

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

DECEMBER, 1913.

A Happy Christmas !

We wish all our readers at home and abroad a very happy Christmas.

CHRISTMAS is the season of Peace and Goodwill because we commemorate then the Birth into this world, in the Manger of Bethlehem, of the Prince of Peace. Let us try to make this season a time, not merely of social enjoyment, but of sacred memories and of devout worship.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES IN SEAGOE CHURCH.

Sunday evening, December 21st, Christmas Carols will be sung by the Choir after Evening Prayer.

On Christmas Day—

8 a.m.—Holy Communion.

11-30 a.m.—Morning Prayer, Sermon, and Holy Communion.

The offerings at these services will be in aid of the Clothing Fund for the Poor of the Parish.

The Beehive Bazaar.

The Beehive Bazaar will be held (D.V.) in the Town Hall, Portadown, on Thursday, December 11th, 1913. The Opening Ceremony will take place at 3 o'clock. The Committee of Ladies in charge of the arrangements have been working with great energy for many weeks past, and a large quantity of most useful goods have been gathered together for the furnishing of the various stalls.

The Town Hall, where the Sale takes place, has recently been renovated and decorated, and owing to its central position, forms a most convenient place for a Bazaar.

Various competitions and amusements have been arranged, and we anticipate a crowded attendance of parishioners and friends. An interesting feature of the Bazaar is that gifts for the stalls are being sent by old Seagoe friends from places very far distant, some from the United States, some from Canada, and a valuable parcel from Japan, kindly sent by our old friend and former Curate, the Rev. W. T. Grey.

There is now but little over a fortnight before the Bazaar so all our workers would be well advised to concentrate all their efforts on their preparations for it, so that it may be a great success. It will last but one day, and those who have Collecting Cards should strive to increase their Collections, and then, without delay, hand in their Cards with the amount collected to the "Queen Bees" from whom they received them. The charge for admission to the Bazaar will be Sixpence.

Sunday School Examinations.

Examinations in the work done during the past year will be held on the following dates—

December 7th, Carne. December 14th, Edenderry (afternoon). December 21st, Hacknahay. December 28th, Drumgor. January 4th, Levaghery. January 11th, Seagoe (afternoon).

Examinations will be held in Seagoe Morning Sunday School, and in Edenderry Morning Sunday School, on Sunday morning, December 14th. Prizes will be awarded to those who answer well at the examinations.

PARISH REGISTER FOR NOV. Baptisms.

"A little child shall lead them."

Baptized on Saturday, November 1st, 1913.

Hill—George Alfred, son of James and Margaret Anne Hill.

Sponsors—Margaret Anne Hill, Ellen Jane McKane.

Maginnis—James, son of Thomas Edward, and Mary Adelaide Letitia Maginnis.

Sponsors—Sarah Charity Gilpin, Thomas Edward Maginnis.

Burials.

"Till the day break."

Robinson—November 15th—Mary Jane Robinson, aged 66 years. Interred at Knocknamuckley.

Wright—November 16th—Margaret Jane Wright of Edenderry, aged 73 years.

Brennan—November 22nd—Robert Brennan of Edenderry, aged 60 years. Interred at Milltown.

Gilpin—November 26th—Sarah Gilpin, of Kernan, aged 38 years.

Offertories for November.

"Give and it shall be given unto you."

Sunday—Mornings	...	£6. 0 1
Evenings	...	1 9 9
Week-days	...	0 4 1
Total,	...	£7 13 11

On November 23rd, the Offertory for the Hibernian Bible Society (included in above) amounted to £1 19s 7d.

Advent.

On Sunday, November 30th, we enter upon the season of Advent. The word means "Coming," and during the ensuing four weeks the Church brings before us the great and solemn subject of Our Lord's Second Coming. The thought of the Master's Coming should never be absent from our minds, but during Advent attention is specially directed towards it.

Special Addresses will be given on the Sunday evenings in Advent on the following subjects:— November 30th—"Death." December 7th—"Judgment." December 14th—"Hell." December 21st—"Heaven."

Three Special Addresses will be given on the Wednesday evenings in Advent on Three Missionary Heroes as follows:—

- Dec. 3rd—"Henry Martyn, of India."
 „ 10th—"Bishop Hannington, of Africa."
 „ 17th—"Bishop Bompas, of Labrador."

Presentations.

Two Presentations were given to Miss M. Dickson on the occasion of her departure from Seagoe Parish. The pupils attending Hacknabay School where Miss Dickson had taught for the past five years showed their appreciation of her services by giving her a handsome Handbag and Umbrella. The Presentation was made in the School by the Rev. J. E. Archer, on October 15th. The Members of the Choir also signified their regard for Miss Dickson by presenting her with a Gold Brooch at a Social Meeting, held in Seagoe School, on Monday, October 13th. On both occasions Miss Dickson feelingly expressed her regret at leaving Seagoe.

The Day Schools.

The New Class Room in Seagoe School is rapidly approaching completion, and will prove a valuable addition to the existing premises. It will accommodate 80 additional pupils. The present classrooms are not sufficient for the number of pupils attending the School. On Monday, January 5th, 1914, at 3-30, the Opening Ceremony will take place. Who will help towards the furnishing of the New Class Room? We are anxious that it should be furnished as a Kindergarten Room for Infants. Desks, Pictures, Kindergarten Apparatus, and everything necessary for the adequate equipment of an Infant School will be required.

Seagoe Literary and Debating Society.

The weekly meetings of this Society during November have been well attended, and of great interest. On November 4th, the President gave an account of a Visit to the Field of Waterloo, and a description of the incidents which occurred during the famous battle. A most useful and lively Debate took place on November 11th. Mr. Mason took up the

cudgels on behalf of Tariff Reform, and Mr W. Clow argued in defence of Free Trade. Many other excellent speeches were made, and in the end the Tariff Reformers won the day. An essay by Mr. Sam Reid, B.A., of Belfast, on "Moral Ideals," occupied the attention of members on November 18th. A large number of members spoke on the paper. Mr. Reid expressed his views in a very clear and forcible manner, and the paper gave rise to an interesting discussion.

One of the most useful and also amusing subjects was discussed on November 25th, when the Improvement of Portadown from a Municipal point of view held the undivided attention of members for more than two hours. Three members sought election to municipal office. The Official Candidate was Mr. James Twinem, while Messrs. H. E. Doherty, and J. J. Dobson sought office respectively as Labour and Independent Candidates. The official candidate was subjected to a running fire of criticism which he bore with his usual good nature. During the Debate many important questions of local interest were discussed.

The programme for December is as follows:—

- Dec. 2nd—Paper by Mr. W. Clow, J.P. on "Some Elements of Success."
 „ 9th—Debate—"Are Strikes Justifiable.?"
 „ 16th—An Evening with Wordsworth.
 [The works of Wordsworth, will be considered by the Members.]
 „ 23rd—No Meeting.
 „ 30th—No Meeting.

The Society meets in Edenderry Parochial Hall on Tuesday Evening at 8.

Public Lecture.

The Rev. G. Bloomer, B.A. Curate of Seagoe delivered a most interesting Lecture on "A Holiday in Switzerland" in Tannificarbet Hall on Thursday November 27th at 8 p.m. The Lecturer recounted his experiences during a recent visit to the Alpine regions and provided his hearers with an admirable series of views of Swiss scenery. There was a good attendance and Mr. David Murray kindly presided at the Lantern. The Proceeds were in aid of the Carbet Harmonium Fund.

Seagoe Amateur Athletic Club.

This Club has been started in Seagoe Orange Hall for the purpose of encouraging Physical Culture among the young men of Seagoe. Mr David Guy has kindly consented to train the members. The Club meets on Tuesdays and Fridays at 8 p.m. We heartily recommend the men of the district to join this club, and so gain the advantage of a healthy mind in a healthy body.

Seagoe Harriers have a cross-country run every Saturday afternoon from Seagoe Orange Hall. Cross-country running is one of the best and healthiest sports.

Hymns for December.

“ Sing ye merrily unto God our strength.”

[The congregation are asked to join heartily in the singing of the Hymns.]

- Dec. 7.—M.—32, 357, 73. E.—44, 369, 71, 77, 633;
 „ 14th—M.—234, 605, 594. E.—577, 579, 136-520.
 „ 21st—M.—476, 76, 137, 77. E.—75, 632, 166, 279, 557.
 „ 25th—**Christmas Day**—83, 87, 79.
 „ 28th—M.—90 (ii), 401, 92, 376. E.—479, 377, 399, 381, 285.

Church and Sunday School Attendance Cards.

3RD QUARTER.

SEAGOE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

1ST RANK AND GOLD SEAL—65.

Isabella Best 65 ; Mary Best 65 ; Mary J. Atkinson 65.

1ST RANK WITHOUT GOLD SEAL 60—65.—None.

2ND RANK 55—60.—None.

3RD RANK—50—55.

Rachel Turkington 53 ; Maggie Mathers 52 ; Minnie Hara 52 ; Bella McKerr 51.

4TH RANK 45—50.

Eva Webb 48 ; Rebecca Turkington 48 ; Elixia J. McCormick 46.

EDENDERRY SUNDAY SCHOOL.

GOLD SEAL AND 1ST RANK 65.

Annie Walker 65 ; Sarah Walker 65 ; Agnes Johnston 65.

1ST RANK WITHOUT GOLD SEAL 60-64.

Sarah Coulter 64 ; Maggie Rainey 64 ; Sarah Martin 62 ; Bella Magee 62.

2ND RANK 55—60—None.

3RD RANK 50—55.

Jemima Matchett 52 ; Hannah Johnston 52 ; Emma Best 52 ; May Crawford 52 ; Dinah M'Nally 52 ; Sam Magee 52 ; Arthur Allen 52 ; Wm. H. Best 52 ; Willie Best 52 ; Isaac Clayton 52 ; Thos. Pickering 52.

4TH RANK 45—50.

Wm. Coulter 48 ; May Best 46 ; Alex Graham 46 ; Emily Cox 45.

CARNE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

1ST RANK AND GOLD SEAL—65.

Hannah Bella Caddell 65.

1ST RANK WITHOUT GOLD SEAL—60—65.

Agnes Costello 62 ; Annie Costello 62 ; Teresa Ramsay 61.

2ND RANK—55—60.—None.

3RD RANK—50—55.

James Simpson 51.

4TH RANK—45—50.

William J. Costello 48 ; Anna B. Coulter 48 ; William J. Connelly 47.

ITEMS.

Extensive alterations which will occupy seven months, are being made at Portadown Station.

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Some changes should be made to relieve the continual block of vehicles at the entrance to the station.

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We hope the Railway authorities will also erect a bridge in the station so that passengers will not have to walk the whole length of the Station to get to the farther platform.

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The Rev. W. Bryan Brown's visit to Seagoe was much appreciated and we trust will result in much spiritual advantage.

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Remember Thursday December 11th—The Beehive Bazaar.

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The Afternoon Sunday Schools are now graded into Primary, Middle, and Senior Classes.

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The trees have retained their leaves longer this year than for many years past.

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Those who have promised subscriptions towards the painting of the Church, and who have not yet paid them in, are asked kindly to do so without delay to Mr. W. R. Atkinson.

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Three notable stars close to each other in a line in the East are Castor and Pollux and the planet Mars. On December 10th, a shower of meteors may radiate from Castor and Pollux. December 21st is the shortest day.

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The total sum collected at the Harvest Services this year amounts to £22 7 6½.

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32 Potatoes dug on Mr. Lyness's Farm at Carne, weighed half a hundredweight.

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There have been many cases of serious illness in the Parish last month. The inclemency of the weather no doubt was the cause.

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Mr. Liddell L.D.S. has been in attendance regularly at Seagoe National School examining the teeth of the children.

Death of Mr. Robert Brennan.

We regret very much to record the death of Robert Brennan which took place after a long and trying illness at his residence in Edenderry, on November 19th. He had been for many years a teacher in Edenderry Sunday School, and was most diligent and attentive in the fulfilment of his duties. He was also a member of the Edenderry Men's Bible Class and while his health lasted he was scarcely ever absent from it. He had a bright faith, and bore his long

illness with great courage and patience. His example of steady Christian service will be long remembered by those who had the pleasure of his friendship. Our deep sympathy goes out to his bereaved relatives in their affliction.

Harvest Services.

Harvest Thanksgiving Services were held during November in Edenderry Parochial Hall, and in Levaghery School. The hall had been very tastefully decorated, and the congregations both on Sunday and on Monday were very large. At the Sunday service the Rev. H. Rennison, B.A., curate of Drumcree, spoke on "The Tares and the Wheat." The offerings in aid of the Parochial Hall Fund amounted to £3 6s 10d. On Monday the Rev. A. Cook gave an address. The offerings were in part given to Foreign Missions. The services at Levaghery on Sunday, November 9th and Monday, 10th were well attended. The Rector gave an address at the Sunday service, and on the Monday evening the Rev. W. R. Crichton, gave a stirring address. The Schoolroom was crowded, and the Offerings were given to Foreign Missions. The decorations were very bright and pleasing, making the old Schoolroom look prettier than ever.

Carne Church Hall.

The following is a List of the sums recently collected for a new Stove in Carne Church Hall:—

Walter Curry 1s; Joseph Reid 6d; J. Russell 1s 8d; George Simpson 2s 6d; Agnes Costello 1s; Annie Costello 9d; Hannah Coulter 2s 6d; H. B. Caddell 3s 3d; R. Burrell 2d; Willie Reavy 2s 1d; W. J. Caddell 2s 6d; Ellie Hewitt 2s 6d; Jas. Simpson 1s; Freddie Gilpin 9d; Abraham Caddell 8d; Walter Reid 1s 9d; W. J. Connolly 1s 8d; T. Simpson 1s; D. Murray 3s 6d. Total, £1 10s 7d.

Old Seagoe Notes.

Seagoe Parish in the year A.D., 1444.—In the year 1444 the population of Seagoe and the surrounding neighbourhood was much smaller than it is at present. At that time the country was still under tribal conditions, and although Parish boundaries had been carefully marked, church work was not carried out under the same settled conditions as in the present day. Inter-tribal conflicts had not yet ceased, and life was not safe in the open country. The Church was not largely endowed with this world's goods, and many of the Parishes were poor. It happened then, as sometimes now in the case of Parishes in the South and West of Ireland, that a Union was formed of several Parishes. In the middle of the 15th century such a Union was formed in Seagoe. Bishop Reeves in his "Antiquities of Down, and Connor, and Dromore." gives us some interesting particulars regarding it. He says—"In

the year 1444 the perpetual Vicarages of Teach-aghawa and Enachloisgy being at a moderate distance from each other, and the population not being sufficiently large to support each separately were united by the Primate with the consent of the Chapter of Dromore." The identity of the latter Parish is not quite clear, but Teach-a-Ghawa is easily identified with Teg-da-Goba the house or abode of Goban, now known as Seagoe. What Parish is represented by "Enachloisgy?" Bishop Reeves thinks that it was the Parish of Seapatrck or Banbridge, but that is more or less a guess on his part as there is not much evidence to go upon. It seems almost as if it might have been some Parish in the Diocese of Armagh, more immediately under the jurisdiction of the Primate whose consent to the Union was evidently necessary.

An Old Vestry Record of Seagoe, 1725.—At a Vestry held in the Parish Church of Seago on Easter Monday, the 29th of March, 1725, held for ye said Parish, it was enacted, concluded, and agreed upon by the Minister, Churchwardens, and Parishioners then present, that the sum of £3 17s 2d sterling, bo levied of ye Parish for the uses following:—

For Ellements and providing Ellements for ye Insuing year	...	£1 16 0
For George Ramsay for Ringing ye Bell and keeping ye Church clean	2 0 0
Articles and Charges of the Churchwardens and Sidesmen	...	0 16 0
For Washing the Surplice	...	0 7 6
For Washing the Table Linnen	...	0 2 0
Dne to the Old Churchwardens, viz., Robert Wilson and Geo. Ruddil	3 14 8
Of which sum there is due to Woolsey Smurphet for wash- ing and mending ye Surplices this lost year	0 7 6
To George Ramsay	...	2 0 0
And to Woolsey Smurphet for Writing done	0 1 0
and to Mr. Campbell	...	0 4 9

Certificate of Exclusion from Hearth-money, 1705.—Wee do Heerby Certifie that K. R. of the Parish of Seago, is a very poor man, and lives upon Almes, and is not able to get his Living by his work or Labour, and soe not Lyable to be charged with the payment of Hearth-money by neither of the Acts. Dated ye 3rd day of Apral, 1705.

An Interesting Baptismal Entry, 1720.—1720, Margaret daughter of Edward Harrison, a Souldier in Major Dunbar's Company, and Mary, his wife. Baptized privately, February ye 18th.

Erratum—In last month's Old Seagoe Notes the Christian name of Mr. Atkinson in the "First Select Vestry" should have been "Thomas David."