived by death of a parent's love and support.

The following preface, from the annual report of the County Armagh Protestant Orphan Society bears out the above remarks appealing for greater support:—

"Your Committee, in presenting this report, record thankfulness to Almighty God that the work of the Society has been maintained throughout another year. During the year 14 orphans went off the Society's books and 12 others were elected. The year 1939 began with 59 orphans in receipt of grants, and the year 1940 began with 57. It is gratifying to note that during the past year contributions from offertories and collecting cards showed an increase on the previous year of £10 3s 10d and £34 4s 11d, respectively. Subscriptions were about the same.

"It is, however, to be deplored that the income from subscriptions, cards and offertories still meets only a little more than half the cost of maintenance of orphans. Even when income from investments are taken into account, expenditure exceeded income by almost £100.

"The Committee respectfully urge every Parish in the County to bear its fair share of the burden. That this is a duty is surely a self-evident fact. They also solicit subscriptions from individuals who have the welfare of our orphans at heart.

"We again express our gratitude to those clergy, parochial collectors, and subscribers who have provided the Society's income during the past year, and to Mr. A. E. R. Marks for auditing the accounts free of charge."

Card Collections:—

Mrs. Cathcart .. ..	..	..	..	£2 1 0
Miss Sophie M'Murray .. ..	..	..	..	1 5 0
Miss Emma Walker .. ..	..	..	..	0 16 6
Miss Sparrow .. ..	..	..	..	2 4 6
Miss Magee (Drumnacaney) .. ..	..	..	..	1 0 0
Miss E. Gibson .. ..	..	..	..	1 2 0
Mrs. W. Neill .. ..	..	..	..	1 8 6
Miss E. Magee .. ..	..	..	..	0 13 0
Miss Margaret Russell .. ..	..	..	..	1 14 0
Miss T. Anderson .. ..	..	..	..	1 5 6
Miss Isa Maginnis .. ..	..	..	..	3 3 0
				£16 13 0
Interest on Bequest of the late Miss Elizabeth Reid .. ..	..	..	..	0 7 0
				£17 0 0

A cheque for the above total amount has been sent to the Treasurer.

CHRISTMAS.

The carol service on the Sunday evening before Christmas formed a fitting prelude to the festival.

On Christmas Day the attendances showed a marked improvement, when compared with the previous one, though it was very far below what it should be, when we call to mind, that it commemorates the coming of God into human life.

The choir and organist are to be congratulated on their rendering of the special Christmas music, both at the carol service and on Christmas Day. The anthem was most appropriate, and Miss Montgomery's voice was heard to good effect in the solo portion of it.

SIDESMEN.

JANUARY:—

Morning Prayer—The Churchwardens, Messrs J. Gee, D. Allen, J. Ward, Jas. Twinem.

Evening Prayer—Messrs. G. Wilson, A. Kirk, Thos. Gracey, H. Ellis, W. H. Best, H. White.

FEBRUARY:—

Morning Prayer—The Churchwardens, Messrs. H. M. Gibson, R. Scott, Wm. Hutchinson, R. M'Murray.

Evening Prayer—Messrs. J. Walker, N. Campbell, T. Stanfield, S. D. Walker, G. Nixon, J. M'Loughlin.

NEW RECTORY BUILDING FUND.

The Hon. Treas. for the above gratefully acknowledges the receipt of the following subscriptions:—

Mr. S. Hall, Seagoe Upper	£2 0 0
Mr. T. Hall, "Cordova"	2 0 0
Mr. Jos. Ward, Seagoe Upper	1 0 0
Mr. J. Wilson, Seafield	0 5 0
Mr. and Mrs. J. Stephens, Levaghery ..	1 0 0
Miss D. Stephens, Levaghery	0 10 0
Mrs. A. Marks, Levaghery	0 10 0
Mrs. Hoy, Bridge Street	0 10 0
Mr. J. Shanks, Kernan	1 0 0
Mr. R. M'Clements, Bridge Street ..	5 0 0
Mr. S. M'Cormick, Margretta Park ..	4 0 0
Mr. C. Montgomery, Clounagh	5 0 0
Mr. W. A. Casey, Eden Crescent	2 2 0
Mr. W. White, Bocombra House	1 0 0
Mr. John H. Twinem, Lylo	2 0 0
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HARVEST THANK-OFFERING APPEAL.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Select Vestry gratefully acknowledges the receipt of 10/- for the above from Mr. Robt. Neill and Miss Emily Neill.

W.F.O. ENVELOPES.

Any subscriber wishing to send in envelopes in arrears for 1940 should do so without delay, otherwise such contributions cannot be acknowledged in the annual financial report for 1940, which will be soon going to Press.

It will be a great assistance to the Hon. W.F.O. Secretary, Mr. J. H. Twinem, if subscribers would write their names on the envelopes when they use them for the first few Sundays in 1941. This helps considerably in assuring accuracy when the names of subscribers are being entered in the ledger.

The amounts enclosed should always be marked on the outside of every envelope returned throughout the year and great care should be taken to see that the envelope is securely sealed.

MOTHERS' UNION.

The monthly meeting took place in Seagoe School on Thursday, December 12th, at 3.30 p.m., when a very helpful address was given by the Rev. J. F. M'Alister, of St. Mark's.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, January 9th, in Seagoe School, at 3.30 p.m., when it is hoped there will be a special speaker.

OBITUARY.

We suffered heavy losses by death in recent weeks, and to all who have been bereaved we extend our sympathy and we have been remembering them in our prayers.

Robert Richardson served faithfully and efficiently as sexton for twenty-two years. Though in recent years he was in indifferent health, he carried on until the day before his death, which came suddenly and unexpectedly. He had many of the qualities which go to make an ideal sexton; he was courteous, obliging, unobtrusive, punctual and reverent in his demeanour in God's house, and a regular communicant; he will be greatly missed. Sophie Burrell passed away after years of devoted attention to her invalid sister. William Lyness will be much missed in the Clanrole district. Mrs. Loney passed on after a very brief ill-

ness. Neill M'Donald and Kenneth Allen were infants, who have been spared the sin, sorrow and suffering of the world.

SEAGOE PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, BEETLE DRIVE.

Dear Mr. Editor,

I wish to take this opportunity to thank very sincerely and gratefully, all those, who by their gifts and willing co-operation, helped to make the Beetle Drive such a success. May I assure the many friends of Seagoe School, on behalf of my staff and myself, that their loyal help on this occasion was much appreciated. The result is stated below.

ROBERT SCOTT.

Received from Sale of Tickets and door receipts	£11 2 0
To total expenses	0 18 3
Net Profit	£10 3 9

BAPTISMS.

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

- December 1st—Rachel Jane, daughter of Joseph and Edna May Watson, 3, Florence Court.
- December 1st—George Boris, son of William J. G. and Emma Hunter, 12, Florence Court.

MARRIAGES.

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

- December 2nd—Robert George M'Morran, Ballydougan, Portadown, and Sarah May Livingstone, Drumnacanvey.
- December 26th—Thomas Newell, 20, Alexandra Gardens, Portadown, and Mary Evelyn M'Broom, 17, Railway Street, Portadown.
- December 26th—Harry Finn, Ballylum, and Gladys Stanfield, Levaghery.

BURIALS.

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

- December 6th—Sophia Burrell, Lisniskey, aged 72 years.
- December 6th—Robert Richardson, Seagoe Upper, aged 57 years.
- December 13th—William Lyness, Cianrole, aged 74 years.
- December 19th—Neill M'Donald, 22, Levaghery Gardens, aged 6½ months.
- December 25th—Ann Loney, Killicomaïne, aged 78 years. (Interred in Kilmore).
- December 29th—Kenneth Allen, 2, Florence Court, Portadown, aged 10½ months.

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 CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR SOCIETY**—Mondays, Orange Hall, 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. Licences are issued by Rev. W. J. Gransden, the 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 £1, 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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