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IF IN CASES OF SICKNESS THEY ARE
INFORMED IMMEDIATELY.**

CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER.

December 2nd—Meeting of Diocesan Synod in Belfast.

December 3rd—Mid-week Advent Service at 8 p.m.

December 7th—2nd Sunday in Advent.

December 10th—Mid-week Advent Service.

December 14th—3rd Sunday in Advent.

December 17th—Mid-week Advent Service.
Ember Day.

December 19th—Ember Day.

December 20th—Ember Day.

December 21st—4th Sunday in Advent.
St. Thomas.

December 25th—Christmas Day.

December 26th—St. Stephen.

December 27th—St. John The Evangelist.

December 28th—1st Sunday after Christmas Day.
Innocents' Day.
Carol Service at 7 p.m.

APPEAL FOR BELFAST PARISHES.

As announced in last month's Magazine, Seagoe Select Vestry decided that an appeal for the Bishops' Fund to help the Belfast Parishes, which suffered in recent air raids, should be made during the first week in December.

Before these words appear in print two Belfast Rectors, from parishes which suffered, will have preached on Sunday, November 30th, viz., the Rev. R. H. White, Trinity Church, and the Rev. S. P. Kerr, of St. Mary's, Crumlin Road.

During the week beginning December 1st, a leaflet explaining the heavy losses incurred in air raids, together with an envelope for each wage earner, will be distributed to every home in the parish, and it is hoped that a generous response will be made for this most urgent object. **ENVELOPES SHOULD BE RETURNED ON SUNDAY, DEC. 7th., OR DEC. 14th,** but not later than Dec. 14th, as the money will be needed before the end of the year. If you cannot bring your envelope to Church on the above-mentioned Sundays, give it to a friend who will take it for you.

ADVENT.

On the Wednesdays in Advent, commencing on Wednesday, December 3rd, there will be the usual Advent mid-week intercession Service in the Parish Church at 8 p.m.

CHRISTMAS DAY.

Holy Communion at 8 a.m.

Morning Prayer and Holy Communion 11.30 a.m.

CAROL SERVICE.

There will be a Carol Service on Sunday evening, December 28th, at 7 p.m.

CHURCH LADS' BRIGADE GOLDEN JUBILEE.

On the 11th November, 1941, the C.L.B. celebrated its Golden Jubilee.

The Pioneer Company was formed in 1891 by the late Colonel W. M. Gee, as a parochial effort to hold the older lads to the Church.

The success of this company justified the calling together of a committee, and on November 11th, 1891, the Church Lads' Brigade was founded.

The first company to be formed in Ireland was St. Luke's Company in Belfast, which was formed in 1897 by the late Chancellor Archer, B.D., when he was a curate in that parish.

The oldest existing Company in Ireland to-day is St. Aidan's Company, Belfast, which has been carrying on since 1902.

Throughout its history the object of the C.L.B. has remained unaltered, viz., the advancement of Christ's Kingdom among Church lads of all classes, and the promotion of charity, reverence, patriotism, discipline, self-respect and all that tends towards true Christian manliness.

The Badge of the C.L.B. is designed from St. Paul's description of the Christian's armour in Ephesians, chap. vi., verse 11. It is comprised of the shield, helmet, sword, girdle and the breast-plate, and around the badge is the motto "Fight the Good Fight."

During the last war 200,000 past and present members served in one branch or other of H.M. Forces. Two Battalions of the King's Royal Rifle Corps were formed from C.L.B. members; 863 decorations were won, including 22 V.C.'s, 36 D.S.O.'s, 131 Military Crosses, 175 D.C.M.'s, and 498 Military Medals. During the years of peace, the work of the C.L.B. was extended, and prospered. Many past members bear testimony to the benefit they derived from its training.

To-day, when we are again plunged into the horrors of war, many of our members are serving in the Forces. Many Companies are experiencing difficulties in securing halls for training, as so many have been requisitioned by the military authorities, but in

spite of these handicaps the C.L.B. stands solid, determined, united and prepared to "Fight the Good Fight."

The need for boys' Church organisations is greater to-day than ever before, when there are so many secular influences which tend to lure lads away from his first loyalty to Christ and His Church. The C.L.B. is alive to this danger and is determined to do its part in linking up the adolescent youth to the Church of Christ. In spite of war-time difficulties a special effort is being made to introduce the organisation into parishes where there is already no such movement to cater for the needs of youth. This effort has the whole-hearted support of His Grace, the Lord Primate, who writes:—

"I am glad to know that an effort is being made to extend the operations of the C.L.B., and I heartily commend your effort. I have many happy recollections of its work and influence in Ballymena as long ago as 1897, as well as in another parish in which I served in the South of Ireland. Quite apart from what it does for the rank and file, it offers a fine opportunity for service on the part of men, who are ready to give themselves to the work of officers in their spare time."

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

JOHN ARMAGH.

The C.L.B. has always been held in the highest esteem by the leaders of both Church and State. On the occasion of its Golden Jubilee the following message was received from the King:—

"The King as Patron of the Church Lads' Brigade, sends his congratulations and best wishes on the occasion of the Fiftieth Anniversary of its Foundation. It is His Majesty's hope that the ideals for which the Brigade stands may come to play an ever increasing part in our national life, and that the Brigade itself may look forward to a future of growing usefulness in the service of youth and the Church."

His Grace, the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury writes:—

"I most heartily congratulate the Church Lads' Brigade on reaching its Jubilee year. Fifty years ago it was a pioneer in the endeavour to train the lads of the country to be useful citizens. Since then other organisations have been formed—partners rather than rivals in the same cause. But the C.L.B. has always held and still keeps a special place of its own. For its object is not only to make its members fit in body and mind to be good citizens, but also to keep before them the ideals of a true Christian manhood and of loyalty to their Church. Never was such training more needed than now. I hope that for many years the C.L.B. may carry on its own work and

witness. I send my cordial blessing to all its officers and members."

In these days, when so much is being heard about the problem of juvenile delinquency, it is well to consider what positive opportunities we are providing for the young men and boys of our parish to enable them to find an outlet for their energies in a useful development of mind and body and to cultivate the ideals of Christian manhood, which are emphasised in the life and teaching of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Church Lads' Brigade is primarily an organisation for Church boys, with the object of extending the Kingdom of Christ among them and making them useful and faithful members of the Church. The methods used include physical and recreational activities, which make a strong appeal to boys, but these are not ends in themselves, but only means which are used to promote something higher, namely, a sense of responsibility and discipline. Great emphasis is laid on Church attendance, and boys are encouraged to become regular worshippers.

To carry on this most important work we need the two M's—Men and Money. To maintain the highest traditions more men must be found, self-sacrificing men of untiring energy. Money is the treasurer's need to meet the demand for equipment.

You can become an Honorary Member of the C.L.B. by paying an annual subscription of at least 2/6. In this way you will have a share in maintaining and extending its work.

Our Junior Training Corps has extended to Drumgor, and we congratulate Mr. George Nixon on the formation of this Company. There are already 27 lads on parade each week. It is hoped to found a senior section here later. Mr. Nixon has done good work in forming this Company, and we wish him every success.—(E.M.)

AN S.O.S.

We appeal to all past members of the C.L.B., who still have uniforms belonging to Seagoe Company to return them.

War conditions have made it impossible for General Headquarters to supply any further uniforms.

To carry on our Company efficiently and maintain a high standard, we wish to equip our lads with uniform wherever possible. Many uniforms are out in various homes in the parish, and we earnestly request that parents and lads should see to it that these are returned. Any deposit paid in the first instance will be refunded.—(E.M.)

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

Owing to the fact that this is the Jubilee Year of the C.L.B. and also as we have not had an enrolment service in Church for some time, we intend to have an Enrolment Service in the Parish Church at Morning Prayer on Sunday morning, January 11th, 1942.

OTHERS' UNION.

The monthly meeting took place in Seagoe School on Thursday, November 13th, when a most helpful address was given by Mrs. Noble, of Lurgan. There was a good attendance.

There will be no meeting in the School in December, but instead the members are expected to attend the mid-week Advent Service in Church on Wednesday, December 10th, at 8 p.m.

ARVEST THANKOFFERING.

Since our last acknowledgment the following envelopes have been received and for which the Secretary is deeply grateful. These bring the amount received up to date to the grand total of £114 14s 1d. Envelopes received since our last issue:—

- £1 1s—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Montgomery.
- 10/- each—Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Gilpin, Mr. and Mrs. John Dermott.
- 6s—Miss E. Webb.
- 3/6—Mrs. Sarah Martin.
- 2/6 each—Mr. Thos. G. Breen; Mr. James Neill; Miss M. Martin; Mr. John Martin; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Walker; Mr. Robert Cummings.
- 2s—Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Walker.
- 1/6—Mr. Howard Neill.

IDESMEN FOR DECEMBER.

Morning Prayer—The Churchwardens, Messrs. John Kee, Gilbert Price, James Maginnis, W. G. Best.
 Evening Prayer—Messrs. G. Wilson, Thos. Hall, Holmes White, Harry Maxwell, Wm. Donaldson.

SEAGOE RECTORY BUILDING FUND.

The Hon. Treasurer for the above gratefully acknowledges the following subscriptions:—

Mr. Henry Sinnamon, Levaghery	..	£0	10	0
Mr. Isaac Walker, Seagoe Farm	..	10	0	0
Mr. Geo. Connolly, Carne	..	0	3	0
Mr. Wm. Simpson, Carne	..	0	2	0
Mr. T. H. Gordon, Ballinacorr	..	0	2	6
Mr. C. Montgomery, Clounagh	..	5	0	0
Mr. S. M'Cormick, Margretta Park	..	2	0	0
Mr. W. A. Casey, Eden Crescent	..	2	0	0
		£19	17	6

ARMISTICETIDE.

The annual service of Remembrance and Dedication took place in Seagoe Parish Church on Sunday, November 9th, at 11.30 a.m.

The local units of the Home Guard and "B" Specials paraded and as well the Seagoe Company of the C.L.B. In spite of very inclement weather there was a fair congregation; an appropriate sermon was preached by the Rev. Thos. Parr, M.A., Rector of Seatrick, Banbridge. After the service in Church there was the usual short act of remembrance at the Parish War Memorial Gates, when a wreath of Flanders Poppies was laid by the C.L.B.

The collection amounted to £5 16s 2d, and a cheque for this has been sent the Earl Haig Poppy Day Fund for disabled ex-servicemen and their dependants.

A SEAGOE MOTHER BROADCASTS.

Mrs. Richard Porter, of Lower Seagoe, had a unique experience recently, when she was honoured in being chosen, along with others, to broadcast a message to her son, Wesley, at sea in the Merchant Service of the Royal Navy. Mrs. Porter broadcast the following message in the B.B.C. Forces programme on Oct. 26th:—"Hello, Wesley. Are you keeping well? Your father and I send you our best love, and Victor does, too. We're all well and longing to see you again. Uncle Charlie, Auntie, Bertie and Reg all send their love. Bless you, and take care of yourself. Goodbye."

Some of her friends in Seagoe heard Mrs. Porter's message, when it was being broadcast. We congratulate her on her signal honour of being the first Seagoe mother to be heard on the air.

PAROCHIAL FINANCIAL YEAR.

The Hon. Treasurer takes this opportunity of reminding W.F.O. contributors and those who pay their sustentation annually that the Parochial accounts for the current financial year close on Dec. 31st. In view of this it would be a great help if subscribers would make sure that their payments are received before that date.

W.F.O. ENVELOPES.

The Hon. W.F.O. Secretary hopes to have the sets of envelopes for 1942 distributed in good time so that they will be in the hands of subscribers for use on the first Sunday of the New Year.

Parishioners who are not yet W.F.O. subscribers, will be gladly supplied with sets of envelopes for next year if they would give their names to the Churchwardens or to Mr. J. H. Twinem. There must be several boys and girls, who have become wage-earners since this time last year. It is their duty to help their Church by becoming regular subscribers, and to take the place of those, who are absent on War Service, very many of whom were regular supporters of the W.F.O., and who now for obvious reasons are unable to help.

SEAGOE C.E. SOCIETY.

Under the auspices of the above a lantern lecture was given by Mr. Wm. Wilson on Monday, Nov. 24th, in the Orange Hall, Bridge St., on the Life of Martin Luther. The Rector presided and at the end he conveyed to Mr. Wilson the best thanks of Seagoe C.E. Society for his kindness in giving the lecture, which was listened to with rapt attention by a crowded audience.

The proceeds will be divided between the Christmas Parcels' Fund and the work of C.E. amongst sailors.

At intervals during the lecture there were two quartets, one comprised of members of St. Mark's C.E., who sang "The Raven, He Feedeth," and the other by the Seagoe Choir Quartet, who sang a piece entitled "Saving Grace." Mr. N. Hamilton played the music for the hymns and the quartets.

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN PRACTICE.

During the four Sunday evenings in Advent there will be a congregational hymn practice commencing at 6.40 p.m. Bring your hymn book along with you.

The response to the announcement that cheap Hymn Books and Prayer Books were available, was most encouraging; nine dozen of the former, and six dozen of the latter being ordered. We hope that the distribution of these will show a marked improvement in our Sunday services. In no other Church does the congregation get the same opportunity to take an active part in public worship. Let us see to it, that

we do our part in the singing and by joining in the prayers and the responses.

In Seagoe, we are very favourably placed by having a splendid choir and a first-class organist, but we should bear in mind, that the function of a choir is not to sing to us, or for us, but with us, to the honour and glory of God. When we come to worship in God's House, we do not come to be entertained, but to do our best to lift up hearts in prayer and praise to God our Eternal Father, whose children we are.

OBITUARY.

We regret the passing from our midst of three parishioners during the past month. John Russell was only ill for a few days; he will be greatly missed in his home. Elizabeth Liggett was just an infant a few weeks old. Mrs. Robb had been in indifferent health for some months past but her Home call came rather suddenly at the end; she was the lost local representative of an old Seagoe family; her brother, Mr. Sam M'Dowell, lives in the U.S.A. Christina Gillespie (nee Ruddell) was formerly a member of Seagoe Choir. She had been living out of the parish for many years. Miss Lee had reached a ripe old age; to know her was to love her, and in spite of her increasing weakness she remained brave and cheerful to the end. To the relatives and friends of the above we tender our sincere sympathy and pray that God in His mercy may comfort and sustain them in their sorrow.

BAPTISMS.

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

2nd November—Robert Maurice George, son of Robert James and Dorothy Florence Elizabeth Woolsey, 17, Margretta Park, Portadown.

2nd November—Mary Elizabeth, daughter of Joseph and Mary Jane Holland, Lisniskey.

MARRIAGES.

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

November 1st—Alfred William Loney, Killicommain, and Christina Livingston, Killicommain.

November 4th—Marshall Ritchie, 1, Little Barrack St., Armagh, and Irene M'Broom, 17, Watson St., Portadown.

BURIALS.

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

6th October—William J. Cochrane, 18, William Street, Portadown, aged 48 years.

9th November—John Russell, 28, Foundry Street, Portadown, aged 67 years.

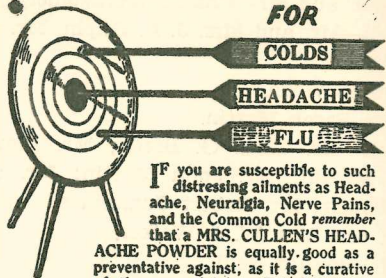
12th November—Elizabeth Liggett, 4, Watson's Lane, Portadown, aged 5 weeks. (Interred in Drumcree).

21st November—Mary Ann Lee, 35, Killicommain Road, aged 82 years. (Interred at Cloverhill.)

22nd November—Christina M. A. Gillespie, Polnagh, Killylea, aged 80 years.

28th November—Sarah Robb, Saurin Lodge, Killicommain, aged 53 years.

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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. **FEEES**—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. **FEEES 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 by post to any subscriber for 3/- per annum.