

# Seagoe Parish Magazine.

DECEMBER, 1906.

## THE SEASON OF ADVENT.



ADVENT, with its solemn message of Preparation for the Second Coming of our Blessed Lord, is with us again. When the Lord comes will He find us watching? The special Services and Sermons

which have been arranged for the four weeks of Advent, will, we hope and pray, be a great help to the Parishioners in their work of spiritual preparation.

The subjects for Sunday mornings are "Days of Judgment." On each Sunday evening special Sermons or Lectures will be given on "Four Great Bishops of the Church of Ireland—Berkeley—Jeremy Taylor—Bedell—Ussher, and they will be dealt with by the following preachers—The Very Rev. Dr. O'Loughlin, Dean of Dromore; the Ven. E. D. Atkinson, LL.B., Archdeacon of Dromore; Rev. W. Jones, Rector of Kilmore; and the Rev. F. J. Halahan, Rector of Drumcree. On Wednesday evenings the subjects will be "Parables of the Advent," and the following will be the special preachers—Rev. O. W. Scott, Rev. S. G. M'Murtrie, and the Rev. T. W. Harpur. On Advent Sunday, December 2nd, the collections will be in aid of Foreign Missions.

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## OFFERTORIES FOR NOVEMBER.

	Morning.			Evening.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Nov. 4—21st Sun. after Trinity	1	5	6			
" " — " "	0	5	8	0	14	9
" 11—22nd " "	1	3	3	0	15	0
" 18—23rd " "	0	2	9			
" " — " "	1	7	8	0	5	6
" 25—24th " "	0	18	9	0	12	0
Week Days				0	8	6
	£5	3	7	£2	15	9

## Baptisms.

"As many of you as have been baptised into Christ have put on Christ."

- Nov. 3—Joseph, son of Wm. and Hannah Cull, Edenderry.  
 " —Wm. John, son of Wm. John and Martha J. M'Crory, Edenderry.  
 " —Wm. John, son of George and Hannah Magee, Edenderry.  
 " —Joseph, son of Wm. John and Elizabeth Magee, Edenderry.

- Nov. 3—Richard, son of Richard and Margaret Best, Portadown.  
 " —Wm. Robert, son of Wm. Robert and Mary Anne Coulter, Ballinarry.  
 " —Herbert, son of Wm. and Mary Jane Black, Ballynaghy.

## Marriage.

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

- Nov. 3—Wm. Henry Kane, Edenderry, to Sarah Holland, Tartaraghan.

## Burials.

"Death is swallowed up in victory."

- Nov. 7—Albert Russell, Killead, aged 7 months.  
 " 15—James Kelly, Seagoe, aged 52 years.

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## THE SUSTENTATION FUND.

The collection for this important Fund is now being made through the Parish, and we would wish to call the attention of our people to it. A glance at the Report of the Fund, just issued for the year 1905, will show us how it is supported by the parishioners. Some give very well, but how many there are who could give a large sum, and yet opposite their names a trifling sum appears. It is a startling fact that no less than 192 of our subscribers give 2/6 or less as their annual subscription to this, the most important of our Funds. We hope that those who feel their subscriptions are not as large as they might be, will increase them, and that many, especially the younger working members of families, will give something to help the Fund.

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## PARISH ALMANAC.

The Parish Almanacs are now on sale through the Parish, price 2d each. The coloured picture is a beautifully executed copy of a famous painting "The Raising of the Widow's Son." Copies may be had at Mrs. Malcolmson's, Bridge Street. The Almanac is undoubtedly the finest Parish Almanac ever produced. It is published under the auspices of the Church Army.

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## CONCERT.

The Concert in the Parochial Hall on December 6th is in aid of the Sunday Schools. As it requires a large amount of money to carry these on, we hope that our people will give this a generous support. We would like to see the hall packed on the occasion. We have been fortunate in securing a number of first-rate artistes for the programme. Tickets 6d. and 3d.



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### CHURCH ATTENDANCE CARDS.

The following attended Church at every service during the quarter ending September 30th:—

*Edenderry*—Edward Richardson, Isaac Watson, Alfred Richardson, Isabella Magee, Margaret Hawthorne, M. J. M'Cormick, Annie Smith, Ethel Preston, M. J. Fleming, Lily Magee, Maggie Smith, Minnie Atkinson, Maggie Magee.

*Seagoe*—Lena Best, Maud Dickson, Nicholas England, Ellen England, Thos. England, Wm. Walker, Victor Walker, John Porter.

*Carne*—Susan Caddell, Adelaide Murray, Herbert Murray.

Very good attendance:—

*Edenderry*—David Livingstone, Susan Allen, Nellie Dawson, Minnie Allen, Jemima Allen, Florrie Wright, Louie Montgomery, Fanny Thompson, Maggie Martin, Lizzie Fleming, E. J. Martin, Sarah Coulter, Maria Roney, Gertie Richardson, Mary Livingstone.

*Seagoe*—Margaret Fryer, Florrie M'Loughlin, Margaret Reid, Hannah Hart, John Reid, Maria Watson, Thos. Ruddell, Theresa Ramsay, James Porter, John M'Loughlin, Henry Dickson, Lizzie Reid, Addie M'Loughlin, Minnie Watson, George Wilson, James D. England, James H. England, Wm. Jas. Webb, Jane A. Webb, Mary A. M'Cormick, Annie White.

*Levagherey*—Sarah Montgomery, Margaret Bradshaw

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### A HANDSOME CHRISTMAS VOLUME.

Arrangements have been made for binding the year's numbers of the Parish Magazine at wholesale prices, in handsome cloth covers with gilt letters, name of Parish, and ornamental design, for the small sum of 1/3 per volume. All readers desiring to have their numbers bound are requested to send them to the Rectory, with the money, as early as possible. The twelve Monthly Numbers must be tied together, and the owner's name and address distinctly written on the parcel. An attractive volume will thus be added to the Home Library at a small expense.

### CARNE BAND OF HOPE.

A Band of Hope meeting was held in Carne Church Hall on November 1st. Recitations and readings were well rendered by Miss Olivia Rowland, Mr. David Murray, and Mr. John Lynas, and an address was given by Rev J. Taylor. It is hoped to have another later on, of which due notice will be given.

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### EDENDERRY BAND OF HOPE.

This was inaugurated on November 22d. The Rector took the chair and gave the address. Many willing volunteers came forward to assist in the programme, and the result was that an interesting one was got up at very short notice. Amongst those who contributed were—Miss M. Flannigan, Master Victor Irwin, Master T. Smith, Miss G. Montgomery, Miss M. Atkinson, Miss M. Magee, Miss V. Richardson, Miss L. M'Anally, Miss N. Livingston, Mr. R. Montgomery, Mr. D. Livingston, Master W. Firth, Misses M. Grimason and M. Weir, and Mr. Pillor, who gave two mandoline solos. The attendance was very encouraging, and it is hoped that this will only be the beginning of many meetings in which the children will be educated to look with horror on the indulgence in strong drink. We would earnestly invite the grown-up people also to these meetings, as they have need to learn this fact as much as the children.

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### HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICES.

In Carne Parochial Hall the services were held on November 4th and 5th. The hall was nicely decorated by willing hands and the sermons were preached by the Parochial Clergy.

The services were held in Drumgor on November 11th and 12th, and the decorations were very tasteful especially considering the lateness of the season. The preacher on the Sunday afternoon was the Dean of Dromore, and on Monday the Rector. The offertories were devoted to the Parochial Sunday Schools.



### SEAGOE MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

This Class has now been in operation for some time, and has fully justified the efforts which were made to start it. The attendance of the members is very gratifying, the majority not having missed a Sunday since the commencement, and appearing to be deeply interested in the various lessons. The Hall is excellent, both as to position and accommodation, and the thanks of the Class are due to those who have placed it at their disposal. Thanks are also due to Mr. Wm. Atkinson, Edenderry, for his energetic efforts in promoting the welfare of the Class. We would like to add that there are a great many men, both old and young, in the country parts of the Parish who ought to take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about the Bible and the history of their Church, and we hope they will not be backward in making a start to come.

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### OUR SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Clergy of the Parish hope to examine the Sunday Schools throughout the Parish during the coming month on the work done during the past year.

The following rule was adopted at the recent meeting of our Sunday School superintendents—That when a child is absent from its class for more than one Sunday the Teacher shall visit and enquire as to the cause of absence, and if the child is absent a third Sunday without reasonable cause the Superintendent shall then visit the Parents. If the visits of the Teacher and Superintendent are ineffective the names are then to be submitted to the Clergy.

We hope all the parents will co-operate with the Teachers, Superintendents and Clergy in seeing that their children attend the Sunday Schools regularly and prepare their lessons carefully each Sunday.

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### SPECIAL CHRISTMAS NUMBER.

A special Christmas Number of "Home Words" will be issued on Friday, December 14th. It can be had through any of the usual distributors of the Magazine, or from Mrs. Malcolmson's, Bridge Street. Price One Penny. The number will contain two complete illustrated Christmas tales, "The Man who Gained the World," and "Love will find out the way," besides a quantity of other interesting Christmas reading. Secure your copy early.

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### A GENEROUS GIFT.

We desire to thank Miss Armstrong for so kindly defraying the cost of the new incandescent burners in the Parochial Hall. The light is splendid, and is a great improvement.

### OLD SEAGOE NOTES.

Seagoe Parish was originally 9745 acres 3 roods and 18 perches in extent.

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In the Ordnance Survey notes made in 1834 we read that "there are two kinds of fish peculiar to Lough Neagh and the Bann—viz., Pullen and Dolahan."

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Tradition says that in the year A.D. 330 a battle was fought near Carrickblackler. About 100 years ago "3 swords and a spear of cast brass" were found in a morass in the neighbourhood, and are now in Carrickblackler. They are supposed to be relics of the battle.

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In 1752 the Churchwardens of Seagoe were Darcy Wentworth and Jon. Bradshy.

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Extract from the Vestry minutes of Seagoe Parish for 1712:—

At a Vestry held in the Parish Church of Sego on Easter Monday, April the 21st, 1712, for the said Parish: It was enacted, concluded, and agreed upon by the Minister, Churchwardens and Parishioners then present that the sum of £9 8s 4d be apportioned and Levied of the Parishioners and Landholders of the said Parish for the uses following, viz.

	lb.	s	d
for Elements of the Holy Com-	...	03	00
munion twelve times	...	00	03
for getting the Elements	...	00	03
for a Key and two Locks	...	00	04
for collecting the Cess	...	00	09
for a Post and Turnstiles for each	...	01	01
side of the Churchyard to be	...	01	08
set on each side of ye yard	...	00	04
for Ditching and Quicking of ye	...	00	04
Churchyard	...	00	00

and that Patrick Best of Tanefeglassony and John Stephenson of Derryadda are chosen Churchwardens for the Insuing year, George Bell chosen Overseer of the Highways from the Low Mill to Edenderry etc. James Byers to oversee through Edenderry from Bocomra to Portadown Bridge and from Jennet Brown's to the great Road Leading through Edenderry. John Fisher ye Elder in place of David Gaddis to oversee from Knock Bridge to Widow William's Hill etc.

JOHN CAMPBELL, Minister.  
 RICHARD SMURPHITT, } Church-  
 JOHN SINCLAR, } wardens.  
 JOHN GROONWAY.  
 JOHN WOOLESY.  
 THOMAS RODGERS.  
 GEORGE DILLWORTH



ITEMS.

Mr. Leonard Twinem has been appointed Assistant Superintendent of Drumgor Sunday School.

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The Superintendents of the Parish Sunday Schools were entertained to Tea at the Rectory on Thursday, 15th ult., and an important Conference on Sunday School work was afterwards held.

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Major Blacker invited the Seagoe Harriers to Carrickblacker for their "run" on Saturday, Nov. 17th.

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Miss I. Atkinson has kindly undertaken the Superintendency of Levaghery Sunday School.

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The new Bible Class Calendar, and also the Sunday School Course of Lessons for 1907, will be ready on Sunday, Dec. 30th.

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As the winter season is coming on, and with it as usual increasing sickness in the Parish, the clergy will be greatly obliged if sick cases are reported to them at the earliest opportunity, either personally or by a postcard. They desire to thank those who have so kindly assisted them since the insertion of the notice in the Magazine.

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The Choral Class, started under Mr. Wilson's skilful tuition, is making satisfactory progress. Simple part songs are now being practised, and we are sure the members will derive great benefit and pleasure from Mr. Wilson's painstaking effort.

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On Saturday evening, November 24, Mr. Smith, engineer of the Great Northern Railway, kindly gave a Gramophone Recital in the Men's Reading Room. It was very much appreciated by those present. We hope to hear the records again at the Concert.

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A Temperance leaflet is inserted in this and future numbers of the Magazine, so as to draw the attention of our people to this important subject.

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It is hoped to have entertainments in the Men's Reading Room on Saturdays. All are welcome. Admission, 2d. Lantern Slides on Saturday, December 1st, at 8.

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We have to thank Mr. Hamilton Robb for so kindly presenting magazines and papers to the Men's Reading Room. We would like his example to be followed by others. If they would intimate their intention to the Rector, he could have them called for.

We would like to direct the attention of the Parishioners to the Wednesday Evening Services in the Parish Church. It is our duty to worship God on a week day as well as on Sunday. The subjects during Advent will be the Parables relating to Christ's coming, and will be dealt with by special preachers.

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Canon Blacker is at present on a visit with Major Blacker, and we are glad to know that he is enjoying excellent health. We are delighted to have him amongst us once again.

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TO OUR COLONIAL READERS.

We are glad to know that our Seagoe Parish Magazine circulates in all parts of the world. Why is Seagoe Magazine like the British Empire? Answer—Because the sun never sets on it. Wherever our Seagoe people may be this Christmas, in the United States, Canada, Australia, India, China, Japan, or nearer home in England or Scotland we wish them A Bright and Happy Christmas, and a Prosperous New Year.

We may add the Rector would be very glad to hear occasionally from former parishioners now living abroad and will gladly publish anything of interest that they may send.

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