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Seagoe Parish Magazine.

JANUARY, 1936.

We wish all our readers at home and abroad a very
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Rev. Chancellor Archer, B.D., The Rectory,
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Rev. W. F. Hayes, B.A., The Bungalow, Lower
Seagoe, Portadown.

CHURCHWARDENS :

Rector's—Mr. H. MURRAY GIBSON.

People's—Mr. THOMAS MARTIN.

The New Year.

Each New Year as it dawns upon us must bring to our minds memories of the past and hopes for the future. Our readers who dwell in distant lands must often turn their thoughts to the old folks at home and to the old Church where they worshipped in bygone days. They would like to hear once again the tones of the great bell (it weighs one ton) as it rings from the old Church tower. They would like once again to trace the form of the Church as it emerges from the cluster of trees which surround it. They would like to hear the notes of the organ as it peals out the old familiar hymn-tunes. But this they cannot achieve for thousands of miles of ocean roll between them and the old Parish. Especially at the beginning of a New Year such thoughts will fill the mind. But after all the world is small and getting smaller every day. Everything that binds us closer to the places and the people we love gives meaning and joy to life. This Magazine has now for over 30 years been sailing the seas and crossing the Continents and bringing news of home to those of our kith and kin in distant lands. From many letters we have received we know how it has been appreciated. At home it fills the same purpose informing our parishioners from month to month of all Parish news and revealing the inner life of this great and ancient Parish.

Christmastide.

Christmas has this year been spent in a more Christmaslike way than in many other years. This was partly due to the long spell of fine dry weather which preceded it, but possibly another influence which encouraged the joy of Christmas was the improvement in trade which caused more money to circulate. Nor must we omit

the more widespread sense of peace among the nations as represented by the League of Nations. The message of Christmas is that of "Peace on earth, good-will to men." The services in the Parish Church were very bright and a Christmas anthem was sung by the choir. Mrs. Casey very kindly played the accompaniment. Many also marked the Christmas Festival by attendance at Holy Communion.

Concert in Carne.

On Thursday, January 23rd, the Seagoe C.L.B. have kindly consented to hold a concert in Carne Church Hall at 8 p.m. on behalf of Carne Sunday School. Tickets, 9d each, are now on sale. This is only one of the many kind efforts our Seagoe C.L.B. has made to help other Parish organisations. We believe it will be a great success.

The Bishop's Visit.

The first visit of our new Bishop (Right Rev. Dr. McNeice) to the Parish was a very happy event. On Sunday, December 15th, he very kindly preached at both Morning and Evening Prayer. His text at the Morning Service was, "My God shall supply all your need." At Evening Prayer his subject was "The Seven I Ams of Scripture." There were large congregations and the music was very hearty and devotional. A special envelope collection was made on behalf of the Parish Church Renovation Fund. The offerings reached a total of over £40. If any of our readers have not yet sent in their subscriptions they should do so without delay. It is hoped to have the Church painted, the Tower repaired and electric lighting introduced.

Cake Fair.

In December the Seagoe Mothers' Union had a most successful Cake Fair in the Parochial Hall. It was held on December 5th (Thursday) at 3.30. There was a very large attendance and a splendid display of cakes. The Rev. W. F. Hayes presided, and Miss Dorothy Johnston, of Lurgan, very kindly opened the Sale. The Hall remained open until nine o'clock, when practically everything had been sold. The receipts totalled some £42, which goes to the Church Renovation Fund. Our hearty thanks are due to all who so kindly helped.

Levaghery School.

A very pleasant social in connection with Levaghery Sunday School was held in the Edenderry Orange Hall (kindly lent for the occasion) on Thursday, Dec. 3rd, at 7.30 p.m. The Rev. W. F. Hayes presided. After a splendid tea, games were enjoyed until a late hour, when all separated after a very enjoyable evening. Gifts were given by those who were present which will go towards the Levaghery Sunday School Fund.

Seagoe P.E. School.

The Rector presided at the break-up of the School for the Christmas Holidays. There was a large gathering of the children in the School on Friday, Dec. 20th, at 2.30 p.m. A splendid selection of Christmas Carols were beautifully sung by the children. Mr. Scott cordially welcomed the Rector back after his long illness. Hearty cheers were given by the children for their teachers. The Rector announced that the holidays would extend to Monday, January 6th, when a punctual attendance of all the pupils is expected. A School Social will be given in January. We acknowledge with many thanks the receipt of 10/- from Miss Calvert towards the expense of the social.

Death of Mrs Atkinson.

It is with feelings of deep regret that we record the death of Mrs. Alice Atkinson, of Eden Villa. Mrs. Atkinson had just passed her 90th birthday, and although for some considerable time weak through weight of years, yet retained to the end her wonderful clearness of memory and brightness of manner and spirit. She loved Seagoe, and while health and strength permitted she worshipped regularly in the Parish Church. Her death creates a great blank in the life of the Parish, and her memory will for long be treasured in our midst. "The memory of the just is blessed."

Our Advertisements.

We carry on into this issue of the Magazine our advertisements for last year, but in our next issue will bring before our readers a new set. The names of those who have so kindly supported us in the past will, of course, reappear, but the advertisements will be newly set and will make a fresh appeal to the generous custom of our readers. We would suggest to our readers that when they have read carefully their own copy of the Magazine they should post it each month to any relative who lives abroad. One can hardly understand how welcome such a gift is to our friends in the Colonies or India. They long to hear about the old home beyond the seas.

Leath of Mr. Nicholas England.

Seagoe Parish has suffered a serious loss in the death, after a brief illness, of Nicholas England, of Ballymacrandle. His regularity of attendance at the Parish Church was an inspiration to many. No stress of weather prevented him when the Day of Worship came round from making his way to the House of Prayer. There in Service and Sacrament he drew the grace which sustained him throughout life. He has now heard the "Well done" of the Master whom he served so faithfully here below. To his bereaved wife and family we offer our sincerest sympathy.

C.L.B. Concert.

On Thursday, Dec. 12th, a concert was held in Edenderry Parochial Hall at 8 p.m. The Rev. W. F. Hayes presided. The Hall was crowded, and a most interesting programme of recitations, community singing, sketches was given. The principal sketch was entitled "Roads of Life" and illustrated the evils of gambling and the good work done by the C.L.B. The accompaniments were played by Miss Topsy Wilson. Much credit is due to Captain Mitchell, who wrote the sketches and organised the programme. The proceeds were on behalf of the Seagoe Company of the C.L.B.

Seagoe Mothers' Union.

A meeting of the Mothers' Union was held in Seagoe School on Monday, December 9th, at 7.30 p.m. There was a large attendance. After a hearty tea, an address was given by the Rev. J. Sandford, Curate of Ballinderry. He stressed the responsibility of parental control, and his wise words were greatly valued by the members present. The next meeting of the Mothers' Union will be held (D.V.) on Tuesday, January 14th. It will be the annual meeting for the election of officers and for general business. A full attendance of all the members is requested. The meeting will be held in Seagoe School.

W.F.O.

These letters stand for "Weekly Freewill Offerings." It is most important that every household in the Parish should have a set for the New Year. The Church depends on the offerings of her loyal members. The upkeep of the Church and her services should be the constant care and effort of her members. Rich and poor, young and old, should all bear their part in this great work. If by any chance you have not got your set of envelopes you can get one without delay from Mr. Moses Gilpin, Hon. Sec., Drumnagoon, or from your local distributor.

Congratulation.

We heartily congratulate Captain Mitchell, of our Seagoe C.L.B., on his appointment to the responsible position of Adjutant of the Diocesan Battalion.

Parish Register for December**Baptisms**

The following were Baptized in the Parish Church on December 7th, 1935:—

M'Nulty—William, son of Robert Henry and Helen Violet M'Nulty, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Letitia Tate, Helen Violet M'Nulty.

M'Kane—George, son of David and Margaret M'Kane, of Ballymacrandle.

Sponsors—Ellen Jane M'Kane, Margaret M'Kane.

Freeburn—Samuel, son of Thomas Henry and Dinah Rebecca Freeburn, of Levaghery.

Sponsors—Emily Jane Harrison, Dinah Rebecca Freeburn.

Harrison—Mary Anne, daughter of William Henry and Emily Jane Harrison, of Levaghery.

Sponsors—Letitia Florence Connor, Emily Jane Harrison.

Tedford—Florence Anne, daughter of William John and Florence Rebecca Tedford, of Seagoe Upper.

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Marriages.

Adamson and Nixon—Dec. 18th, 1935, William Henry Adamson, of Ballydougan, Parish of Knocknamuckley, to Elizabeth Jane Nixon, of Ballyhannon.

Benson and Neill—Dec. 24th, Thomas Benson, of Moyallon, Parish of Gilford, to Eva Neill, of Killicomaine.

Burials.

Harris—Dec. 6th, Martha Anne Harris, of Edenderry, aged 82 years.

Yennard—Dec. 10th, Elizabeth Matilda Vennard, of Edenderry, aged 23 years.

Roney—Dec. 18th, Mary Jane Roney, of Edenderry, aged 80 years.

Atkinson—January 1st, 1936, Alice Atkinson, of Edenderry, aged 90 years.

England—January 1st, 1936, Nicholas England, of Ballymacrandle, aged 78 years. Interred in Knocknamuckley.

Sympathy.

During December we have lost several parishioners well known and much respected in the Parish. One of them, Elizabeth Matilda Vennard, just entering upon life, Martha Anne Harris and Mary Jane Roney, far advanced in years. Death is no respecter of persons. Young and old fall before Him. Mrs. Harris has only been a few years in the Parish. Mrs. Roney has been here for a lifetime. Both were most patient sufferers in their time of weakness. We offer our sincere sympathy to the bereaved relatives. Lizzie Vennard was called away after a brief illness, deeply regretted by her many friends.

**Twenty-five Years Ago
JANUARY, 1911.**

The picture on the cover of this ancient issue of the Magazine is "Seagoe under Snow." It was a snapshot taken by the Rector during a May snowstorm. Snow rarely falls in May. Among the Burials recorded is that of Mrs. Margaret Atkinson, of Lower Seagoe, aged 96 years. One Baptism and two Marriages are recorded. The issue of a Seagoe Blotter is announced. Eight members of the Seagoe Men's Class are said not to have missed a Sunday during the year. Thomas M'Crory is recorded as not having missed a Sunday at Edenderry Men's Class for no less than six years, Isaiah Shanks for four years, and Thomas Best for three years.

Carols at Drumgor.

On Sunday, December 22nd, the children of Drumgor Sunday School had a very nice Service of Christmas Carols. The School was crowded and a very helpful address was given by the Rev. Forde Patterson, Curate of St. Mark's Portadown.

ITEMS.

Archdeacon Hannon preached in the Parish Church on Sunday evening, Dec. 29th.

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Fog and frost have been very prevalent during the past month.

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The Rev. W. F. Hayes was the special preacher at the Watch-night Service in St. Mark's Church on New Year's Eve.

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With this issue the Magazine enters on its 31st year. The Magazine was first published in January, 1906.

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We hear of several Sunday School Prize Distributions already arranged. Bocombra has its Social Night on Thursday, January 9th.

The Rector has received many kind wishes at Christmas from Seagoe parishioners living abroad and heartily thanks all who have so kindly remembered him.

Our Sunday School Teachers are now using Dr. Paterson Smythe's Teachers' Notes on the Sunday Lessons and find them very helpful.

Old Seagoe Notes.

Seagoe in the Rebellion of 1798.—In the troublous times of 1798, when the spirit of fierce and cruel rebellion had spread through Ireland, Seagoe played an important part in helping to suppress it. The Seagoe Yeomanry, under the then Captain William Blacker, of Carrick-Blacker, performed a gallant work. We publish here a most interesting letter from Lord Castlereagh (afterwards assassinated) under date "Dublin Castle, 16th July, 1798," to Captain Blacker on the Seagoe Yeomanry:—

"Sir,—Having taken the earliest opportunity of laying before the Lord Lieutenant your letter of the 4th instant, stating that you had enrolled the names of eighteen hundred persons who were willing to march to any part of the Kingdom, I am commanded to express to you the very high sense His Excellency entertains of this most loyal and spirited offer; and although His Excellency does not at present feel it necessary to avail himself of their services yet if any future emergency should compel him to resort to their exertions, He entertains no doubt that He shall find them equally ready to bear arms in the support of their King and of the Laws and Constitution of their country. I have the honour

to be, sir, your most obedient and humble servant, Castlereagh."

Seagoe Church in 1891.—The works connected with the renovation of Seagoe Church, from the plans of the architect, Mr. Thomas Drew, R.H.A., have occupied the contractors, Messrs. Collen Bros., of Portadown, for the past eighteen months, and are now very nearly completed. They embrace almost the entire reconstruction of the church, with exception of the west wall and the tower; and the addition of a chancel and south aisle. A new roof, also, has been provided for the nave; and the old vestry at the centre of the north side of the nave has been converted into a spacious porch, with lofty oak doors, and adorned externally with cut-stone dressings and buttresses. The new vestry forms part of the chancel buildings. The old windows, with wooden frames, have been replaced by handsome stone traceries, in keeping with those in the new portions, and all designed harmoniously in the perpendicular Gothic style which distinguishes the whole building. The windows have all been filled in, according to the designs of the architect, with cathedral-tinted glass, supplied by Messrs. Forest and Co., Liverpool, except the east window of the aisle, in which is inserted stained glass representing our Lord consoling Mary and Martha (John xi. 23, 32), furnished by Mr. G. Moore M'Dowell, of London, and erected by the Atkinson family in memory of their parents, the late Mr. Woolsey Atkinson and Mrs. Charlotte Atkinson, of Eden Villa, Portadown.

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, 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 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 Hannon, Rectory, Lurgan. Due notice (48 hours) must be given to the Rector of intended weddings. **FEES**—By License—Labourers 5/-, Tradesmen 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.