

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

DECEMBER, 1931.

We wish all our Readers at Home and Abroad a Very Happy Christmas and a Bright and Prosperous New Year.

CLERGY :

Rev. Canon Archer, B.D., The Rectory, Seagoe,
Rev. W. F. Hayes, B.A., Edendale, CarrickBlacker
Road, Edenderry, Portadown.

CHURCHWARDENS :

Rector's—Mr. Robert Scott.
People's—Mr. Isaac Dickson.

Advent, 1931.

Once again in the round of the Christian year we have reached the season of Advent. The Church has in its wide and age-long experience arranged that before her members celebrate the First Advent of our Blessed Lord on Christmas Day, they should fittingly prepare for it by a prayerful meditation on the Second Advent. And so the four weeks preceding Christmas Day have been set apart as a time for special prayer both private and public for the deepening of the spiritual life. During Advent in our Services in the Parish Church the subject of our Lord's Second Coming will be brought before our minds and hearts in Collects, Psalms, Lessons and Hymns. Special addresses on Advent subjects will be given and on each Wednesday evening at eight a Service will be held in the Parish Church. We invite the Parishioners to attend the Services on Sundays and weekdays and invite others to come with them.

Christmas Day.

On Christmas Day, Friday, Dec. 25th, the following Services will be held in the Parish Church:—

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.

At the Evening Service (7 p.m.) on Sunday, Dec. 26th, Christmas Carols will be sung.

December, 31st, 1931.

On Thursday, Dec. 31st, the last evening of the Old Year, a Service will be held in the Parish Church at 8 p.m.

New Year's Day.

On Friday, January 1st, the Festival of the Circumcision and New Year's Day, there will be a celebration of Holy Communion at 11.30 a.m., and at 8 p.m. there will be Evening Prayer and Sermon.

The Bazaar.

The two-day Bazaar held in Seagoe School on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 26th and 27th, proved a great success. Great preparations had been made for it during the previous months, and in all parts of the Parish from Ballinacor to Knock and from Edenderry to Drumgor willing helpers were doing all in their power to further the good work. Collecting books, concerts, a guest tea, and all other familiar devices were organised and carried through with a splendid spirit, so that even before the Bazaar was opened a sum of over £100 had been raised. Everybody enjoyed the work and on every side a happy social intercourse developed which we believe will continue in the future. As the day of opening approached the Schoolrooms assumed a very festive appearance, the bright

Colouring of the Stalls

and the floral decorations quite transformed the familiar building. The weather early on Thursday was very wet and stormy but as the day advanced the clouds cleared and the sun shone out. We heard someone whisper "Seagoe weather." Punctually at 3 p.m. Viscountess Craigavon arrived. The C.L.B. and the Cadets were drawn up in front of the School and presented a fine appearance under Capt. Metcalf and Lieut. Mitchell. Lady Craigavon inspected them and expressed her admiration at their smartness and efficiency. On entering the School the chair was taken by our good friend Major Shillington, M.P., D.L., who said how glad he was to be present. The Rector then explained the objects of the Bazaar to raise a sum for a Church Repair Fund and also for Seagoe School Improvement Fund. Lady Craigavon, in declaring the Bazaar open, referred to the interesting history of the Church and School and wished the Bazaar every success. Little Miss Margaret Twinem, daughter of Mr. John H. Twinem, the secretary of the Bazaar, then presented a bouquet to Lady Craigavon. At this stage, at the request of the Committee, Mrs. Orr, wife of the Rev. Dr. Orr, Rector of Gilford, sang the newly published song "Sweet Rose of Portadown." She was accompanied by Canon Marks, Rector of Tandragee, who had written the music of the song. The words of the song were written by the Rector. After the singing of the

song little Miss Molly McGredy presented Lady Craigavon with a case of scent distilled from

the Roses of Portadown.

The Rector also on behalf of Canon Marks and himself presented Lady Craigavon with a copy of the song. A verse of the National Anthem was then heartily sung. Votes of thanks by acclamation were then passed to Lady Craigavon and Major Shillington.

The Second Day.

The weather on the second day of the Bazaar although unsettled kept fine. The crowd was not as great as on the first day. Mrs. Best (wife of Lord Justice Best) kindly came from Belfast to declare the Bazaar open. Our old and kind friend and parishioner, Mr. David Rock, M.B.E., J.P., presided. He expressed his interest in the Church and School and said that he thought before long the town boundary would be extended to include that district. Mrs. Best, in an interesting speech, declared the sale open. Votes of thanks were passed to Mrs. Best and Mr. Rock for their kindness.

Bazaar Jottings.

The crowd on Thursday was so great that movement through the School was difficult. * * Dennison paper was used for stall decoration with fine effect. * * The total receipts reached at the close of the Bazaar on Friday night, including all subscription, reached the sum of £263 7s 10d. * * The sales on the first day amounted to £90 18s 11d, and on the second day to £70 10s 5d. * * The half-roof in the playground was sheeted in and made a fine shooting gallery. * * The games were well patronised, the bean-bags were keenly contested. * * Mr. Forsythe, our good neighbour, most kindly lent his chairs when a shortage occurred. * * Some of our kind visitors were let down somewhat when a form tilted. * * The Refreshment Stall did great work. Everybody said the tea was splendid.

More about the Bazaar.

The Bazaar.—Mr. J. H. Twinem, the indefatigable secretary of the Bazaar, writes as follows:—For those who are not aware of the work necessary in turning Schoolrooms into a place suitable for a Sale of Work, it would be well to mention that it is no easy job and wants a lot of planning and thinking out. We are indebted to Mr. Robert McClements (who was at our call with men and lorry) also Messrs George and Thos. Porter for the general arrangements and putting together of the framework of the stalls in record time. At 4 o'clock on Wednesday the work was begun and at 6.30 eight stalls were ready for decoration, with every available space used to the best advantage. The ladies then got to work and

with their good taste soon turned the place into regular fairland.

The Opening.—We had eight well filled stalls work and produce that met with a ready sale, together with a Refreshment Stall which did a big business during the afternoon. The Stalls were staffed by ready workers who deserve our thanks, as follows:—

Work Stall, No. 1—Miss Monroe, Mrs. Mayes, Mr. Abraham, Mrs. Kearns, Miss McDowell, Mrs. McKenny, Mrs. Kirk.

Work Stall, No. 2—Miss Guy, Miss Cox, Miss Christ, Mrs. J. Shanks, Mrs. Darling.

Farm Produce Stall—Mrs. James Twinem, Mrs. Porter, Mrs. M. Gilpin, Mrs. E. Collins, Mrs. Neill.

Variety Stall—Miss Atkinson, Mrs. Betty, Miss Dawson, Mrs. H. Stoops, Miss Hall, Miss G. Atkinson, Mrs. John R. Reid.

Refreshment Stall—Mrs. Scott, Miss Matchett, Mr. J. Porter, Miss Halliday, Miss McClements, Miss Neill, Montgomery, Miss M. Best, Miss M. Dickson.

Cake Stall—Miss Kirby, Mrs. Shields, Miss A. Webb, Miss Price.

Pound Stall—Miss Reid, Mrs. J. H. Twinem, Mr. Metcalf, Miss Maginnis.

Bran Dip—Miss L. McClelland, The Misses Darling, Hoy, Finney, and Scott.

Flower and Plant Stall Miss Gracey, Drumm, Miss Margaret Gracey, Miss M. Twinem, Miss Gracey.

G.F.S. Stall—Miss S. Montgomery, Miss S. Gracey, Miss Gertie Simpson, Miss D. Montgomery, Miss Preston, Miss L. Coulter, Miss May Bell, Miss Webb, Miss M. Webb, Miss Lily Webb, Miss Wallace.

The games section was a great attraction amongst those who helped at these were Rev. W. Hayes, Messrs. R. McClements, Darling, V. Matchett, Tom Hall, G. Price, G. Porter, — Porter, I. Clayton, J. Metcalf, C. Twinem, J. Twinem, J. Reid.

Our stewards, Messrs. James Twinem, Tom Martin, Moses Gilpin, T. Maginnis, did good work and kept good order.

The door was in the capable hands of Mr. I. Jackson, assisted by Mr. Maxwell and Mr. Price.

We have to thank Mr. Betty for the use of his motor for advertising the Bazaar, and the persons who got up the jazz band and toured the Parish and the two towns.

The total receipts up to Friday, the 27th, amounted to £263 17s 5d, but there is a lot of money to come in yet. We require about £45 after all expenses are paid to bring the amount up to what was aimed at, namely £300.

We would urge on the collectors to complete their collections as soon as possible. We would like to be able to give a full detailed report in our next issue.

Grove Field Purchase.

List of subscriptions to Grove Field Purchase:—
Amount already acknowledged—£78 12s 11d. A. J. Hall, Kernan, £1; James McDowell, U.S.A., £5; George Reid and family, 10s; John R. Reid, 10s; J. H. Ward, 5s; Geo. Leeke, 5s; John Ramsey, 5s; Miss Sands 2/6. Total—£86 10s 5d. £73 9s 7d required to complete £160.

Seagoe Mothers' Union.

The next quarterly meeting of the Mother's Union will be held (p.v.) in Seagoe School on Tuesday, December 8th, at 7.30 p.m. Tea will be provided. This will be the annual business meeting for election of officers and annual statement of accounts. It is very necessary that all the members should be present. At the last meeting of the Mothers' Union held on Tuesday, November 10th, there was a large attendance of the members and a most interesting and useful address on "Health in the Home" was kindly given by Miss (Dr.) Hadden.

Acknowledgment.

The Rector acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the following sums towards the Bazaar Funds:—£1 each from Mr. T. D. Gibson, D.L., of Peacefield, and Mr. William Ewing, of Newry. Mr. Ewing in his letter, says—"It is now 50 years since I came to Seagoe Parish. First of all I was stationed in the R.I.C. Barrack at Slantry and afterwards for many years I was at Edenderry Barrack. I have now been 33 years in Newry and have passed my 80th year. I am thankful to God for His Mercy. I hope the Bazaar will be a great success. I see by the Magazine that the people are working very hard for it."

A Parish Tea.

The Select Vestry at their last meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 1st, decided to have a Parish Tea on Thursday, January 7th, at 7.30 p.m. Tickets, one shilling each, will be on sale without delay. This ought to be a very pleasant social gathering of the Parishioners, coming after the Bazaar, which brought so many of our people together. The proceeds from the sale of tickets will go to supplement the Bazaar Fund. We hope that all the 29 townlands of the Parish will be well represented at the "Tea."

Subscriptions to Sustentation.

It is most important that all subscriptions through the weekly Freewill Offerings and the annual subscriptions should be paid in to the Treasurer, Mr. Hugh Stoops, in good time before the end of December as all accounts for 1931 close on Dec. 31st. New sets of Weekly envelopes for 1932 are now being dis-

tributed. If any one fails to receive them please communicate with Mr. Moses Gilpin, Drumnagoon, or with the Hon. Treas., Mr. Hugh Stoops, Killocomaine Road.

Parish Register for November.

Baptisms.

The following were Baptized in Seagoe Parish Church on November 7th, 1931:—

Roberts—Mary Patricia, daughter of John and Mary Roberts, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Susan Fox, Mary Roberts.

Wright—William Henry, son of Samuel James and Emma (the late) Wright, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Julia Grimley, Georgina Best.

Atkinson—Herbert Noel, son of Herbert and Sarah Atkinson, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Iris Adair, Sarah Atkinson.

Irwin—Joseph Henry, son of William James and Sarah Jane Irwin, of Levaghery.

Sponsors—Rebecca Lyness, Sarah Jane Irwin.

M'Adam—Phyllis Muriel Elizabeth, daughter of Albert and Wilhelmina M'Adam, of Knockmena.

Sponsors—Albert M'Adam, Wilhelmina M'Adam.

Moffatt—William John, son of William John and Elizabeth Margaret Moffatt, of Killocomaine.

Sponsors—Elizabeth Anne M'Loughlin, Elizabeth Margaret Moffatt.

Forster—Cecil Reginald Bertram, son of Cecil Reginald Bertram and Jane Forster, of Newtownards.

Sponsors—Cecil R. B. Forster, Foster Shanks, Jane Forster.

PRIVATELY BAPTIZED.

Dickie—Nov. 18th, William Henry, son of William and Ellen Gertrude Dickie, of Edenderry.

Burials.

Weir—Nov. 14th, James Weir, of Gilford, aged 70.

M'Cullough—Nov. 16th, Margaret M'Cullough, of Knockmena, aged 37. Interred at Lurgan Cemetery.

M'Keown—Nov. 27th, William M'Keown, of Ballynagarra, aged 62.

Sympathy.

During the past month Mrs. M'Cullough, of Twinem Terrace, has been called to her Eternal Rest. Much sympathy has been aroused at her death at a comparatively early age and leaving a young family. There was a large attendance at her funeral in Lurgan Cemetery.

Seagoe Sunday School.

The annual distribution of prizes in Seagoe Sunday School (Morning and Afternoon) will take place (D.V.) in Seagoe School on Tuesday, Dec. 29th, at 7 p.m. An interesting programme is being arranged. The distribution at other Sunday Schools will be announced in our next issue.

A Jubilee Meeting.

A great Jubilee gathering to commemorate the 50th year of the Church Army will be held (D.V.) in the Ulster Hall, Belfast, on Tuesday next, Dec. 8th, at 8 p.m. The Church Army has been a blessing to Seagoe Parish in many ways and we hope those who appreciate its efforts will attend this great meeting.

The Annual Report.

The Annual Report is now ready and subscribers to the Sustentation Fund will receive their copy without delay. If you fail to get your copy apply to Mr. Gilpin or Mr. Stoops, Hon. Sec. and Hon. Treas. The report is very complete and gives the financial statements of the various Parish organisations.

Thanks.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of a donation of £3 from Mr. John Dermott towards the debit balance on the Renovation Fund of Drumgor Church Hall.

Seagoe Parish Almanac.

The Parish Almanacs are now on sale and can be had, price 2d each, at Mr. James Vance's, Edenderry, or through the Superintendents of Sunday Schools. If you have friends in the Colonies or the States post them one without delay. They will value it. It will be a reminder of the Old Church and Parish. The Almanac is very bright and pretty. The central picture is entitled "Grandfather's Blessing." There is a text for every day in the year. There is also a letter to the Parishioners from the Rector. Get your copy without delay. The supply is limited.

District Harvest Services.

During November two of our Harvest Services were held and in both cases were attended by large gatherings. The Services at **Carne** were held on Sunday, Nov. 1st, and Monday, Nov. 2nd. The Parish Church Choir attended on Sunday and the singing was most hearty and devotional. The Rector spoke on "The Lesson of Creation." On Monday night the Services were continued. The Rev. W. F. Hayes gave the address. The School was prettily decorated. **Bocombra** held its Festival on Sunday, Nov. 8th and Monday, Nov. 9th. The Hall was nicely decorated. Miss Matchett conducted the music. The Rector preached.

Twenty-Five Years Ago.

DECEMBER, 1906.

Special Sermons on Four Great Bishops of the Church of Ireland were to be preached in the Parish Church. Their names were—Berkeley, Jeremy Taylor, Bedell and Ussher. Seven Baptisms are recorded, also one marriage and two burials. In a note on the Sustentation Fund it is recorded that 192 subscribers only gave 2/6 or less as their annual subscription. Edenderry Band of Hope was inaugurated on Nov. 22nd. Among those who contributed items were Miss M. Flannigan, Victor Irwin, Miss G. Montgomery, David Livingstone. Harvest Services were held in Drumgor Church Hall on Nov. 11th and 12th. Dean O'Loughlin was the preacher on the Sunday and the Rev. J. E. Archer on the Monday. Thanks are expressed to Mr. Wm. Atkinson, of Edenderry for his efforts in promoting the welfare of Seagoe Men's Bible Class. Thanks are given to the donors of incandescent gas burners for lighting the Parochial Hall. Mr. Leonard Twinem has been appointed assistant superintendent of Drumgor Sunday School. A conundrum is propounded—"Why is Seagoe Magazine like the British Empire?" And the answer is given: "Because the sun never sets on it."

Concerts.

During the past month concerts in connection with the Bazaar were held in Drumgor and Bocombra. In both cases the rooms were quite full. Excellent programmes were provided and a good sum was realised from the sale of tickets. Mr. Albert Wilson most kindly assisted in organising the Bocombra Concert.

Bazaar Baking Competition.

Sandwich—1st prize, Miss Flossie Palmer, Woodhouse St.; 2nd prize, Mrs. Parks, Thomas Street.

Pot Oven Cake—1st prize, Mrs. Ruddell, Lisniskel.

Griddle Bread—1st prize, Mrs. Tom Montgomery, Mount Pleasant; 2nd Prize, Mrs. Heyburn, Bachelor's Walk.

Levaghery Jumble Sale.

A very successful Jumble Sale was held in the Parochial Hall on Friday, Nov. 6th. It was organised in aid of Levaghery Sunday School Prize Fund and over £6 was realised.

The Bazaar Accounts.

An important meeting to settle the accounts of the recent Bazaar will be held in Seagoe School on Tuesday, Dec. 15th, at 8 p.m. All who were working in connection with the Bazaar are asked to attend. It is most important that all outstanding sums should be paid in not later than Dec. 15th. It is hoped to publish a full statement of Bazaar accounts in our next issue.