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CLERGY :

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Rector's—JOHN H. TWINEM.

People's—ROBERT MC'CLEMENTS.

THE CLERGY WILL ESTEEM IT A FAVOUR IF
IN CASES OF SICKNESS THEY ARE INFORMED
IMMEDIATELY.

CALENDAR FOR MARCH.

- March 1st—Service in Bocombra, at 8 p.m.
" 2nd—Ash Wednesday.
" 3rd—Congregational Social.
" 6th—1st Sunday in Lent.
" 8th—Mothers' Union Meeting.
" 9th—Lenten Service in Parish Church at 8 p.m.
" 10th—Social Evening in Bocombra Church
Hall at 7.30 p.m.
" 13th—2nd Sunday in Lent.
Service in Drumgor at 3 p.m.
" 16th—Lenten Service in Parish Church at 8 p.m.
" 17th—St. Patrick's Day. Holy Communion at
8 a.m. Shamrock Tea in Edenderry
Parochial Hall.
" 20th—3rd Sunday in Lent.
" 23rd—Lenten Service in Parish Church at 8 p.m.
" 25th—Jumble Sale in Edenderry Parochial Hall
at 7 p.m.
" 27th—4th Sunday in Lent.
Service in Hacknahay at 3.30 p.m.
" 30th—Lenten Service in Parish Church at 8 p.m.

RECTOR'S LETTER.

My Dear Friends,

This issue is the first number of the thirty-third year of Seagoe Parish Magazine, and I am glad to say that the Magazine year just ended has been a successful one. This success is due to three factors, viz.—(1) Advertisements, (2) the distributors, (3) its readers; and I would like to refer to these in turn. The proprietors of the local business houses have been very kind in supporting us with their advertisements; without their help we could not run our Magazine. I hope our readers will remember this when on their shopping rounds and as far as possible support those, who support us, this is the least we can do and is the best way of thanking them. Then there are our distributors—Capt. Mitchell and the members of the C.L.B., all of whom voluntarily have given of their time and energy to this very important side. At the beginning of last year Capt. Mitchell undertook this responsibility in

the spirit "The C.L.B. will do this job well or not at all." I believe it has been well done. To Capt. Mitchell and the members of the C.L.B. who help him we say "Thank you." The Magazines now reach every corner of this extensive parish regularly, and there are no bad debts. I hope our readers will do their bit to help the distributors by either paying in advance for the year or quarterly; it is not fair to the distributors to take a Magazine and not pay for it. Last of all we are grateful for the support from our parishioners and friends, who take this Magazine month by month. There are still copies unsold each month and we hope, during the coming year every available copy will be used up. Do you know any parishioners in your neighbourhood who are not yet regular readers? Here is a chance to help us by asking them to buy one each month, and if they consent give their names and addresses to the distributor. A parish Magazine is an invaluable asset for (1) it helps our people to take an intelligent interest in what is going on in their parish, (2) it is an effective method of disseminating announcements, (3) it is a record, which can easily be preserved, and when the Editor and his readers will have passed beyond the bourne of space and time and are forgotten, the Magazine will be history and perhaps future generations will read with interest the happenings there recorded, (4) The inset called "Home Words" is interesting and contains a varied selection, from household tips to well written articles dealing with the spiritual life.

There is another matter to which I would like to refer, that is the approach of the season of Lent. This begins on Ash Wednesday; it leads up to Good Friday, when we think of the Cross when God in Christ stooped to the lowest to raise us from death and sin to new life and hope.

The call of Christ comes to each one of us particularly at this time to examine our lives afresh in the light of the Cross. When we do this we cannot be satisfied with things as they are. What can we do to help ourselves? We can, it is true, do nothing of ourselves, but by coming closer to Christ we can be made new and better men and women. "I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me," said St. Paul, and this is still gloriously true, for Christ never changes. But Christ will not help us unless we seek His help. We must come to Him daily privately in prayer, so that His Holy Spirit may enlighten, guide and strengthen us to know and do His will. But that is not enough, there is no such thing as a private Christian life, "no man liveth unto himself." Christ says to us "ye shall be my witnesses." It is not only the clergy who are meant to do this, each Christian

must do it too. I think the best sermons are not those from the pulpit but those from the everyday lives of simple Christians. It is very easy to criticize the parson's sermon, but do we ever ask ourselves what kind of a message am I giving to people by my life? Would it not benefit each one of us between now and Good Friday to give a little extra time in looking at our lives and comparing them with God's standard of Life as we have it plainly revealed in Jesus Christ. Could you not make an effort now to put things right, if you have got slack about Public Worship. There are far too many of our people, and you may be one of them, who can go to town to do their business, or to a social or a public meeting where there is excitement and yet when Sunday comes a feeble excuse satisfies them and keeps them away. You may not think so, but what you are doing is simply this—you are proclaiming publicly by your indifference that you do not consider God and the things of God of much importance, that doing your shopping and going to the pictures and attending political or social meetings are far more important in your eyes. You will say "Oh, I wouldn't dream of preaching that," but that is what you are doing if you think Sunday is just a day to lie in bed and a good opportunity to study the "Soccer" results of the previous Saturday, or to peruse the unhallowed doings of pagan men and women whose sordid and unhappy lives are laid bare for your amusement by some Sunday papers. God put you first by dying for you on the Cross, can you afford to treat Him as if He doesn't care about what you do or how you live your life? Answer this question honestly in the light of the Cross. On Sunday evenings there are many empty seats in Church, is your seat one of these? You cannot be neutral to-day, you are either witnessing for Christ or against Him. By remaining at home on Sunday from God's House for no other reason than that you can't be bothered going is a definite refusal to witness for your Master. And so I close this letter with the prayer that each one of us may strive afresh at this time to see our lives in the light of God's countenance so that we may see the sin of indifference and all our other sins, which are hindering the more effective coming of the Kingdom of God in our midst. For not until we see our failures and sins and acknowledge them to God will He pardon them and give us power to live as His children.

Your Sincere Friend and Rector,

JOHN W. APPELBE.

LENTEN ARRANGEMENTS.

Commencing on Ash Wednesday, March 2nd, and on each of the following Wednesdays in Lent there

will be a mid-week Lenten Service in the Parish Church at 8 p.m.

The mid-week Services in Edenderry will be discontinued during Lent, but we hope to see those who attended these Services in the Parish Church instead. The Rector hopes to preach a course of sermons on the Sunday evenings in Lent, commencing on Sunday evening, March 6th, on the "Ten Commandments and Modern Life."

On Ash Wednesday morning, March 2nd, there will be a Penitential Service at 11.30 a.m.

THE PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT.

We hope to have this in the hands of subscribers early in March. This year, to save printing expense, we are not putting Hall and Sunday School accounts into the Financial Report. These will appear in the Parish Magazine instead.

The Financial Year for this Parish ends on Dec. 31st of each year, so that it is impossible to include in this report W.F.O. contributions, and annual subscriptions to the Sustentation Fund received after the accounts were closed. This means that late contributions cannot be acknowledged until the report for 1938 is published next year.

DRUMGOR DEDICATION.

On Sunday, Feb. 13th, the Ven. A. G. Hannon, M.A., Archdeacon of Dromore, preached at the monthly Service in Drumgor and prior to the Service he dedicated the organ recently acquired. The Archdeacon congratulated the superintendent and teachers on their enterprise in procuring an instrument which will serve a useful purpose in the Sunday School and at the monthly Service. The large congregation present appreciated the short recital given by Mr. Donald Anderson, Lurgan. During the service he played the organ. At the service also Mr. W. D. Morrow sang the "Lost Chord" as a solo. Mr. Wm. Hutchinson read the lesson.

We are glad to know that the Sunday School teachers and superintendent have purchased a ping-pong table for the young people's amusement during the week.

THE MOTHERS' UNION.

The monthly meeting took place in Seagoe School on Tuesday, February 8th, when Mrs. M'Clure, of Tartaraghan Rectory, gave a most helpful address.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 8th, at 7.30 p.m., when the speaker will be Mrs. Perrott, of Grange Rectory.

RECTORY FUND.

It is desired to acquaint all those who have so generously promised subscriptions to the above fund, that the following Collectors have been appointed in the several districts as follows:—

District:	Collector.
Eden Avenue	Mr. Thomas Stanfield.
Joseph Street	"
James Street	"
Carrickblacker Ave.	Mr. Ernest Mitchell.
Goban Street	"
Bridge St. from Joseph St. to Bridge	Mr. Willie Best.
Bridge St. from Joseph St. to Seagoe	Mr. George Leake.
Carrickblacker Road	Mr. Foster Shanks.
Bachelor's Walk	Mr. J. R. Reid.
Killycomaine Road	"
Margretta Park	Mr. W. A. Casey.
Town Residents South of River	"
Breagh, Knock, Bally- macrandle	Messrs. Magennis and M'Cormick.
Ballyhannon	Mr. J. H. Twinem.
Ballinacorr	Mr. G. Price.
Balteagh	Mr. J. G. Gracey.
Bocombra, Lisniskey	Mr. W. White.
Clonrolla, Knockmena	Mr. George Wilson.
Carne, Tamnificarbet	Mr. A. Kirk.
Drumgor	Mr. T. Gracey.
Drumnagoon	Mr. Moses Gilpin.
Kernan	Mr. Gee.
Killycomaine	Mr. W. G. Best.
Levaghery	Messrs. H. Ellis and W. Gibson.
Lylo	Mr. James Twinem.
Tamnifiglasson	Mr. T. Martin.
Seagoe Lower	Mr. Wm. Neill
Derryvore	"
Seagoe Upper	Messrs. Joe Hynes and David Allen.
Tarson and Carne	Mr. W. M'Kinney.

The work of collecting the subscriptions will commence during the month of March. We are indebted to these gentlemen for undertaking the job, and it is hoped that subscribers will appreciate their services by making their task as light as possible. —(S. M'C.)

NOTICE RE HALLS.

It is very important that no meetings, socials, etc., be held in any Hall or School in Seagoe Parish without the consent of the Rector, and the Hall Trustees. Some of the buildings are insured for restricted use, and grave risks are taken, when the proper authorities are not consulted. In future this rule must be strictly carried out.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The annual Sunday School prize-giving socials commenced on Feb. 3rd, in Levaghery, when, after tea was served by the teachers, a short programme was given by some of the pupils which was much enjoyed. Mr. David Allen also did conjuring tricks and baked a "sponge" cake much to the amusement of all present. Then games were played until it was time to go home.

On Thursday, Feb. 10th, a similar function took place in Edenderry, when the Morning and Afternoon children were combined for the occasion. Tea was served to the large party of children present. Next the Rector, assisted by Mr. E. Mitchell, showed an interesting set of lantern slides entitled "If I lived in India." (The lantern was very kindly lent by St. Mark's Parish, and we are grateful to Mr. Taylor for his trouble in coming to fix it up in the Hall). Then Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Joseph Hynes gave us a turn of "Jumping Joey," at which the shrieks of the children were an indication of their appreciation. The usual games ended the evening.

Thursday, Feb. 17th, was Drumgor's turn. After tea, some of the junior pupils recited and sang in professional style. Then came the old-time games, which never seem to lose their appeal.

The prizes were handed on each occasion by Mrs. Appelbe. The Rector, who presided at Levaghery, Edenderry and Drumgor, expressed his sincere thanks to the several superintendents and their loyal band of teachers for their splendid work during the past year, and congratulated them on the flourishing state of their Sunday Schools. He also stressed the importance of the work, stating that a child does not attend simply to win a prize but to learn about Jesus Christ, so that he or she may serve and love Him well; the Sunday School is the training ground for worship in Church, and the teachers should encourage their children to form the habit of regular Church attendance while still at the Sunday School.

C.L.B. CONCERT.

This annual event took place in Edenderry Parochial Hall on Friday, January 28th. A full house enjoyed a splendid concert. The proceedings commenced with selections from the Seagoe C.L.B. Band and a Chorus by the Cadets and Training Corps. The following artistes contributed—Messrs. W. D. Morrow, T. Richardson, Cooper and Laverty, W. Donaldson, Pte. C. Mitchell, Lt. J. Hynes, Messrs. Rowe and Sinton, C. Barnhill, T. Leeman and Sam Crabbe. The Misses A. Mitchell, M. Taylor, Hanna Sisters, M'Dougall and M'Nally, all of whom gave of their best.

Miss T. Wilson acted as accompanist.

At the conclusion the Rector thanked all those who

had made the concert a success, the artistes and the audience. Mr. Sinton replied on behalf of the artistes. The singing of the National Anthem brought the evening to a close.

OBITUARY.

The passing from our sight of three parishioners is recorded in this issue. Mildred Campbell was in her early infancy; the Saviour who once said "Suffer the little children to come unto Me," has called her to Himself before her pure soul was soiled by the sorrow and sin of this world. Mrs. Dickson has been granted the rest she so often prayed for, long years of weakness did not dim her strong faith in the Love and Power of her Master. Mr. Cordner, in spite of his great age, maintained his physical and mental faculties almost to the end; he was a good Christian man. To the bereaved we extend our deep sympathy and pray that they may be enabled by God the Holy Spirit to say with St. Paul, "Thanks be to God Who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

BAPTISMS.

"Suffer little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of God."

Feb. 2nd—Bertram Noel, son of Valentine and Sarah Carville, Collens's Row (Privately).
Feb. 6th—June, daughter of Samuel and Jane Elizabeth Liggett, 13, Levaghery Gardens.

BURIALS.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth, yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours."

Feb. 4th—Mildred Campbell, Balteagh, aged 9 months.
Feb. 17th—Frances Jane Dickson, Tamnifiglasson, aged 74 years.
Feb. 17th—Thomas M'Murray, Crossmacaughley, Portadown, aged 84 years.
Feb. 21st—Thomas Cordner, 4 Seafield, Upper Seagoe, aged 86 years.

SPECIAL APPEAL.

Amount already acknowledged—£60 13s 6d.

10/- —Mrs. James Allen, Mr. C. S. A. Twinem, Mr. Joseph M'Loughlin, Mr. S. J. Hall (Cordova), Mr. J. G. Gracey, J.P., Mr. Gee, Mr. J. H. Twinem.

5/- —Miss M'Combie, Mr. Willie Neill, Mr. Thomas Ruddell, Mr. John H. Wilson.

2/6—Mr. R. H. Best, Mrs. Campbell.

Total—£65 8s 6d.

We would like to apologise to Mr. Geo. Leake, whose named appeared as Locke in our last list of 10/- subscriptions.

I would like personally to thank all those who have helped so loyally to get together this amount. (J.H.T.)

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 Sunday of each Month at 4 p.m., and during any Service in the Parish Church, notice to be given; Two Sponsors at least are required. The father and mother must be present. 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 3 p.m.

Edenderry—Services as announced.

MARRIAGES must be performed between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Licenses are issued by Ven. Archdeacon 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 by post to any subscriber for 3/- per annum.

CLASSES, &c.

BIBLE CLASS FOR MEN in Edenderry on Sundays at 10-15 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—10-30 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 alternate Mondays at 8 p.m.

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