



The above photograph has been kindly lent to us by the "Portadown News." It represents the unveiling of the War Memorial.

Portadown War Memorial

Last month was made notable in the annals of Portadown by the unveiling of the War Memorial in front of St. Mark's Church. It took place on Friday, November 13th. The weather was fine and clear but cold. It was estimated that there were 8,000 people present. A large stand had been erected behind the Memorial. The unveiling was performed

by Sir Travers Clarke, who had commanded the Inniskilling Fusiliers during the War. There was a splendid turnout of ex-service men, and the Rev. F. W. Johnston, Curate of Seagoe and formerly a Lieutenant in our 9th Battalion Royal Irish Fusiliers, marched in uniform at the head of one of the Platoons. The monument was dedicated by the Lord Primate, whose scarlet hood and purple skull-cap

lent an interesting touch of colour to the assemblage. Seagoe Choir helped in the singing, and at a very impressive stage in the proceedings our own Willie Whiteside, who lost his sight at St. Julien in April, 1915, was led up by Captains Menaul and Lutton to place the first wreath at the base of the Memorial. The whole proceedings were very well arranged and reflected much credit on the Committee. The Memorial is very handsome and appropriate. The figure of the angel is especially graceful and well-designed. It is a pity that the statue of Colonel Saunderson had to be moved from its former position for it is now somewhat dwarfed by the War Memorial, but great difficulties as to a site confronted the Committee. It is not inappropriate that Col. Saunderson stands beside the Memorial, for his statue is a reminder of the strenuous struggle which Ulster carried on to final victory for many years under his capable leadership.



Through the kindness of the "Portadown News" we are able to reproduce the photograph which appeared in their very well arranged and finely executed Supplement on the occasion of the unveiling of the War Memorial. Mrs. Stothers lost three sons out of four who served in the Great War. She has for many years resided in Bright Street, Edenderry, and great sympathy was expressed for her in her sad loss. A daughter of hers, Mrs. Joseph Freeburn, lives in Florence Court.

We wish all our Readers at home and abroad a very happy Christmas and a bright and prosperous New Year.

Christmas, 1925.

This year Christmas falls on Friday. The following Services will be held (p.v.) in the Parish Church:—
8 a.m.—Holy Communion.

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

The Offerings on Christmas Day will be given to the Poor Fund of the Parish.

On the Sunday before Christmas Day, Dec. 20th, at Evening Prayer Christmas Carols will be sung by the choir.

We invite our people to attend the Services on Christmas Day in the Parish Church. There is too great a tendency to make Christmas a social Festival and to forget that on that day we commemorate the birth into the world of the Incarnate son of God, our Lord Jesus Christ. If we keep this in mind we will be found worshipping in the House of Prayer and kneeling at the Holy Table. Then our Christmas will be a Holy Christmas as well as a Happy Christmas.

We will remember at Christmas time the many friends and Parishioners of Seagoe who are spending their Christmas in distant lands, Australia, Canada, the United States, Africa and New Zealand. They also will, no doubt, turn back in thought to the old Parish. They will be one with us in spirit as we worship in the old Church and gather in our homes around the festive board.

Advent, 1925:

We are passing through the season of Advent, when our minds and hearts are once again recalled to the expectation of the second coming of our Lord and Master. The season will be marked in the Parish Church by Services having special reference to the Second Coming. On Advent Sunday the offertories were on behalf of Foreign Missions. The Collect for the Sunday next before Advent may be used during the season in private prayer with special helpfulness.

Old Seagoe Trees.

The trees surrounding Seagoe Church and the Glebe Lands and which are such a conspicuous feature of the landscape will in 1926 have completed their 100th year. They were planted by Archdeacon Saurin when he was appointed Vicar of the Parish in 1826. They have made for the most part but slow growth. The coldness and comparative dampness of the soil retards development. Possibly the oldest trees in Seagoe are four elms in the Rectory grounds; three of them stand out conspicuously covered with ivy. They are the only trees surviving from the planting of great elms which Dean Blacker cut down in 1819, and for which he was brought before the Diocesan Consistory Court and compelled to pay compensation. These four trees were probably planted in 1740, and are more nearly approaching the 200th year of their age. In Carrickblacker there are many trees of great age, one, the trunk of which perhaps still survives, was reputed to have been planted by King William when he was on his way to the Boyne. If any of our readers know of any ancient or curious trees in the Parish it would be of interest to record them in this Magazine.

The Recreation Room.

The Room in Bridge Street is crowded every evening with the men from Edenderry and other parts of the Parish. During the past month many matches have been shot off by the various air-gun teams. Carne has so far kept on top under the careful direction of its captain—David Murray. All the teams have done well and there is a spirit of healthy rivalry between them. The team that will come out victorious at the end will have deserved its laurels, for the competition is very keen between the teams. It is very important that all the members of the teams should pay up their dues punctually, so that there may be no arrears. Prizes have been very kindly given for the Friday competitions during November. Messrs. Edgar gave a valuable purse; Mr. Sandford, a box of scented soap; Miss Dawson, a tin of peaches; Messrs. Hamilton & Rock, a tweed cap. We thank very much all who have so kindly helped us by gifts and they have been much appreciated by the members of the room.

Edenderry Men's Class.

The men are invited to join the Bible Class conducted by the Rev. R. W. Johnston in the Room every Sunday morning at 10. Attendance at such a class is a great help to the spiritual life. To know and study God's Word, the Book of Books, is a necessity if we are to lead the Christian life. An increasing number of our young men are attending the services every Sunday in the Parish Church.

The Wednesday Evening Service.

We are glad to be able to record a gratifying increase in the attendance at the Service in the Parish Church on Wednesday evenings. We would ask those who attend the Service to invite others to come with them. In that way the congregation may be largely increased.

New Houses in the Parish.

A correspondent writes to us as follows:—"Nov. 14, 1925. Sir,—In your report of the new houses in Seagoe Parish you did not mention the four splendid cottages in Lower Seagoe built by the Rural Council." We regret the omission. It is important when building new houses to give them nice and appropriate names. Among new houses in the Parish we should not omit to mention the magnificent new house built by Mr. Corbett in Killicomaine, one of the finest, we imagine, in the neighbourhood of Portadown. In the naming of houses we would suggest that they be called after some notable natural feature in the neighbourhood or that the name embody some historical person or event.

Carol Singers at Drumgor.

On Sunday, Dec. 13th, at 3-30, a special Carol Service will be held in Drumgor Church Hall. The choir has been trained by Miss Wilson, of Knockmena.

Parish Register for November.

Baptisms.

The following were baptized in Seagoe Parish Church on 7th November, 1925:—

Neill—Thomas Stephen, son of Thomas and Isabella Neill, of Portadown.

Sponsors—Jane Neill, Isabella Neill.

Henry—Sophia, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Henry, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Mary Milligan, Elizabeth Henry.

Major—Gwyneth Patricia, daughter of William John and Sarah Major, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Mary Devlin, Sarah Major.

Magee—Robert, son of Joseph and Sarah Margaret Magee, of Lower Seagoe.

Sponsors—Anne Eliza Gordon, Sarah Margaret Magee.

Marriage.

Kyle and Hoy—September 23, at St. Anne's Cathedral, Belfast, by the Rev. A. G. Johnston, M.A., David Wilson Kyle, of Edenderry, to Julia Hoy, of Clanrole.

Burials.

Collins—Oct. 31, Henry Collins, of Upper Seagoe, aged 62 years.

Johnston—Nov. 15th, at Monasterevan, Co. Kildare, Mrs. Minnie Johnston, aged 51 years.

Forbes—Dec. 3rd, Sarah Anne Forbes, of Tarson, aged 78 years.

Regret.

We regret to announce the death, at an early age, of Mrs. Johnston, of the Medical Hall, Monasterevan, Co. Kildare, who was a subscriber for many years past to this Magazine. She was greatly interested in it. Last August, through some postal mischance, she failed to get her copy and at once wrote to the Rector, saying how much she missed it and asking for another copy. We sympathise very sincerely with her relatives. Mrs. Johnston was a sister of Mrs. Ruddell, Lurgan Road. This is a further proof of how the Magazine keeps the many friends of Seagoe in touch with the old Parish.

Edenderry Parochial Hall.

The Hall has undergone a notable change and improvement in the last month. Electric light has been installed. Four large electric lamps have transformed the building. The recent sale held in the Hall realised a gross result of £65 2s 8d, and the expenses being small the nett profit amounts to £62 0s 8d. This is very satisfactory, and the Hall Committee has been able to pay all its debts (including the balance due to Messrs. Musgrave for the heating apparatus) and has a small balance in hand. With the new heating system and the new lighting and the new steel railing the Hall is very well equipped.

CLERGY :

Rev. Canon Archer, B.D., The Rectory, Seagoe, Portadown.
 Rev. R. W. Johnston, L.Th., 51 William Street Portadown.

CHURCHWARDENS :

Mr. Robert Price (Rector's).
 Mr. Thomas Martin (People's).

Seagoe Mothers' Union.

The monthly meeting of the Mother's Union was held in Seagoe School on Tuesday, Dec. 1st, at 7-30 p.m. Tea was kindly provided by some of the members. Mr. S. Rennix, Principal of Seagoe School, gave an interesting and helpful address to the members, which was listened to with close attention by those present.

Church Lads' Brigade.

The Brigade meets each Tuesday evening in Edenderry Parochial Hall. Boys who wish to join should enrol at once. The limit of age is 14, but boys from 10 to 14 can enrol in the company of Cadet Reserves. A large number of boys have already joined up.

Seagoe Parish Almanac.

The Parish Almanac for 1926 is now on sale, price 2d. Only 250 copies have been printed off, so those who wish to get a copy should do so at once. The Almanac can be had at Mr. Vance's, Bridge St., or from any of the Sunday School Superintendents. The Almanac is a nice present to send abroad to Seagoe of the Dispersion in Canada or elsewhere. This year's Almanac is very pretty in design and colouring.

Our Sunday Schools.

The new programme came into use last Sunday (Advent Sunday) Nov. 29th. It is very complete and carefully arranged. The Teachers' notes accompany-

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 Month at 3 p.m., and during any Service in the Parish Church. If 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 thank-offering. (See Book of Common Prayer.)

MORNING PRAYER—Sundays and Chief Festivals 11.30 a.m.

EVENING PRAYER—Sundays 7 p.m., Wednesdays 8 p.m.

EDENDERRY PAROCHIAL HALL.

EVENING PRAYER—Sundays at 7 p.m., Thursdays at 8 p.m.

DISTRICT SERVICES.

Hacknahay—Last Sunday of Month at 3.30 p.m.
Drumgor—Second Sunday of Month at 4 p.m.

ing it are "Genesis and St. Matthew" (price 1s 6d) by Archdeacon Paterson Smyth, D.D., a former Curate of Lisburn; and "Lessons on the Life of our Lord," by Miss Hetty Lee (price 2s 6d). We ask all our Teachers to get a copy of the book of Notes. Without it they cannot teach the Sunday lesson efficiently.

Old Seagoe Graveyard.

The old Parish stable at the entrance to the graveyard is being removed to make way for the caretaker's new house. The stable is a very ancient building, having been built by subscription in 1744. The subscribers, whose names are recorded in the Registers, gave a sum of £7 6s 5½d for materials, and did the building work themselves. It is an old landmark, having been familiar to the eyes of successive generations of Seagoe people for 181 years.

A Jumble Sale.

Levaghery Sunday School intends to hold a Jumble and Produce Sale in Edenderry Parochial Hall on Friday, Dec. 18th, at 7 p.m. The proceeds are to go to the Sunday School prize fund for Levaghery and Seagoe Sunday Schools.

Seagoe P.E.S. School.

Owing to an epidemic of measles among the children of Portadown and district Seagoe School has been closed by order of the medical authorities for three weeks. Fortunately, the epidemic has not been of a severe type, but great care is necessary during the recovery from an attack of measles.

Weekly Freewill Envelopes.

We appeal to all those who have taken sets of envelopes and have not yet sent them in to please do so without delay as the accounts close on Dec. 31st. Envelopes for annual subscriptions are now being circulated. A sum of £100 is needed before Dec. 31st. We ask for an increase in these annual subscriptions

CLASSES, &c.

ADULT CLASSES—Sundays at 10 a.m.

For Men—Edenderry and Seagoe. For Women—Seagoe School.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—10 a.m. Edenderry Parochial Hall and Seagoe School. 3 p.m. Seagoe, Edenderry Parochial Hall, Levaghery, Hacknahay, Carne, Drumgor.

Girls' Friendly Society meets at Breagh (Miss Calvert's) on alternate Tuesdays at 7.

Seagoe Scouts in Seagoe School and in Edenderry Parochial Hall, on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7.30.

Seagoe Girl Guides meet in Seagoe School on Saturday at 3.

Mothers' Union, Edenderry 1st Tuesday, at 4 p.m.

DAY SCHOOL—Seagoe, 9.30 a.m. Principal—Mr. S. Rennix.