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# Seagoe Parish Magazine.



## LIST OF SERVICES.

### HOLY COMMUNION.

On the 1st Sunday of each month after Morning Prayer, and on the 3rd Sunday of each Month at 8 a.m.; also on the Chief Festivals of the Church.

### HOLY BAPTISM.

On the 1st Saturday of each Month at 3 p.m.; also at any of the Public Services of the Church if notice be given

(N.B.—Two Sponsors are required in the case of each child brought for Baptism.)

### SUNDAY SERVICES.

11.30 a.m., Morning Prayer; 7 p.m., Evening Prayer.

Drumgor Church Hall—2nd Sunday of each Month at 3.45 p.m.

Hacknahay School—Last Sunday of Month at 3.45 p.m.

### WEEK DAY SERVICES.

Service is held in the Parish Church or in Edenderry Parochial Hall on Thursdays at 8 p.m., and in Hacknahay School on the 2nd Thursday of each Month.

### BIBLE CLASSES.

For Men every Sunday Morning at 10 a.m., in the Wooden Hall, Edenderry.

For Women every Sunday Morning at 10 a.m., in the Reading Room, Bridge Street

For Women every Sunday Morning in Seagoe School at 10.15 a.m.

For Men and Women at Carne Church Hall on Tuesday Evenings at 7.30.

### SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Edenderry Parochial Hall, 10 a.m.; 3.30 p.m.

Seagoe School, .. 10 a.m.; 3.30 p.m.

Levaghery, .. 3 p.m.

Hacknahay, .. 3 p.m.

Lylo (Bluestone), .. 3 p.m.

Drumgor .. 3 p.m.

Carne .. 3 p.m.

**MARRIAGES** may take place in the Parish Church between the hours of 8 a.m. and 2 p.m.

**FUNERALS** will be attended by the Parochial Clergy if due notice be given.



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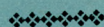
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## CLERGY:

RECTOR—REV. JAMES E. ARCHER, B.D.,  
The Rectory, Seagoe.

CURATE—REV. JOHN TAYLOR, B.A.,  
Seagoe Villa.

N.B.—The Clergy will feel greatly obliged if the Parishioners will notify to them any cases of illness at the earliest possible moment.

## Churchwardens:

MR. JOSEPH MONTGOMERY, Levaghery.  
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WE start this year a new Parish Magazine and we are very anxious that all our Parishioners should become subscribers. The subscription for the whole year will be ONE SHILLING, which will ensure that the subscriber gets a copy of the Magazine each month on publication. The charge for each separate copy of the Magazine will be one penny.

We believe that the Magazine will prove most useful in binding together all the Parishioners and keeping them informed of every branch of Parochial life. All items of Parish news will be recorded from month to month; also Baptisms, Marriages and Deaths. Meetings will be announced in our columns, and all Special Services can be made known throughout the Parish. It is our intention also from time to time to publish extracts from the old records of Seagoe Parish, and it will be well worth our readers' while to keep each copy of the Magazine carefully, and get all bound at the end of the year. They will thus possess a valuable record of Church work and life in the Parish.

We wish all our people "A Very Bright and Happy New Year."

## OFFERTORIES FOR DECEMBER.

	Morning			Evening		
	£	s	d	£	s	d
Dec. 3rd—1st Sunday in Advent	1	1	7	0	15	1
„ 10th—2nd „	0	7	2			
„ 17th—3rd „	1	4	4	0	11	8
„ 24th—4th „	1	3	9	0	14	8
„ 25th—Christmas Day	0	13	0	0	8	6
	1	14	0			
„ 31st—Sunday after Christmas	0	17	9	0	8	2
Total,	£7	11	1	£2	18	1

## Baptisms.

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

December 1st—

Hester Adelaide, daughter of John and Isabella Lindsay.

December 2nd—

Henry, son of John and Elizabeth Wright.

William, son of William and Mary Ann M'Clatchey.

Annie, daughter of John and Eliza Jane Magee.

Mabelina, daughter of Robert Henry and Margaret Ann Best.

Mary, daughter of Samuel and Mary Gracey.

Gertrude, daughter of James and Sarah Jane Reid.

December 27th—

Mary, daughter of William James and Mary Webb.

## Marriages.

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

Dec. 21st—Robert James Spence, 17 Charles Street, Portadown, to Margaret Finney, 46 Bridge Street, Edenderry.

Dec. 22nd—Francis Harvey, Drumnagoon, to Agnes Lavery, Kernan.

Dec. 25th—William Allen, Tagnavin, Lurgan, to Jane Gregson, Drumgor.

## Deaths.

"I know that my Redeemer liveth."

Nov. 30th—William Simpson, Seagoe, aged 70.

Dec. 12th—Isaac Dynes, Crossmacaghilly, aged 84.

„ 13th—John Sweeney, Seagoe, aged 82.

„ 16th—Matthew Robb, Tarson.

„ 25th—John Graham, Drumnagoon, aged 71.



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### Our Advent Services.

The special services held during Advent were very well attended. The evening congregations especially showed a large increase. The special preachers on Sunday evenings were Rev. F. W. Clarendon, Rector of Maralin; Rev. R. S. O'Loughlin, D.D., Rector of Lurgan; and the Rev. O. W. Scott, Rector of Gilford. The keynote of all our services during Advent was "The Church of Ireland a Missionary Church." On each Thursday evening we had special preachers—Rev. T. Kingsborough, Rev. W. Jones, and Rev. F. J. Halahan, and the services were hearty and devotional in spirit.

### M. P. U.

These letters stand for Missionary Prayer Union an organisation recently started to stir up missionary interest throughout the Parish. Our good friend, Rev. W. T. Grey, was present at the first meeting just before he left Ireland for Japan. We publish a letter in our columns this month from Mr. Grey, giving a very full account of his voyage and first experiences in that interesting country. A meeting of the M.P.U. was held on Tuesday last in Seagoe School. There was a good attendance of the members, and the Advent Mission Boxes were opened during the meeting. They contained a sum of £2 18s 10d. A social meeting of the members will (D.V.) take place on Tuesday, February 6th, at 7.30 p.m. We are fortunate in having as our Hon. Sec. so capable a missionary worker as Mr. Wilson Irwin.

### Men's Recreation Room.

The Room in Bridge Street is open every evening for the men of the district. During the past quarter some very successful gatherings have been held, and the room is frequented by a large number of men. Much of the success of the room has been due to the exertions of the officers—the Hon. Sec., Mr Hugh Stoops; the Assistant Sec., Mr. E. Holland; and

last but not least, to Mr. Wm. Sherman, the Hon. Treas., who has brought the undertaking to a condition of complete success. We hope shortly to greatly improve the Room, and we believe it will be, under God's blessing, one of the most valuable of our parochial agencies.

We have to thank our many friends for kind gifts each week for our shooting competitions, also Miss Armstrong for a gift of twelve chairs, and to Miss Beattie for a form for the Women's Bible Class.

### Hacknabay School.

On Wednesday evening, January 3rd, a most successful gathering of Sunday School children and teachers took place in Hacknabay School. The occasion was the Annual Distribution of Prizes. After a plentiful repast of tea and cake the Rector (Rev. J. E. Archer) took the chair and in a few words impressed upon all present the importance of Sunday School work. Mr. W. J. Calvert then gave a magnificent selection of pieces on his phonograph. During the programme the choir, under Miss Calvert's direction, gave some very nice sacred selections. Mr. T. E. Maginniss read with good effect some amusing pieces, which delighted the young people. The prizes were then distributed by Miss Calvert, after which the choir again sang a hymn and then each child was presented with an orange.

A hearty vote of thanks was given to Mr. Calvert, who very kindly provided the entertainment at his own expense.

### Sustentation Fund.

We hear good accounts of this Fund, and we hope that every family in the Parish will give something to it. If you have not already subscribed send in your subscription without delay to the Collector for your District.



## Letter from Rev. W. T. Grey.

St. Andrew's House,  
11 Sakae-cho,  
Shiba, Tokyo,  
Nov. 12, 1905

To the Members of the Missionary Prayer Union,  
Seagoes,

My Dear Friends,

I am writing this in the hope that it will reach Seagoes in time for your December meeting.

It is exactly two months to-day since I helped to form your Union, and the memory of that meeting has often encouraged and strengthened me since. I landed in Japan on October 31st, but I only reached Tokyo four days ago, November 8th.

I have not yet had time to form impressions of the Japanese that would be worth recounting to you. In my next quarterly letter I hope to tell you something about the people, customs, &c.; I really only write now to let you know that I have been brought safely to the end of my long journey, to give you some information about my present situation (I don't use this word in the colloquial sense in which it is used at home) and to emphasise my need of your intercessions.

I enjoyed the voyage very much, tho' it was a bit too long, and I felt glad when it came to an end. We had practically no bad weather the whole time. The most trying part was the heat, which for about three weeks was intense. During that period it was impossible to keep dry; one was always in a state of "clamminess." At night we slept on deck, as remaining in our cabins was out of the question.

On Sundays we had the usual services on board—in the 1st saloon in the morning, and in the 2nd saloon in the evening. I acted as Chaplain on four of the Sundays.

I had to change ship twice at Colombo and Shanghai. At the latter place I was delayed nearly a week before I could get a ship for Japan. This delay, tho' unwelcomely expensive, enabled me to see a little of the neighbourhood, and of missionary work among the Chinese, and therefore I don't regret it.

From Shanghai I came on by a cargo boat, as I should have had to wait there still longer if I waited for the next passenger ship. We called at two ports before getting to Yokohama (which is the port for Tokyo) viz.—Shimonoseki and Kobe. The former is the place where the treaty was signed at the conclusion of the war between China and Japan. We stayed at Kobe 5 days as the ship had a very large cargo to discharge there. One of the missionaries there, Rev. G. Nind, S.P.G., invited me to stay with him while I remained in Kobe, and he and his wife were exceedingly kind and made me feel quite at home. One evening I went with him to a

missionary meeting. It was held in a mission room, and it was very much like one of our cottage meetings at home. There were no chairs, of course,—the congregation squatted on the floor. The service opened with a hymn, then followed an extempore prayer. After another hymn one of the missionaries gave a short address. Then there was some more singing, and then another missionary spoke, and the meeting closed with prayer.

Of course I did not understand a word, but the tunes of the hymns were familiar, and I knew what they were singing about. They seemed intensely earnest, and I can hardly express how I felt as I watched those people who had been rescued from heathendom worshipping God in a strange tongue, but in the music that we all love. My first Sunday in Japan was spent in Kobe, and I preached in the English Church.

I arrived here on Wednesday night last, Nov. 8th, and received a very warm welcome from my new friends. One of them met me at Yokohama (which is only about 20 miles from Tokyo) and piloted myself and my baggage to S. Andrew's.

Our Mission House is commodious and comfortable, built, as most of the Japanese houses are, of wood, but in European style. There are at present five of us living together, and another is expected to join us in about a month. Perhaps you would like to know the names of my companions. The head is Rev. A. F. King. He is in charge of the English services at S. Andrew's Church, Tokyo; he is also chaplain to the St. Hilda's Mission (the women's branch of our work), and he lectures in a Hostel for Divinity Students which we have in connection with S. Andrew's. Mr. King is also in charge of the missionary work carried on in one of the outlying country stations.

Then there is Rev. A. E. Webb, who is in charge of Shinami-cho Mission, Tokyo, and of S. Luke's Church in one of the city districts.

Rev. Wm. C. Gemmill is in charge of S. Andrew's Boarding-house, in which a home is provided for Christian young men who come up to Tokyo for study, and in which they are kept under Christian influences. Mr. Gemmill is also a Lecturer in one of the Government Universities here.

Rev. W. H. Mockridge is in charge of a Church at Mita, another district in the city.

I feel sure I shall like my fellow-workers, as indeed I do already. They all seem extremely good, earnest men, and they have extended to me a real brotherly welcome. We have three Japanese clergymen working with us, but as they are married men with families they live in houses of their own. One of them is the Head-master of our Boys' School. Another is Principal of the Hostel for Divinity Students, and the third is in charge of the Japanese Services in S. Andrew's Church. I have not seen much of these yet, but I hear great things about them.



There is one point about this Mission that I have been greatly struck with, and that is the emphasis that is laid upon the value of intercessory prayer. Every step that is taken is taken in the power of prayer, all that is done is sanctified by prayer.

Every morning the members of the Mission meet together in our little Church at 7 o'clock and spend the first hour of the day in prayer.

Again at noon we join in intercessions with God that His Blessing may rest upon us and others. And once more we meet together for the same purpose before retiring to rest.

Tokyo is a huge city. If you were to walk across it from one side to the other you would have to walk about 7 or 8 miles; the population is, I hear, considerably over 1½ millions. There are many fine wide streets, but most of the streets are very narrow, lined with small wooden houses, chiefly shops.

There is a splendid service of electric trams running through the main thoroughfares, but the general method of locomotion is the "Rickshaw."

I have begun to learn the language, which I am told is one of the most difficult in the world. I shall, however, be able to do a little in English, so that I shan't be altogether dumb till my Japanese tongue is loosed. I have already addressed a meeting of Japanese students who understand English.

Remember that I am depending on your prayers. Think of yourselves as Foreign Missionaries stationed at home. By earnest prayer for me and my work here (as your representative) you can do as real work for Japan as I can on the spot. When you are on your knees praying for India or Japan, you are really in a true sense spending so much time in those countries, and doing real work in them. And now I must say good bye to you, and may God bless you all. I wish you all a very happy Christmas, and when you are experiencing the happiness of that sacred season think of those who as yet know nothing of Christmas joy.

I remain,

Yours in our Blessed Lord,  
WM. T. GREY.

### Our Advertisers.

We direct the special attention of our readers to the advertisements in our Magazine. We hope that as far as possible they will patronise those who have helped forward our efforts by inserting advertisements.

### Girls' Friendly Society.

The Edenderry branch of this Society meets in the Parochial Hall every Monday evg., at 8 o'clock, under the charge of the Misses Atkinson. Bible Classes conducted by the Rector and the Rev. J. Taylor, meet on alternate Mondays—once every fortnight. We are glad to hear that the Drumgor branch is doing so well; it meets once a fortnight on Monday evenings. The members of the Hacknahay branch will assemble in Edenderry, on Saturday, January 6th, and every second Saturday following, at 3. The classes for candidates will be held by Miss Connor at the Parochial Hall at the same hour, and on the same days.

We want all the members to attend the meetings regularly, and get others to join. The Misses Dawson, who are so much missed in the Parish, have taken up G.F.S. work in Belfast. Their labours for the benefit of the G.F.S. in Seagoe will not soon be forgotten.

### The Magazine.

The Parish Magazine is on sale at Mrs. Malcomson's, News Agent, Bridge Street, where copies of this number may be had—1d each.

### Notes on Old Seagoe.

The old Irish name of Seagoe Parish was Tydba, which means in Irish "the house of Gobhan." Seagoe is a corruption of the Latin name "Sedes Gobhani."

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The present Parish Church was built in 1816, and the old church in the graveyard ceased to be used from that time.

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The bridge at Edenderry was built in the year 1837 and cost £9,000. It was built on dry ground and the river was diverted to flow under it.

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There were only 12 houses in Edenderry in 1837.

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One of the oldest Bells in Ireland is the Cloch-Bann or Bell of Seagoe, which is preserved in a glass-case in the Royal Irish Academy Museum, Kildare Street, Dublin. It dates from A.D. 907.