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We thank all those who by their kind gifts and efforts helped to make Seagoe School Bazaar a great success.

## **The Bazaar—First Day.**

The School Bazaar held on Thursday and Friday, Dec. 12th and 13th, proved a great success. The schoolrooms had been transformed by skilful decoration, with its brightly coloured stalls and its Japanese tea garden with leafy trellis-work. The weather of the previous day had been wet and stormy, but Thursday was comparatively calm and very little rain fell. As the hour for the opening of the Sale approached crowds began to gather. Sharply up to time Viscountess Charlemont arrived, having motored direct from her residence at Drumcarne, Stewartstown, Co. Tyrone, an hour's drive. The Rector met her at the School gate and asked her to kindly inspect the C.L.B. guard of honour drawn up in the school ground, under Captain Gracey. This she did with great pleasure. Then photographers from the "Belfast News-Letter" and the "Northern Whig" snapped the group and obtained excellent photographs. Viscountess Charlemont then entered the School, and the chair being taken by our good friend, Mr. David Rock, M.B.E., J.P., Chairman of Portadown Urban Council, the opening proceedings began. Hymn 261 was sung and prayer was offered by the Rector. After a brief speech, the Chairman called on the Rector to explain the origin and purpose of the Bazaar. Canon Archer referred to the history and attainments of the School throughout its more than two centuries of existence and described it as the largest and oldest rural school in Ulster. The Viscountess then, on the invitation of the Chairman, declared the Bazaar open. Having expressed her pleasure in visiting Seagoe, she spoke of the importance of healthy school surroundings such as they were fortunate to possess in Seagoe. She also suggested the introduction into all schools of medical inspection. Concluding her speech, she said that the people of Seagoe possessed "a very precious heritage in their ancient and efficient school." At this stage of the proceedings little Peggy Caddell presented a bouquet to Viscountess Charlemont. A verse of the National Anthem was then sung very heartily by all present. A vote of thanks was passed by acclamation to Viscountess Charlemont. It was proposed by Mr. George Locke, U.D.C., and seconded by Mr. M. Gilpin, Hon. Sec., Select Vestry. A vote of thanks to the Chairman was proposed by Mr. R. M'Clements, seconded by Mr. Scott, Principal of Seagoe P.E. School. The following is a list of the stalls and stallholders:—

Farm Produce Stall—Mrs. Margaret Porter, Mrs. Moses Gilpin, Mrs. E. Collins and Miss Monroe.

Cake Stall—Miss R. Matchett, Miss Lucy M'Donald, Miss Agnes Webb, Miss C. Price, Miss Ethel Hall, Mrs. S. Hall.

Work Stall—Miss Agnes Guy, Miss S. Montgomery, Miss N. White, Miss E. Mayes, Miss E. Neill, Mrs. J. Twinem, Mrs. A. Kirk, Miss Lily Gracey and Miss Hilda Walker.

White Elephant Stall—Mrs. J. Walker, Miss C. Kirby, Miss Maggie Best and Miss E. Ruddell.

Refreshment Stall—Mrs. Scott, Miss J. Porter, Miss M. Twinem, Miss M. Dickson, Miss A. M'Clements, Miss M. Best.

Irish Colleen Stall—Misses Teenie and Hannah Anderson.

Sweet Stall—The Misses Hawthorne.

Canadian Diving Dip—Master Ronald Scott.

Christmas Tree—Mrs. Stewart, Misses Emily and Adeline Mayes.

Bran Dip—Miss Dora Livingstone, Gertie Simpson, Peggy Ford, Olive Coulter, May Jones.

The side shows were in charge of Messrs. Moses Gilpin, John H. Twinem, Isaac Dickson, Victor Matchett, Gilbert Price, Robert M'Clements, James Shepherd, Robert Gracey, Tom Macauley and Robert Scott.

## **The Bazaar—Second Day.**

The opening on the second day followed closely on the lines of the first day. Great regret was expressed at the absence of Mrs. Waring, M.P., who had arranged to declare the Sale open, but was prevented from being present by an attack of influenza. Mrs. Shillington most kindly at short notice consented to take her place. Punctually at 3-30 Mrs. Shillington arrived with Major Shillington and inspected the guard of honour of the C.L.B. Training Corps. Our visitors were much impressed by the smartness of the boys. A move was then made into the School. Major Shillington was voted to the chair, and after a hymn and prayer the Rector made a brief speech, after which the Chairman called on Mrs. Shillington to declare the Bazaar open. In a few appropriate words Mrs. Shillington expressed her pleasure at being present and declared the Sale open. A bouquet was then presented to Mrs. Shillington by little Jean Finney, and a verse of the National Anthem was sung. Votes of thanks were then passed to Major and Mrs. Shillington for the help they had so kindly given.

## **BUYING AND SELLING.**

Buying and selling were carried on briskly on



both days of the Bazaar. Every stall did well. The Christmas Tree was a great attraction. A good trade was done at the Pound Stall, where the children of the School had got together a splendid collection of pound goods. The Cake Stall looked very tempting with its fine array of cakes. The Farm Produce Stall was well stocked with all kinds of fowl and vegetables. The White Elephant Stall had a wonderful collection of all kinds of things and they sold well. The Gold Medal Tea Stall looked very bright with its assemblage of golden packages, and the Sweet Stall containing the finest home-made sweets, all made by the Misses Hawthorne, was sold out before the first day was over. Mrs. J. H. Twinem's Sweet Stall was a great attraction and vied with its next neighbour the Colleen Soap Stall in the ready sale of its goods. The Irish Colleen made a splendid saleswoman. The Work Stall had a most attractive display of valuable goods and did a roaring trade each day. The handkerchief girl at this stall was much in demand. The Refreshment Stall behind the leaf-covered trellis was crowded all the time each day. Viscountess Charlemont on the first day, and Mrs. Shillington on the Friday very much enjoyed their cup of tea. The attendants at the Refreshment Stall were indefatigable, and "Ellen" never made better tea.

#### THE MEN'S GAMES.

The Junior Schoolroom was given up altogether to the men's games. It was crowded each evening and the competitors were very keen. Captain Gracey had charge of the shooting, and on the Friday was on duty for seven consecutive hours. Isaac Clayton championed the dart board in fine style. Tom Macauley and his chum worked like heroes at the Bean Bags, and Gilbert Price and his chum kept the Hoop-la corner crowded all the time. Many others helped. Mr. Moses Gilpin did a most useful work in deciding the winners on the Friday evening. We must not forget the face-washing competition. Such face-rubbing had never before been seen in Seagoe School. Mr. Scott had a busy time arranging it. Robert Richardson very kindly took up the difficult task of door-keeper on both days. Mr. McClements was everywhere and helping in everything, as was also Mr. J. H. Twinem, our People's Church warden.

#### Bazaar Items.

Mr. A. J. Hall, of Seagoe Nurseries, supplied the pretty bouquets presented to Viscountess Charlemont and Mrs. Shillington.

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Viscountess Charlemont said that the Bazaar was one of the nicest she had ever attended. The stallholders, she said, seemed so thoroughly to enjoy themselves selling their goods.

Mr. W. J. Green seconded in an interesting speech the vote of thanks to Major Shillington.

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The nett proceeds of the Bazaar are likely to reach a total of £150.

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A very handsome cake was presented to the Bazaar bearing on the top in sugar a representation of Seagoe Church.

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We hope in next month's issue to publish the complete returns from each stall.

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It is possible that the photograph taken on the opening day of the Bazaar will be reproduced in our next issue.

#### A New Zealander on Seagoe.

Mrs. David Johnston encloses the following very interesting note. It is typewritten and headed "A New Zealand student in America visits an old Seagoe Church member."

"After many weeks of tossing ships and lurching, uncomfortable trains; after pleasant quiet days spent in the stimulating air of the famous Rocky Mountains; after many hours of interesting sight-seeing and tiring shopping; a 'wanderer abroad' settles down in Springfield, Massachusetts, U.S.A.

"To write about the city would be to repeat the old, old story of huge buildings, incessant rush of people and automobiles, Irish 'cops' and five and ten cent stores; but to write about the College life would be to pen the precious memories of youth spent amidst the fellowship of Christian men; amidst the throng of 'seekers' after knowledge, who whet their appetites in the class-room and in the library.

"Coming from New Zealand, where the people are more English than the English people, and where the life is lived more abundantly, one finds a difficulty in fitting into this new environment, in appreciating the problems which arise so quickly and which multiply so rapidly. However, one could continue in this strain for many pages, and really not say anything at all.

"What I want you to know is this, that just out of Springfield, in the little town of Thompsonville is my 'haven of strength,' for it is here with one of your old parishioners, Mrs. Johnston, that I continue to sip from the good old cup of tea which is so rare in this 'coffee mad' country.

"Right here, there is one spot which is for ever Ireland."

"So it is that after a week of heavy drinking at the cup of wisdom, and after many enviable experiences in the University of Hard Knocks, I rest to invigorate myself in the way my forebears have done before me, in the drinking of Ceylon tea prepared by an Irish mother for an Englishman studying in America.—John H. Ledgerwood."



## **The Magazine**

With this issue Seagoe Magazine enters on its 25th year. The first number was published in January, 1906. It is still going strong and every copy of our last issue was sold as soon as published. We apologise to several readers who failed to get copies of it. The best way to make sure of your copy is to order it beforehand from your local distributor.

## **Ven. Archdeacon Crichton.**

Archdeacon Crichton, of Madras, our old Seagoe curate, writes from "Sullivan's Gardens," Royapettah, Madras, under date 4th Dec., 1929:—"Just a hurried line to wish you good cheer at Christmas. At present I am in Bangalore, my first station in India. I am on duty with the Bishop. It is very pleasant but most difficult to write Christmas letters and at the same time to attend all the necessary functions. Thank you very much for the Seagoe Magazine. I find it a great test of memory. It is not always easy after nearly twenty years to recall all the names and places mentioned. I was glad to learn from the Church of Ireland Gazette that a certain amount of interest is being taken in the proposed South India scheme of Christian Reunion. Perhaps India will lead the way for Ireland. All we ask from the critics is that they will tell us of a better way than ours if they dislike it. Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year."

## **Seagoe in Connecticut.**

Mrs. David Johnston writes us a kind letter from Thompsonville, Conn., U.S.A. She is thinking of the home-land and wishes all in "Dear Old Seagoe" a merry Christmas. She often thinks of the many happy times she spent in Seagoe and hopes the Mothers' Union keeps going strong. Her son John is taking a full course in the North-eastern University. She encloses a Five Dollar Bill for the Sustentation Fund to help on the work of the old Church. Mrs. Johnston encloses a note written by a gentleman from New Zealand which we print in a paragraph with great pleasure. It is racy and sparkling.

## **Seagoe P.E. School.**

Seagoe School re-opens after the Christmas holidays on Monday, January 6th. A punctual attendance of the children is requested.

## **Seagoe Parish Almanac.**

Those who wish to have on their walls this year the attractive Seagoe Almanac should secure it at once. It can be had at Mr. Vance's, 23 Bridge St.; price twopence. The number of copies is limited.

## **Mothers' Union.**

The "Mothers" always begin the year with a social. It will be held (p.v.) in Seagoe School on Tuesday, January 14th, at 7-30 p.m.

## **Christmas Gifts.**

More and better Christmas gifts were distributed

this year than ever before. The Mothers' Union and the Men's Bible Class gave very generously, and many homes were made happier by their kind presents. A gift of toys for the Christmas Tree was given to the children in Lurgan Infirmary, and other gifts were given to each Seagoe person in the Infirmary.

## **Church Army Van**

Capt. Crawford, of the Church Army, well-known to many in Seagoe, and Cadet M'Kinney are bringing their new Church Army van to Drumgor Church Hall, where they will (p.v.) begin a Mission on Sunday, January 12th, at 4 p.m. The Mission will be continued each week-night following (except Saturday) at 8 p.m. The Church Army Hymn Book will be used. Captain Crawford has had a long experience in Church Army Mission work. It is over two years since he has been in Seagoe. We welcome him back. Remember the Mission in your prayers.

## **Girls' Friendly Society**

Our G.F.S. meets in Seagoe School every Thursday at 7-30 p.m. Mrs. Scott has kindly consented to hold a Bible Class for the members on alternate Thursday nights. The other Thursday nights of the session will be occupied with a cookery class and a class for First Aid work. The subjects done at the Bible Class will be those set for study in the Morning Sunday School Calendar with Archdeacon Wilson's notes.

## **Envelopes**

Every parishioner should have a set of 52 envelopes for 1930. If you have not yet got yours ask Mr. Moses Gilpin, of Drumnagoon, or Mr. Hugh Stoops, of Killicomaine Road, for it, but be sure to get it at once. We ask those who happen to be annual subscribers to please send in their subscriptions (if they have not already done so) to Mr. Hugh Stoops, Hon. Treas.

## **Our Losses**

Death has been busy in our midst during the past month as our long list of burials proves. We lament the loss of many who had reached advanced years, but one has passed away who was just entering on life. Margretta Craig has been called to her eternal rest at an early age. She was known to many in the Parish and was beloved by all. Her early death is deeply lamented and much sympathy is expressed for her sorrowing parents and brother. To all those who have lost those dear to them we offer our sincere sympathy.

## **ITEMS**

Miss Cherry Dawson has arrived home from South America.

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The cake competition prizes in connection with the Bazaar were won by the following:—Sultana Cake—Mrs. M. Porter, 5s; Mrs. J. H. Twinem, 2s 6d;



Miss Brown, 2s. Soda Bread—Mrs. Porter, 2s; Miss Matchett, 2s.

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The Rector has received kind remembrances at Christmas from Mr. and Miss M'Dowell, in Florida; from Mr. and Mrs. Greenhalgh, Nepawa, Canada; from Mr. and Mrs. David Johnston, Thompsonville, Conn., U.S.A.; from Tom Webb, Port Jackson, Florida; and from Mrs. Joshua Caddell, of Govan, Glasgow. All express kind wishes for the welfare of the old Parish.

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A splendid supper was held in Edenderry Parochial Hall by the members of the Bible Class and their friends on Thursday evening, Dec. 26th. The catering was done in good style by the Anchor Cafe.

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The new pump at Seagoe School came into use on Dec. 5th. We hear there is a fine supply of good water.

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Sunday School Prize Distributions will be announced shortly in our various Sunday Schools.

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Very stormy weather prevailed at Christmas and damage was done in many parts of the Parish.

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Will Magazine distributors be kind enough to send in their receipts for 1930 as soon as possible.

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The Christmas services were very bright and hearty. An anthem was sung by the choir and also Christmas Carols. The solos in the anthem were taken by Mr. David Murray (tenor) and Mr. R. Robb (bass).

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We have found it impossible to give a complete list of all those who helped in connection with the Bazaar. Kind help came from so many that we can only ask all to accept our heartiest thanks for their valued help.

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Congratulations to the Rev. W. T. Grey on his appointment as Rector of Chapelized, Co. Dublin.

## Parish Register for December

### Baptism

**Pickering**—Dec. 7th, 1929, Elizabeth Mary, daughter of Albert Edward and Margaret Dilworth Pickering, of Portadown.

*Sponsors*—William Warren, Elizabeth Gracey, Elizabeth Mary Pickering.

### Burials.

**Milligan**—Dec. 1st, William John Milligan, of Edenderry, aged 75 years.

**Traynor**—Dec. 8th, James Traynor, of Lisniskey, aged 74 years.

**Gregson**—Dec. 12th, Jane Gregson, of Drumgor, aged 75 years.

**Craig**—Dec. 22nd, Margaretta Craig, of Levaghery, aged 19 years.

**M'Keown**—Dec. 26th, Robert M'Keown, of Armagh, aged 60 years.

**White**—Dec. 30th, William White, of Lylo, aged 83 years. Interred at Knocknamuckley.

**Webb**—January 4th, 1930, Edward Webb, of Clanrole, aged 82 years.

## From Seagoe to Melbourne.

[We continue in this issue the interesting diary of his voyage to Australia in the summer of 1929, sent to us by "Jim" Porter, of Kernan.]

**Wednesday, 3rd July.**—We arrive at Port Said about 10 a.m. I didn't go ashore here as there is not much to be seen unless bathing. Again we have traders coming alongside the ship with fruit and silk dresses, etc., very cheap here. We leave here at 6 p.m. and get into the Suez Canal at 7 a.m. We could see all the trains pass close by the ship until midnight; very nice to see after being so far from land. Clocks go on 20 minutes.

**Thursday, 4th July.**—We get through the Suez about 5 a.m., and are now in the Gulf of Suez. We get into the Red Sea at 10 a.m. We have got a swimming bath upon top deck; it's very good, as the weather is so hot. We have had no rain since we started. Clocks go on another 20 minutes.

**Friday, 5th July.**—We get up as usual at 7-30 a.m. and have some games, but it gets very hot. We get a tropical heat which is expected to last 2 days; it is now from 107 degrees to 110 degrees, so it's just hot enough; we have no need to wear an overcoat, but I am getting used to it. Some passengers are now sleeping on top deck at night. We have a dance to-night from 8 p.m. till 10. This finishes the day. Clocks go on 20 minutes to-night.

**Saturday, 6th July.**—We start off to-day with some sports, quoits, etc., until 11 a.m. Then it gets very hot, so we have to pass the remainder of the day quietly, as it is too warm for any more sports. Clocks go on another 20 minutes.

**Sunday, 7th July.**—We get out of the Red Sea at 6 a.m. We pass Perim 8 a.m., and are now in the Indian Ocean. It gets much cooler here. We arrange a church service at 10-45 a.m. The chief officer takes this service. Immediately after the service we get part of a monsoon; it is so rough we have to go off our course to avoid it. Almost everyone is sick just now, but I haven't been so far. We have another service at 6-30 p.m. After this we get to bed. Pass Aden 2 p.m. Clocks go on 20 minutes.

**Monday, 8th July.**—We are getting it very rough, as usual. The breakfast tables had quite a few vacant seats this morning. We have no sports to-day, as most of the people are sick. It gets dark now at 6-30, so we have a long night. This is all for to-day. Clocks another 20 minutes forward.

**Tuesday, 9th July.**—It gets much rougher to-day, so we don't have any sports. The waves wash second deck, so everyone has to stop in their cabins. This is all to-day, so we get to bed early. Clocks go on 20 minutes.