

# Seagoe Parish Magazine.

DECEMBER, 1932.

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

## Advent.

The season of Advent, through which we are now passing, is one of the two great Mission seasons of the Church. It has been arranged by the collective wisdom of Christian people that during the weeks preceding the Festival of Christmas and during the weeks preceding Good Friday and Easter Christian people should be called to special preparation. Therefore before Christmas there are appointed four Advent Sundays, so called because the design of them is to prepare us for a religious commemoration of the Advent or Coming of Christ in the Flesh. It is the peculiar computation of the Church to begin her year at Advent. She does not number her days or measure her seasons so much by the motion of the sun, as by the course of our Saviour, who being the true Sun of Righteousness began now to rise upon the world and as "the Day-Star on high" to enlighten them that sat in spiritual darkness.

During Advent a special Advent Service will be held in the Parish Church on each Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. The Rev. Josiah Haddock, M.A., Rector of Donaghcloney, will (D.V.) preach at Evening Prayer on Sunday, Dec. 11th. Mr. Haddock, who has recently been appointed Rector of Donaghcloney, is proud of the fact that he gave his first public address when a student at a service held in Tamnificarbet. We will be glad to welcome him once again to Seagoe Parish.

## Christmas Day.

On Christmas Day, Dec. 25th, which this year falls on a Sunday, the following Services will be held in the Parish Church:—

8 a.m.—Holy Communion.

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

7 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon.

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

## New Year's Day.

New Year's Day, January 1st, 1933, also the Feast of the Circumcision will fall on a Sunday this year. Services will be held in the Parish Church as follows—11.30 a.m.—Morning Prayer, Sermon and Holy Communion; 7 p.m. Evening Prayer and Sermon.

## CLERGY :

Rev. Chancellor Archer, B.D., The Rectory, Seagoe.

Rev. W. F. Hayes, B.A., Edendale, Carrick-Blacker Road, Edenderry, Portadown.

## CHURCHWARDENS :

Rector's—Mr. Robert Scott.

People's—Mr. Isaac Dickson.

## Service of Song.

On Thursday, January 5th, a Service of Song, "Mother's Angel," illustrated by lantern slides, will be given in Seagoe School at 8 o'clock. Tickets, 6d each, are now on sale. The proceeds are on behalf of Seagoe Sunday School Prize Fund. The Service is based on a very attractive story and the music accompanying it is very nice. A large choir has been practising the Service for some time.

## Games Gymkhana.

The games gymkhana held a year ago was such a success that another is being organised and will be held on Friday, Dec. 16th, in Seagoe School at 7.30. Tickets, 3d each, are now on sale. In addition to the games there will also be a Fancy Fair, at which light refreshments will be obtainable such as tea, coffee and cocoa, pastry, jellies, trifles, etc. There will be a bran tub filled with attractive toys. The games will be very varied and interesting. They will consist of tantom, darts, skittles, hoop-la, bean bags, rope quoits, miniature billiards, tennis, ring fishing, nail-driving and candle-lighting. The proceeds of the entertainment will be on behalf of Seagoe School Improvement Fund. Mr. J. H. Twinem is acting as Hon. Secretary.

## Seagoe Mothers' Union.

The next meeting of the Mothers' Union will be held (D.V.) in Seagoe School on Tuesday, Dec. 13th, at 7.30 p.m. Tea will be provided for all who come, and the Rev. W. F. Hayes will give an address. At the last meeting Mrs. Scott gave an interesting talk to the members on her recent visit to the Mary Sumner Memorial House in London, where representatives of the Union assemble from all parts of the world. Seagoe Mothers' Union meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month in Seagoe School.

**Seagoe P.E. School.**

During the past month Seagoe School has advanced in various ways. The Government Inspector has issued his report of the recent inspection. It reads as follows:—"The tone and discipline of the School are very good. The pupils show a keen interest in their work." On Wednesday, Nov. 30th, much excitement was occasioned by the arrival of a splendid supply of soup at "piece-time" from the soup kitchen in Portadown, also a supply of tins. The soup was very appetising and the children enjoyed it greatly. At another play-time competition held for the girls on Dec. 1st, Dinah Girvan won the prize given by the Manager in the popular game of Scotch-hop or Scotchy. The boys will have a competition on Tuesday, Dec. 6th.

**Seagoe G.F.S.**

The G.F.S. resumed work in Seagoe School on Monday, Nov. 21st, at 8 p.m. It meets each Monday evening in Seagoe School. The members have a busy session in front of them. During the month Mrs. Scott attended the Central Meeting of G.F.S. in Belfast. Miss S. Montgomery is giving her valued assistance in the work of Seagoe branch.

**Seagoe Parish Almanac.**

The pretty coloured Parish Almanac for 1933 is now on sale, price 2d, at Mr. Vance's, 23 Bridge St., Edenderry, and can also be had through the Superintendents of various Sunday Schools. Every home in the Parish should have upon its walls this useful and attractive Almanac.

**Weekly Freewill Envelope.**

The new envelopes for 1933 will be circulated without delay. They are a great improvement in appearance on those of recent years. If by any chance you fail to get your set apply to Mr. Moses Gilpin, Drumnagoon, or if you live in Edenderry apply to Miss Atkinson, Eden Villa.

**Church Grounds Extension.**

Last week members of our Vestry began work with spade and cart at the new plot for the extension of the Church grounds. They have removed the unsightly bank along the road and have levelled some of the plot itself. The laying out of the ground will take some time. A wall and gates are about to be erected where the banks have been removed.

**New Hall at Bocombra.**

Mr. James Twinem, who is working so indefatigably for the new Hall at Bocombra, sends us the following additional list of subscriptions. The total already in one month reaches the splen-

did total of £160 8s 6d. We believe there are many yet at home and abroad who would like to send a subscription to this good object. If they send it to the Rector (Rev. Chancellor Archer), Seagoe Rectory, Portadown, or to Mr. James Twinem, Lylo House, Lylo, Portadown, Co. Armagh it will be gratefully acknowledged. It is hoped that the purchase of the site chosen will be completed within a few weeks at the Land Commission Office and then building will commence without delay. We heartily thank all those who have so kindly contributed to the Building Fund.

Amount already acknowledged	£136 5 0
Mr. T. J. Hadden, Undertaker, Bridge Street ...	2 2 0
Messrs. Davison Bros., Ltd., Alex- andra Bakery ...	2 0 0
Mr. John R. Reid, Tavanagh Ave.	1 0 0
Mr. David F. Bell, J.P. ...	1 0 0
Mr. Thos. Martin, Kilvergan ...	1 0 0
Mr. James Boyce, sen., Bocombra	1 0 0
Rev. Robert Gracey, St. Donard's, Belfast ...	1 0 0
Mr. John Geo. Gracey, J.P. ...	1 0 0
Mr. Geo. Reid, Killycomain Rd. ...	1 0 0
Mr. Samuel Abraham, Breagh ...	1 0 0
Mr. David Rock, M.B.E., J.P., Edenderry ...	1 0 0
Mrs. W. H. Atkinson, Stewart Ave.	1 0 0
Mr. E. Betty, Bridge St. ...	1 0 0
Collected by Harry M'Neill, Bally- maerandle ...	0 11 0
Collected by Miss Irene Gracey, Killycomaine ...	0 10 0
Mr. Isaac Davison, Market St. ...	0 10 0
Mr. Alexander Guy, Upper Seagoe	0 10 0
Mr. S. F. Jackson, Manager Sun In- surance Co., Ltd., Belfast ...	0 10 0
Mr. Jas. E. Bell, Hardware Mer- chant, Ann St., Belfast ...	0 10 0
Mrs. Eliza Jane M'Cormick, Lylo ...	0 10 0
Miss Halliday, Eden Hall ...	0 10 0
Mr. Joshua Chambers, Carrick- blacker Rd. ...	0 10 0
Mr. Watson Wilson, Lisniskey ...	0 10 0
Mr. George Gilpin, Albert Buildings, Church Street ...	0 10 0
Mr. James Boyle (Accountant), William Street ...	0 10 0
Mr. H. C. I. Kelly, V.S., Church St.	0 10 0
Dr. Fred R. Dougan ...	0 10 0
Mrs. Wm. Best, Killycomain ...	0 10 0
Mr. George Jennet, Levaghery ...	0 10 0
Mr. James Atkinson, Tarson ...	0 10 0
Mrs. James Reid, James St. and Bridge St. ...	0 10 0

**Annual Subscriptions.**

Annual subscriptions are now due and should be paid in so that the accounts may be closed on Dec. 31st. They should be paid in to Mr. Moses Gilpin, Drumnagoon, Hon. Sec., or to Mr. Hugh Stoops, Killycomaine Road, Portatown, Hon. Treasurer.

**Concert at Carne.**

A splendid programme is being arranged for a concert at Carne Church Hall on Thursday, January 12th, at 8 p.m. Tickets are now on sale. The Hall is much in need of repair, and the concert is being organised to provide the necessary funds.

**Bocombra Harvest Festival.**

The last of our Harvest Services were held in Bocombra Orange Hall (kindly lent) on Sunday, Nov. 13th, at 3.30 p.m. The Hall was full to the doors and had been most tastefully decorated with fruits, flowers and evergreens. Miss Hilda Walker kindly presided at the harmonium and an anthem was sung with fine expression. The Lesson was read by Mr. James Twinem. The Rector preached on "The Gift of the Harvest." On Monday evening the Services were continued and a large gathering was present. Mr. George Freeman preached, and a collection was made on behalf of Foreign Missions.

**Parish Register for November.****Baptisms.**

**Kilpatrick**—Nov. 5th, 1932, William Albert, son of Herbert and Anna Mary Kilpatrick, of Upper Seagoe.

*Sponsors*—Margaret Kilpatrick, Anna Mary Kilpatrick.

**Lavery**—Nov. 5th, 1932, Grace Marcella, daughter of Robert John and Mabel Lavery, of Kilvergan.

*Sponsors*—Agnes Lavery, Mabel Lavery.

**Marriage.**

**Liggett and Hobbs**—Nov. 12th, 1932, James Alexander Liggett, of Edenderry, to Elizabeth Hobbs, of Lurgan, Parish of Shankill.

**Burials.**

**Vennard**—Nov. 16th, William John Vennard, of Edenderry, aged 82 years. Interred at Milltown Churchyard.

**Freeburn**—Nov. 18th, Violet Freeburn, of Edenderry, aged 21 years.

**Sympathy.**

We express our sympathy with the relatives of those who have suffered bereavement during the past month. William John Vennard had

lived for many years in Edenderry and was much respected by all who knew him. He passed away at a ripe old age. He always showed a practical interest in the welfare of Seagoe Parish. Mrs. Violet Freeburn has been called away at an early age after a long and trying illness which she bore with great patience. She was most carefully tended by her doctors and by the District Nurses. Their kind attention alleviated her sufferings.

**Shooting Competition.**

The Shooting Competition which was held in the Parochial Hall, though not largely attended, realised a sum more than sufficient to clear off the balance of the Excursion debt, which has now become cleared. We thank those who gave prizes and subscriptions and helped at the competition.

**The Sunday School's**

On Advent Sunday, Nov. 27, the new Calendars and Teachers' Notes for use in our Diocesan Sunday Schools came into use at Seagoe. The Calendar is arranged so that it can be used both at Morning and Afternoon Sunday Schools. It has been very carefully drawn up. The Teachers' Notes (price 1/3) are largely a reprint of the Notes published some 25 years ago by the late Archdeacon Paterson-Smyth. They will be found very helpful by the Teachers. We hope the Teachers in all our Sunday Schools will follow the Calendar closely and be careful to see that in the Junior and Senior Classes each child has a Calendar. The price of the Calendar is one penny.

**The Visit of the Prince**

Many Union Jacks were hung out on the occasion of the visit of the Prince of Wales to Ulster. The children attending Seagoe School had a holiday on the Wednesday when he arrived, and a Union Jack was flown from the Church Tower. The Seagoe C.L.B. lined part of the route along which he passed to Stormont. Great enthusiasm marked his visit.

**Carne Bible Class**

The Thursday evening Bible Class has been resumed. It is conducted by the Rev. W. F. Hayes and will meet on each Thursday evening in Carne Church Hall at 8 p.m. We invite our Carne parishioners to join the class.

**The Annual Report**

There has been a slight delay in issuing the Report, but it is now in print and will be in the hands of the Parishioners in a few days. It contains a full report of all the sums received and expended in connection with the Parish.

**Armistice Day**

Special Services were held in the Church on Sunday, Nov. 6th, the Sunday preceding Armistice Day, and also on Armistice Day at 10.45 a.m. On the Sunday morning the C.L.B. paraded in full strength with band. At 11.15 prior to Morning Prayer a short Service was held at the Church Memorial gates and a handsome wreath was laid by the Brigade. At Morning Prayer the preacher was the Rev. Robert Gracey, Curate of St. Donard's, Belfast, and formerly our Lay Reader in Seagoe. The preacher paid a very touching tribute to the memory of our fallen heroes. The Rector read out the names of those from the Parish who made the great sacrifice. The offerings were on behalf of Earl Haig's Fund for the ex-Service men. Mr. Gracey also preached at Evening Prayer. There was a very large congregation.

**Edenderry Harvest Service**

On Nov. 6th a Harvest Thanksgiving Service was held in the Parochial Hall. It had been very nicely decorated by many willing hands. The platform had been enlarged to accommodate the Choir. Miss Hilda Walker conducted the musical portion of the Service. The solos in the anthem were sung by Miss Kirby and Mr. Jim Courtney. The sermon was preached by the Rev. R. Gracey, of Belfast. Everyone was very glad to see him back again in Edenderry. On Monday, Nov. 7th, the Services were continued at 8 p.m. The Rector preached, and the offerings were on behalf of Foreign Missions.

**The Ven. W. R. Crichton**

Our old friend, now Archdeacon Crichton, of Madras, writes from Fort St. George, Madras, wishing all his old friends in Seagoe a very happy Christmas and bright New Year. He has been very busy arranging a Service of Commemoration of the 252nd Anniversary of the Cathedral of Madras. He has now been 15 years in India and hopes to have an 8 months' holiday over here beginning next March. There were 536 people at the Anniversary Service, although the Church only holds 400. His son and daughter are at school in England, and he has not seen them for four years.

**Twenty-Five Years Ago****NOVEMBER, 1907.**

The Churchwardens for 1907 were Major Stewart Blacker and Mr. George Calvert. A Harvest Tea was announced for Monday, Nov. 11th, in Seagoe School. The great attraction was the big Parish cake. The names of young people who attended every Service in the Church during the previous quarter are given. Those from Seagoe Sunday School were Thomas Eng-

land, Victor Walker, George Wilson, Jenni England and Maud Dickson. Special reference is made to the death of Mr. Hall Hewitt and of Mr. William J. Watson of Edenderry. Dr. Woolat, Principal of the Technical Institute, is announced to give a lecture in the Parochial Hall on "Wireless Telegraphy" with experiments, on Monday, Nov. 4th, at 8 p.m. Admission 3d. At the Hacknahan Harvest Service on Oct. 27th the preacher was the Rev. R. H. White, M.A., Curate of Holywood. The solo in the Harvest anthem was well sung by Miss Neill.

**DECEMBER, 1907.**

Seagoe Magazine for December, 1907, contains a splendid photograph of the great Seagoe Harvest cake, the biggest cake ever baked in Portadown. It measured  $7\frac{1}{2}$  feet in circumference, 1 foot in depth and  $2\frac{1}{2}$  feet in diameter. Its total weight was 103 pounds. It was heavily iced and covered in white sugar. The 29 townlands of the Parish were outlined in coloured sugar on the top, and in the centre was a picture in sugar of Seagoe Parish Church. Harvest Thanksgiving Services had been held in the Parish Church on Nov. 7th and 10th. The preachers were the Rev. T. G. G. Collins, B.D. Rector of Warrenpoint, and the Rev. F. M. Moeran, M.A., Rector of Cookstown. Three Baptisms, one Marriage and two Burials are recorded.

**Old Seagoe Notes.**

**Happenings in Seagoe 250 years ago.**—The following notes are extracts from the Books of the Society of Friends kept at the Friends Meeting House in Eustace St., Dublin:—

1673—William Williams of the Parish of Seagoe being summoned to the Court Leet of the Mannor of Carne (Kernan?) to serve as a Jury man, and because for conscience sake he could not swear was fined by Thomas Hide, Seneschall for which he had taken from him, by the Bailiff George Ramsey, pewter vessels worth 11 shillings.

William Lynes had a gun taken from him by the said George worth 13 shillings. Francis Robinson had an axe taken from him worth ten pence.

1673—David Mulligan and William Dickinson were Churchwardens so-called of Seagoe.

1672—Roger Webb for one shilling and six pence demanded for repairing the Worshipful House of Seagoe had taken from him by Evans Vaughan and William Gibson a Tankerd worth three shillings and sixpence. Thomas Turner for eightpence demanded as aforesaid had taken from him by James Jameson and Nell News Wardens, a pair of Bellows worth one shilling and sixpence.