

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

DECEMBER, 1929.

We wish all our Readers at home and abroad a very
Happy Christmas & a Bright & Prosperous New Year

Seagoe School Bazaar

For the Renovation and Upkeep of Seagoe Parochial School

THURSDAY, Dec. 12th, and FRIDAY, Dec. 13th, 1929.

OPENING CEREMONY EACH DAY at 3-30 p.m.

The Bazaar will be open each day from 3-30 p.m. to 6-30 p.m. and from 7 p.m. to 10-30 p.m.

Bazaar Secretary: Mr. R. Scott, Grove Lodge, Seagoe.

Bazaar Treasurer: Mr. R. McClements, Bridge Street, Portadown.

The Bazaar will be opened on Thursday by the Viscountess Charlemont. Chairman: Mr. David Rock, M.B.E., J.P., Chairman of the Portadown Urban Council. On Friday the Bazaar will be opened by Mrs. Waring, M.P., of Waringstown.

Gifts of goods or money for the Bazaar should be sent to the Secretary or Treasurer, or to the Rev. Canon Archer, or to any of the Stall-holders.

The charge for admission to the Bazaar on Thursday afternoon from 3-30 to 6-30 will be SIXPENCE, at all other times THREEPENCE.

Bazaar Notes.

The Committee in charge of the preparations for the forthcoming Bazaar are working with great energy and everything points to a very successful result.

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A feature of the Bazaar will be a Japanese tea garden, where visitors can have tea and refreshments of all kinds in Oriental surroundings.

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We have not had a Canadian Diver Dip at any previous Bazaar or Sale in Seagoe. We owe the suggestion to the Rev. Henry Nobbs, the Canadian clergyman who was with us last month.

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The Church Lads' Brigade has kindly offered to run the Shooting Gallery and Dart Board Competitions, and they have secured valuable prizes for

those who compete. Turkey, ducks and roast beef are amongst the prizes.

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The children will love to see the great Christmas Tree laden with toys. It will be one of the sights of the Bazaar. Father Christmas will be there to distribute the toys.

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Some of our Seagoe men are very handy at throwing the Bean Bags and they will have a chance of winning splendid prizes.

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No Bazaar would be complete without "Hoop-La" and "Aunt Sally." If you can knock the pipe out of Aunt Sally's mouth you will secure a prize.

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Mr. McClements, our Hon. Treasurer, has most kindly presented the Bazaar with a violin of splendide. The most interesting thing about it is that he

made it himself. One of the most difficult things that a skilful wood carver can do is to make a violin. Mr. M'Clements is an expert and has made four violins of perfect shape and finish and, most important of all, of fine tone.

The children of Seagoe School will have a Pound Stall, and already they have got together a splendid collection. Some have got as many as forty promises.

Prizes are offered in connection with the Cake Stall. A prize of five shillings is offered for the best cake sent in, and a prize of two shillings for the best soda bread.

The White Elephant Stall will be very attractive. It will be worked on the Canadian plan with numbers and boxes. Already some very valuable and interesting contributions have been made to the stall.

A C.L.B. Guard of Honour will be present at the opening ceremony each day.

Our old friend and School champion, Mr. David Rock, M.B.E., J.P., has kindly consented to preside at the opening ceremony on Thursday. Mr. Rock has shown a practical interest in Seagoe School. We are very glad he will be with us.

Much interest is being expressed in the Guessing Competition as to the name of the Big Doll, which has been organised by Miss Montgomery, of Levaghery. A large number of names have been entered.

Seagoe School, with its large rooms all on the ground floor, lends itself splendidly to the purposes of a Bazaar.

No less than 720 Seagoe Pencils have been sold, mostly by the children of Seagoe School. Another 720 has been ordered. The pencils, with rubber and protector, cost twopence each. They are made in Keswick, where the best pencils come from.

An Irish Colleen in appropriate costume will sell M'Clinton's soap at the Bazaar. All kinds of this beautiful product of Northern Ireland can be had at a moderate price.

You will scarcely recognise the old school when you see it decorated and fitted up for the Bazaar.

Church Lads' Brigade.

On Friday, November 8th, at 8 p.m., a variety and Jumble Sale was held in the Parochial Hall, Edenderry to assist in raising the necessary funds for a C.L.B. Band. The Officers, N.C.O.'s and Lads

wish to thank the following, who helped to make the sale such a bumping success:—Mrs. J. Vance, Mrs. Sherman, Mrs. Dermott, Mrs. Stoores, Mrs. Reid, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Mayes, Mrs. Jennett, Mrs. Metcalf, Mrs. Shields, Mrs. England, Mrs. Coulter, Mrs. D. Cairns, Mrs. Hoy, and the Misses A. and M. Hawthorne. Miss Munroe, Misses N. Flannigan, Miss Gilchrist, H. Walker, L. Mayes, B. Sherman and Louie Dermott, also Mr. James Lewie, H. Kane, S. Rainey, J. Dermott, R. M'Clements, Isaac Clayton, Joe Hynes, and Master D. Sherman. The shooting and dart throwing competitions were successfully run by Sergeant-Major Burns, Instructor W. M'Nally, Isaac Clayton, H. Kane, S. Walker, J. Reid, S. Rainey and James Lewie. A sum of £5 has been raised.—R. Gracey (Capt.). W. Metcalf (Lieut.)

Advent, 1929.

The season of Advent is again with us. It reminds us that we are but strangers and pilgrims here below. The Church in Advent looks forward to the Second Coming of our Lord, just as at Christmas she remembers His First Coming. Special services will be held in the Parish Church. On each Wednesday in Advent (Dec. 4th, 11th, and 18th) a Service will be held in the Parish Church at 8 p.m. On Dec. 1st (Advent Sunday) at Morning Prayer the offertory will be on behalf of Foreign Missions.

Christmas Day.

On Christmas Day the following Services will be held:—

8 a.m.—Holy Communion.

11.30 a.m.—Morning Prayer, Sermon and Holy Communion.

The offerings at these Services will be on behalf of the Poor Fund of the Parish.

Armistice Day, 1929

This solemn day was well observed in Seagoe this year. At Morning Prayer on Sunday, Nov. 10th, the ex-Servicemen of Seagoe and Portadown attended, wearing their medals. They marched to the Church headed by St. Mark's B.B. Brass Band, and were accompanied by the Seagoe Senior and Junior C.L.B. The Church was crowded and the Service was very hearty. The Rector preached on "Lessons from the Great War." The collection, amounting to B5 17s 8d, was on behalf of Earl Haig's Fund. At the close of the Service the C.L.B. placed wreaths at the Memorial Pillars, and the Last Post and the Reveille were sounded by Bugler Kelly.

On Monday, Nov. 11th, at 10.45 a.m. a short Service was held at the Memorial Pillars and the "Two Minutes" silence observed. Owing to the inclemency of the weather the children of Seagoe School observed the silence in the School, but two of the children whose fathers served in the War—Joseph Liggett and Bertha M'Loughlin—attended the service at the Church gate.

Parish Register for November

Baptisms

The following were Baptized in Seagoe Parish Church on November 2nd, 1929:—
Jennett—Evan, son of William and Eveline Jennett, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—William Jennett, Eveline Jennett.
Simpson—Marjorie Mulvina, daughter of William and Deborah Maria Simpson, of Kilvergan.

Sponsors—Marjorie Russell, Deborah M. Simpson.
Wortley—William Victor, son of Stewart and Mary Jane Wortley, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Isabel Hutchinson, Sarah Wortley.
Donald—William George, son of Frederick Robinson and Elizabeth McDonald, of Killicomaine.

Sponsors—Lucy Eleanor McDonald, Elizabeth McDonald.

Golden Wedding.

Best and Russell—Sept. 12th, 1879, in Seagoe Parish Church, by the Rev. George J. Lodge, A.B., Curate, Samuel Henry Best, of Balteagh, to Annie Jane Russell, of Drumgor. Witnesses, Henry Stevenson, Rachel Russell.

Burial.

Porter—November 21st, 1929, James Porter, of Annesland, Glasgow, fifth son of the late George Porter, of Lower Seagoe, aged 73 years. Interred at Glasgow.

Omission.

The following returns were received too late for the Annual Report but will be acknowledged in the next Report:—**Carne**—Annual Subscriptions, John Synas £1, Richard Gilpin 4s. David Cordy, senr., 2s 6d, David Cordy, junr., 2s 6d; Weekly Freewill Offerings—Mrs M'Kinney 4d, Envelope No. 412 4s 4d, Envelope No. 413 4s 5d.

Seagoe G.F.S.

The G.F.S. have met on each Thursday of November in Seagoe School at 7-30 p.m. Some interesting and profitable gatherings have been held. We are glad and thankful that this excellent Society is again at work in the Parish.

Bazaar Cake Competition.

This is the recipe for the Cake Competition:—**Sultana Cake**—Ingredients, 1 lb. flour, 6 ozs. sugar, 1 lb. margarine or butter, 3 eggs, 2 teaspoonfuls baking powder, milk to mix, ½ lb. sultanas, 1 lemon (grated rind), 2 ozs. candied peel. Bake in a moderately hot oven for an hour and a half. **Soda Bread**—1 level breakfast cupfuls flour, 1 small teaspoonful salt, 1 level teaspoonful bread soda, sour milk or buttermilk.

Cakes to be sent to Seagoe School on Thursday, Dec. 12th, from 10 a.m. See "Bazaar Notes" in this Magazine for prizes. The cakes will be judged by an independent outside judge.

Seagoe Mothers' Union.

This month the Mothers' Union will attend a Service in the Parish Church on Wednesday, Dec. 18th. The collection will be on behalf of the Christmas Fund. The usual meeting on the second Tuesday of the month will not be held this month.

Church Repairs.

An important repair has been effected on the roof of the Church. A leaking spout had caused a serious damp spot over one of the windows. It was found necessary to erect a scaffolding to effect the repairs.

Cottage Services.

A largely attended Cottage Service was held in Mr. W. J. Gracey's house in Drumgor Lane on Tuesday, Nov. 26th. Mr. R. Gracey, Lay Reader, gave the address and a trio sang a nice hymn. Mr. Sidney Walker accompanied the singing with his violin. Other Cottage Services are being arranged.

Seagoe Parish Almanac.

These attractive Almanacs are now on sale at Mr. Vance's, 23 Bridge St., price twopence each. We recommend the parishioners to secure their Almanac without delay as the number is limited. Every house should have a Parish Almanac.

Presentation.

A handsomely bound Bible was presented to Mr. Robt. Neill by the members of Edenderry Men's Class at the close of the Service in the Parochial Hall on Wednesday, Nov. 13th. Mr. Neill has sailed for the States.

Golden Wedding.

We offer our hearty congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Best, of Balteagh, who celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage on September 12th of this year.

Church Life in Southern Ireland.

Mr. Forsythe, Principal of the Duke's School, Portadown, has kindly consented to Lecture in Edenderry Parochial Hall on the above subject on Tuesday, Dec. 3rd, at 8 p.m. A collection will be made in aid of the Mother's Union Christmas Fund. Mr. Forsythe resided for many years in the City of Cork and understands the many problems which confront the Church in Southern Ireland. The Lecture is given under the auspices of the Edenderry Men's Bible Class.

From Seagoe to Melbourne.

[We publish with great pleasure the following diary kept by "Jim" Porter on his recent voyage from Seagoe to Melbourne.]

20th June—We left Belfast at 9-30 p.m. on the Heysham boat, had a very good trip across; some parts rough. I don't go to bed as there is plenty of sport on the boat. An old man sings "It's a long way to Tipperary." We then get up on deck to have a look round, see some very nice sights as we pass along. We get landed at 4-30 a.m. 21st. Get

the train for St. Pancras at 5-45 a.m. I had breakfast on the train and slept most of the way as I was feeling tired. Arrived at St. Pancras at 12 a.m. I had a look round for the Church Army, but could see no one. Then I made my way to the hostel at Marble Arch. I got dinner, then had a look round part of London. Went back to the hostel again, had tea, and got to bed about 8 p.m. Was well looked after; slept well.

Saturday, 22nd June—I had breakfast at 8 a.m., then leave for St. Pancras; got the train at 9-20 a.m.. Get to Tilbury Docks about 10-20 a.m. We get on the "Orousay" and sail at 12-15 p.m., under Commander W. S. Shelford, Commander of the Orient Line fleet, a very old man. We get our first dinner at 1 p.m. After this we go up on deck to see the last of London. There is almost every race of people on this boat. I met a German, a very nice fellow; he could speak some English. There are not many Irish people on board—only about 8 altogether. We get to bed about 11 p.m. Sleep well.

Sunday, 23rd June—Drop Pilot at 8 a.m. We get up at 7-15 a.m., go up on deck. It is a very nice morning. Then have breakfast at 8-30. We then have Church service at 11 a.m. The chief officer takes the service. We then have dinner at 1-30 p.m. We get into a very heavy fog about 3 p.m. Pass the rest of the day quiet. Got to bed 10-30 p.m.

Monday, 24th June—We got into the Bay of Biscay about midnight last night. We are now travelling at 2 miles per hour owing to the fog. The lifeboats have been lowered in case of danger. We pass a lot of cargo ships. The fog clears away about 12 a.m. Had some bopng on deck, then had dinner usual time. 2 p.m. We are now travelling very fast to pull up the speed we lost owing to the fog. It is now getting rough, and quite a few people are sick, but I am keeping fit so far. We have a dance from 8 until 10 p.m. This finishes the day. We get out of the Bay midnight.

Tuesday, 25th June—Pass Burling Island 8 a.m. Have breakfast usual time. Then have some games of deck quoits; very interesting game. We get in sight of Portugal at 1-30 p.m. The rocks are a lovely sight. We are now in Spanish waters; we see some flying fish here. We pass Cape St. Vincent 6 p.m. It is now getting much warmer, so we pass off the rest of day quietly. Get to bed usual time.

Wednesday, 26th June—We get up at 7 a.m. and get first glimpse of land. Have breakfast usual time. We pass Cape Tariffa 9-30 a.m. We arrive at Gibraltar at 11 a.m., 2½ hours late owing to the delay with fog. It's a lovely sight to see all the huge rocks and forts. I didn't get off as our time was too short. It's great fun to watch all the Spanish people in little boats. They come alongside the ship with all kinds of fruit and frocks, almost everything you could mention. It's a very keen competition as they all want to sell you something at the same time. We leave Gibraltar at 1-45 p.m. We have a concert

from 8 p.m. until 10 p.m.; a very good programme of songs, step-dancing, and a Scotchman sings "The River Shannon." This finishes the day, so we get to bed 10-30 p.m.

Thursday, 27th June—We have breakfast usual time. After this we form a sports committee. It's getting much warmer now; the further we go, the hotter it gets. There is a Scotchman here with bagpipes; he gives some good selections. The young Scotch girls step-danced to the pipes in the afternoon—very good indeed. This finished our day. We pass Cape San Antonio 12 a.m.

Friday, 28th June—We arrive in Toulon 7-30 a.m. have breakfast at 8. Then make arrangements to get ashore. It costs 2/- to go ashore here. A tender comes alongside the ship at 10 a.m. The last tender from the shore leaves midnight. Toulon is a naval base, so we have a good view of all the warships from the boat. It's a very picturesque sight after night with all the different coloured lights. It's very hard to get these people to understand what you want, and they don't take English money. We get to bed late to-night.

Saturday, 29th June—We leave Toulon at 7 a.m. this morning, have breakfast, go up on deck and have some games of quoits and other games. We are now in the Mediterranean Sea, off Giraglia Island 5 p.m. We have a dance from 8 p.m. until 10 (music ship's band). Clocks go forward 20 minutes to-night.

Sunday, 30th June—We arrive Naples at 6-30 a.m. and go ashore about 9 a.m. We visit the old Castle named Castelnuovo, owned by Italians 14 centuries ago. We went into the dungeon and seen the skeletons of a Spanish prince who was cut in four pieces, also two officers who were beheaded, the guillotine and the tombs of the royal family. This building is at present under repair. We could see the burning Mount Vesuvius from this building, a very wonderful sight. We leave here at 5 p.m. and have Church service at 8 p.m., get to bed at 10-30 feeling tired. Clock goes forward 20 minutes.

Monday, 1st July—We get through the Straits of Messina at 4 a.m. We have breakfast at 8 a.m., then have some games. After this we arrange a tug-of-war between English girls and Irish girls, but as we have only six Irish girls on the boat we have to get two English girls to make up the team, so we have a poor chance. We muster for lifebelt drill at 4-30 p.m. This is only done in case of an accident and how to put on a lifebelt. We have got £16 for sports from the tea tables, also other valuable prizes. We have a dance from 8 p.m. until 10 p.m. Clocks go on 20 minutes.

Tuesday, 2nd July—Get up 7-30 a.m., have breakfast at 8 p.m., then have some sports on top deck. It gets very hot so we rest until evening. Then we have pictures from 8 till 10 p.m. This finishes the day. We get to bed at 10-30. We put clock on another 20 minutes. It gets dark now about 7-45 p.m.