

# Seagoe Parish Magazine.

DECEMBER, 1934.

We Wish all our Readers at Home and Abroad a Very Happy Christmas and a Bright and Prosperous New Year

## CLERGY :

Rev. Chancellor Archer, B.D., The Rectory, Seagoe.

Rev. W. F. Hayes, B.A., The Bungalow, Lower Seagoe, Portadown.

## CHURCHWARDENS :

Rector's—Mr. John Harrison Twinem.

People's—Mr. Robert M'Clements.

## Advent, 1934.

On Sunday, Dec. 2nd, we enter upon the season of Advent. Each year, before the season of Christmas approaches the Church calls us to meditate upon the Second Coming of our Lord. Advent is to be for each one of us a time of preparation for the due celebration of the Festival of Christmas. In the words of the Book of the Acts of the Apostles—"This same Jesus Whom ye have seen go into Heaven shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into Heaven." Special Services will be held in the Parish Church on the Wednesdays in Advent, December 5th, 12th, and 19th at 8 p.m. On the Sundays in Advent the following will form the subjects of special sermons:—Dec. 2nd "Foreign Missions"; Dec. 9th, "The Bible"; Dec. 16th, "The Church and her Ministry"; Dec. 23rd, "The Festival of Christmas." Christmas Carols will be sung at Evening Prayer on Sunday, December 23rd.

## Christmas Day

On Christmas Day, December 25th, the following Services will be held:—

8 a.m.—Holy Communion.

11.30 a.m.—Morning Prayer, Sermon and Holy Communion.

The offerings on Christmas Day will be given to the Fund for the Relief of the Poor of the Parish.

## New Year's Eve.

A Service will be held in the Parish Church at 8 p.m. on Monday, December 31st, the last day of the Old Year.

## New Year's Day.

On January 1st, 1935, the Festival of the Circumcision, the following Services will be held:—

11.30 a.m.—Holy Communion.

8 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon.

## The Parish Almanacs.

Two Parish Almanacs—"Seagoe Parish Almanac" and "Seagoe Parish Kalendar"—are now on sale at Mr. Vance's Bridge St., and from the Superinten-

dents of the Sunday Schools. The price of the Almanac is 2d, and of the Kalendar 1½d. Each Almanac has a text of Scripture for every day of the year 1935. The subject of the chief picture on the Almanac is "Pulling Together," and on the Kalendar there is a finely coloured picture of our Lord walking on the Sea of Gallilee. It is entitled "Jesus calls us." Your friends across the Atlantic and throughout the Empire will appreciate a gift of the Almanacs for Christmas and the New Year. It will be a daily reminder through the year 1935 of the old Church at home.

## Armistice Day.

Falling this year on Sunday, November 11th, Armistice Day was marked very specially by Services at the Parish Church. At 10.45 a.m. a short service was held and the 2 minutes' "Silence" observed at the Memorial Gates and Pillars. The Seagoe and Carne Companies of the C.L.B. paraded and placed a wreath at the pillars. The "Last Post" and the "Reveille" were sounded impressively by Sergt. J. Courtney. The names of the Fallen were read by the Rector. At 11.15 Morning Prayer was said in the Church, and the Rector preached on "Three Faithful Soldiers."

## Weekly Freewill Offerings.

The new sets of Envelopes for 1935 are now being distributed by the Collectors of Sustentation. Please write your name on the first envelope when you bring it in. It will be a great help if all our subscribers will take a set of envelopes, and of course use them. The Church needs your liberal help. If you feel you can and ought to give more than you have hitherto done please do so.

## Seagoe in Omagh.

On Thursday, Nov. 22nd, the Seagoe and Carne Companies of the C.L.B. journeyed by 'bus to Omagh on the invitation of the Omagh Company of the C.L.B. On arrival in Omagh a hearty tea was partaken of in the Parochial Hall. The entertainment followed under the presidency of the Rev. Canon Cullimore, Rector of Omagh. The items were the same as those given at the recent entertainment by the C.L.B. lads in Edenderry Parochial Hall. Each item was loudly applauded and created great interest. The journey home was much enjoyed, and Edenderry was reached shortly after midnight. The visit of Seagoe C.L.B. has given great encouragement to the lads in Omagh. Captain Mitchell was in charge of the excursion.

**Service of Intercession.**

On Sunday morning, December 9th, at 11.30 a.m. a special Service of Intercession will be held in the Parish Church to ask for guidance in the choice of a new Bishop for this united Diocese. The Service has been arranged by the Lord Primate. The Diocesan Synod for the election of the new Bishop will be held in the Wellington Hall, Belfast, on Tuesday, Dec. 11th. The Parish of Seagoe sends four Lay representatives to the Synod. They are Messrs. J. G. Gracey, R. M'Clements, James Twinem and Thomas Martin.

**Annual Subscriptions.**

Envelopes for the Annual Subscribers are now being distributed. The heavy expenditure on the new Burial Ground has to be met, and generous gifts from our annual Subscribers will help materially to reduce it. All communications regarding the supply of Envelopes should be addressed to Mr. M. Gilpin, Drumnagoon, or to Mr. Hugh Stoops, Killicomaine Road.

**The Annual Report.**

The Annual Report is now in circulation through the Parish. It contains a clear and complete statement of the Sustentation Fund Account up to Dec. 31st, 1933, and of other accounts up to Easter Day, April 1st, 1935. If any errors are noticed please communicate with the Hon. Sec., Mr. Moses Gilpin, of Drumnagoon.

**Christmas Fair.**

A Christmas Fair will be held in Seagoe School on Thursday, December 13th, and Friday, December 14th. It will be opened by Mrs. Callender Bullock at 3.30 on Thursday. A strong committee has been formed to make all arrangements for the Fair. A splendid programme of events has been drawn up. Stalls of various kinds will be erected round the rooms. There will be a Cake Stall, a Flower Stall, a Work Stall and a Confectionery Stall. A Christmas Tree will delight the young people, and Father Christmas will be there to distribute the good things from the Tree. A Sports Room is also being arranged, with competitions of all kinds. The charge for admission will be 6d on Thursday afternoon (children 3d), and on Thursday evening and Friday evening 3d each. The Fair will be open from 3 to 6, and from 7 to 10 on the Thursday, and from 7 to 10 on the Friday. The proceeds will be divided equally between the Fund for C.L.B. Uniforms and Parochial expenses.

**Our Sunday Schools.**

December 2nd, Advent Sunday, is an important day in all our Sunday Schools, for on it the new Calendar commences. The Calendars (1d each) cover the subjects for the whole year for Morning and Afternoon. The Books of Notes for the Teachers (1/6 each) are by the late Archdeacon Wynne, who

was for many years Rector of Holywood, Co. Down. Archdeacon Wynne preached on several occasions in Seagoe Church. He was a most thoughtful and diligent student of Holy Scripture, and his Notes on the Lessons are most helpful.

**Seagoe P.E. School.**

Owing to the prevalence of scarlatina in Portadown and the neighbourhood all the local schools were closed for three weeks on the advice of the Medical Officer of Health. The epidemic seems now to have abated. Fortunately, it was not of a serious type, and we are thankful to say there were no fatal cases. Seagoe P.E. School has always possessed a high record of health and it escaped comparatively well in the recent epidemic. There is a notable improvement in the health of the community, due undoubtedly to the more careful observance of the rules of health.

**G.F.S. Jubilee Sale.**

On behalf of the Misses Sarah Montgomery, Mabel Best, May Bell, Agnes M'Clements, Margaret Webb, and herself, Mrs. Scott wishes to take this opportunity of expressing their sincere and hearty thanks to all those who kindly gave contributions and gifts to the above sale. At this sale, which was very successful and at which Mrs. Scott and Miss Sarah Montgomery acted as stallholders, over £100 was realised. The next meeting of the Seagoe Branch G.F.S. will be held in Seagoe School on Monday, 17th December, at 8 p.m. An address and musical items will be given and a full attendance is requested.

**Edenderry Harvest Service.**

The last of our Harvest Services was held in the Parochial Hall on Sunday, November 4th, and Monday, Nov. 5th. At both Services there were large attendances. The preacher on Sunday was the Rev. Canon Hurst, Rector of Moira, and on Monday the Rev. J. Hamilton, Curate of Donacloney. The musical portion of the Service was in the capable hands of Miss Hilda Walker, and the choir sang the Canticles and a Harvest Anthem very sweetly and with great taste and devotion of spirit.

**Choir Social.**

On Thursday, Nov. 8th, the choir attended a social in Seagoe School, on the kind invitation of Mr. T. H. Wilson. A very pleasant evening was spent and games and music filled up the evening. The choir of Seagoe is now very large and capable, and the musical portion of the services is rendered with great heartiness and devotion. Few country choirs can, we think, compare with that of Seagoe in numbers and efficiency and this is largely due to the untiring efforts of our veteran organist, Mr. Wilson, who after his more than 60 years of service seems as keen and active as ever.

**Parish Register for November.****Baptism.**

Reid—Nov. 3rd, 1934, Charles William, son of John Robert and Vera St. Clair Reid, of Portadown.

*Sponsors*—Charles Sinclair Kirk, John Robert Reid, Margaret Jane Reid.

**Private Baptism**

Carville—Nov. 13th, Kenneth Valentine, son of Valentine and Sarah Carville, of Killicomaine.

**Burials.**

Forbes—Nov. 7th, Thomas William Forbes, of Hacknahay, aged 35 years.

Lewie—Nov. 25th, Joseph Lewie, of Levaghery, aged 80 years.

Hall—Nov. 29th, Thomas John Hall, of Castlebellingham, Co. Louth, aged 72 years.

**Sympathy.**

We desire to express our sympathy and regret at the losses sustained by several families in and connected with the Parish during the past month. Thomas William Forbes had acted as resident caretaker of Hacknahay School for some years past. For some time he has been in poor health from a painful illness to which he succumbed early in the month. He leaves a wife and little child to mourn his loss. Joseph Lewie was one of our oldest and best known parishioners. He lived his whole life in Levaghery, where his family has been settled for many generations. He was a most diligent and careful worker and was highly esteemed by all who knew him. His funeral was very largely attended. We sympathise very deeply with Mrs. Lewie and his family in their sorrow. Thomas John Hall, although absent from the Parish for many years, was a member of the Hall family of Kernan. He was a most honoured and trusted employee of the G.N. Railway. He had the responsible post of stationmaster at Castlebellingham for more than thirty years. His Rector, the Rev. Canon Leslie, D.Lit., accompanied the funeral to Seagoe, and said of Mr. Hall that he never had a kinder or more genial parishioner. A large number of the Railway employees from Dundalk and Castlebellingham also attended the funeral. We express our sincere sympathy with his brother, Mr. Sam Hall, and with Mrs. Hall and Mr. Tom Hall in the loss they have sustained.

**Seagoe Mothers' Union.**

There was a large gathering at the meeting of the M.U. in Seagoe School on Tuesday, Nov. 13th. The Rev. W. F. Hayes gave a useful address on "The Church and her Services." Seven new members were admitted by the Rector and received their cards of membership. The members have arranged to attend in a body the Advent Service in the Church on Wednesday, December 12th, at 8 p.m. The ordinary meeting will not be held this month.

**G.F.S.**

On Monday, Nov. 19th, a meeting of the G.F.S. was held in Seagoe School. There was a large attendance, and a most interesting programme of readings and recitations was carried out. As announced elsewhere, another meeting will be held this month.

**25 Years Ago.**

DECEMBER, 1909.

In this old issue of the Magazine seven Baptisms are recorded, one Marriage and one Burial. Among the preachers at the District Harvest Services were the Rev. F. J. Halahan at Hacknahay, Mr. M'Kenzie at Tamnificarbet, and Rev. W. H. Shire, of Aghalee, at Carne. It is noted that Mr. Wolsey Atkinson and Mr. George Calvert had created a record by visiting the whole parish in a fortnight on behalf of the Rectory Purchase Scheme. Seagoe Harriers had arranged a marathon road race from Lurgan to Portadown on Dec. 27th. A presentation was made to Mr. Ernest Holland on the occasion of his leaving to reside in the United States. Among the Baptisms appears the name of Robert Stewart Blacker, baptized by the Right Rev. J. B. Crozier, D.D., Bishop of Down.

**Old Seagoe Notes.**

Seagoe in 1890—"The foundation stone of the chancel of Seagoe Church is to be laid on Friday, 11th April, 1890, by the Baroness Von Stigelitz, of Carrick-Blacker. This is an important portion of the extensive and elaborate improvements designed by Mr. Thomas Drew, R.H.A., and which are now being carried out under his direction by the Messrs. Colleen Brothers, of Portadown. The following architectural notes supply a graphic sketch of these interesting operations:—The parish church of Seagoe, built in 1814, to take the place of an older one, was not of an architectural character; although it is recorded that it had an architect, by name J. Brownlee. It was simply, in the manner of that day, an ugly, plain, four-square room, of large dimensions, 70 feet long by 30½ feet wide, and having a flat ceiling, concealing an ordinary roof of low pitch, and it had a gallery of the usual plain and unsightly sort. A more unpromising building to be recast into architectural form, according to more modern standard of taste, could not well be conceived. It was too short, too wide, and too low in its proportions, and there was not even sufficient room at the east end to lengthen it by extending a chancel. With generous expenditure, however, much is possible, and it is somewhat satisfactory that the substantial old church, built with much courage and Churchmanlike spirit in a depressing time seventy-six years ago, and which has known three generations of worshippers, is not to be done away with. Seagoe Church will but illustrate forcibly the advance that has been made from 1814 to 1890 in good architecture, in wealth, and the facilities for its

production, in the better ordering of church services, and the latter-day feeling among all Churchmen that in the adornment and furnishing of the House of God, and thoughtful care for the decency and convenience of worship, even the best that can be offered is but unworthy. The first care in the improved church has been to provide a worthy chancel. It has been devised by extending its eastern wall as far as the churchyard boundary would permit, and by taking some length from the nave. The plans provide thus for a well-proportioned chancel, 25 ft. long by 17½ ft. wide, opening to the nave with a lofty chancel arch, and on the north and southsides, with like arches to the organ-chamber and vestry, and a lateral aisle respectively. The chancel is a memorial, and the last-named feature, while it gives additional seating room, would be specially suitable as a kind of chantry for monuments or memorials of the founders. The parishioners' addition to the church consists of a southern aisle 37½ ft. long and 21½ ft. wide, and giving 200 additional seats. It opens into the nave with three lofty pointed arches, and gives additional architectural character and interest to the heretofore four-square building. There remains the nave of the somewhat unusual proportion of 65 ft. of length to 30½ ft. in breadth, to be brought into architectural character with a low-pitched roof, which it would not be desirable to raise higher. It was at first proposed merely to remove the ceiling and case up the old roof, and make it as fairly presentable as possible. By the additional generosity of the Baroness Von Stieglitz, however, a new roof—and a handsome one—is found; and the architect has met the difficulties of proportions by adopting a treatment in the manner of fifteenth century architecture, which lends itself to lower pitched roofs and wider spans. The roofs

of the nave, aisle, and chancel are accordingly of a design not usual in other churches in the diocese, a four-centred arch framing springing from hammer beams, and all richly moulded and peculiarly massive, and bearing the character of old examples of fifteenth century English roofs. They will be of pitch pine, left untouched after the carpenters' tools, without varnishing, it being found, that pitch pine treated in this way assumes in time an appearance as pleasing as that of old oak. The old vestry, on the north side, becomes a spacious and imposing porch, encased and adorned with cut-stone dressings, buttresses, and pinnacles. The windows of the new additions, as well as the old openings in the nave wall, will be large and handsome traceried stone windows, designed in the same consistent "perpendicular" style as the rest of the work, and specially adapted for effective filling with stained glass at a future day. The new seats will of course be open, and of the best kind according to modern ideas for convenience of worshiping—another mark of the advance of Church feeling from 1814, when a box enclosure for each family, with high and straight-backed sides and a torturing knifeboard seat, was strangely considered an unobjectionable, and in fact even orthodox, disposal of a congregation supposed to have assembled for mutual sympathy and common worship. Dumfries red sandstone is used for the windows and other portions of wrought stonework externally, and Bath stone for the interior. Messrs. Collen Bros., of Portadown, have undertaken the contract for the work at a cost of about £3,000. Mr. Thomas Drew, F.R.I.A., hon. diocesan architect, has designed the additions and improvements."

The above is an extract from the Ecclesiastical Gazette for April 4th, 1890.

**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 Saturday of each Month at 3 p.m., and during any Service in the Parish Church, notice be given; Two Sponsors at least are required and they must be Confirmed Members of the Church. Churchings are held at each Baptism. Mothers are expected to bring a thankoffering. (See Book of Common Prayer.)

**MORNING PRAYER**—Sundays and Chief Festivals, 7-30 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 4 p.m.

**Edenderry**—Wednesdays at 8 p.m.

**MARRIAGES** must be performed between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Licenses are issued by Rev. Canon Hannan, Rector, Lurgan. Due notice (48 hours) must be given to the Rector of intended weddings. **FEES**—By License—Labourers 5/-, Tradesman 10/-, Merchants and Farmers 15/-, 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.

A copy of the Magazine will be sent post free to any subscriber for 3/- per annum.

**CLASSES, &c.**

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

**SUNDAY SCHOOLS**—10 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 Mondays at 8 p.m.

**SEAGOE P.E. SCHOOL**, 9-15 a.m. Principal—Mr R. Scott.