

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

DECEMBER, 1935.

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

CLERGY :

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

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Seagoe, Portadown.

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Rector's—Mr. H. MURRAY GIBSON.

People's—Mr. THOMAS MARTIN.

Advent, 1935.

Sunday, December 1st, is Advent Sunday. It is the first day of the season preceding Christmas which has for many centuries of the Christian Era been set apart as a time when Christian people are specially reminded of the Second Coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. There are many passages in the New Testament which tell us plainly that the Christ will come again. The message of the Angels on the Mount of the Ascension contained such a promise. But it is not only that the New Testament contains such promise, our own natural instincts would suggest to us that this Dispensation cannot go on for ever. The Laws of Nature suggest the certainty of such an issue. The presence of Death in the world with its accompaniments of change and decay would be sufficient to prove the certainty of a complete consummation of all things such as is foreshadowed in the Second Advent. Our Lord Himself linked the thought of the Advent with the failure of the sun to give its light and the rending of the structure of the earth. No one who names the name of Christ can afford to overlook this "great Divine event to which the whole Creation moves." When once the certainty of the Second Advent comes home to the conscience of the Christian his next thought will be that the Advent implies Judgment. He will come to be our Judge. The supreme question then will be How do we stand in the sight of God? May this solemn season lead each one of us to a more searching examination of self so that when the trumpet sounds and the great White Throne is set up we may without fear stand before our Judge and Saviour. On each Wednesday in Advent special Services will be held in the Parish Church at 8 p.m., beginning on Wednesday, December 4th.

The Advent Collect

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which Thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious Majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal, through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. Amen.

Christmas-tide

Christmas is a very joyous season. It carries with it the joy of childhood for it commemorates the Birth of the child Christ. It is also the season of Peace, for the message of the Angels was "Peace on Earth." The recent wonderful unanimity of the League of Nations is a good augury for the possible realisation of an era of International Peace. The beating of swords into plowshares is not such a dream as some people imagined it to be. This Christmas should rejoice the hearts of all Christian people when they see that Christian Peace may yet prevail on the earth. Those who enter into the spirit of Christmas will feel their Faith strengthened and their Hopes confirmed as they kneel at the Holy Table and partake of that Feast of Love Divine instituted for us by the Child of Bethlehem. Special Christmas Carols will be sung in the Parish Church at Evening Prayer on Sunday, December 22nd.

Christmas Services

On Wednesday, December 25th, being Christmas Day or the Feast of the Nativity, 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.

New Year's Day

On Tuesday, December 31st, a Service will be held in the Parish Church at 8 p.m., and on Wednesday, January 1st, 1936, being New Year's Day and also the Festival of the Circumcision, there will be a celebration of Holy Communion in the Parish Church at 11.30 a.m., and Evening Prayer at 8 p.m.

Our Sunday Schools

On Advent Sunday, Dec. 1st, the new Calendar will be in use in our Sunday Schools. The Special Teachers' Notes are by the late Rev. J. Paterson Smyth. Every Teacher should have the Book of Notes. They are a great help. Archdeacon Paterson Smyth, who wrote them, was one of our greatest Bible students. It was he who wrote that famous book on "How we got our Bible."

Cake Fair

At Christmas we all think about cakes, and what splendid cakes we now see, so different from the Old Victorian currant buns or barmbracks. Seagoe Mother's Union will have their Cake Fair in the Parochial Hall (D.V.) on Thursday, Dec. 5th, at 3.30 p.m. The opening ceremony will be performed by Miss Dorothy Johnston, of Lurgan. She will be accompanied by her father, John Johnston, Esq., D.L., M.P., who is our member for the Northern Parliament. There will be many lovely cakes from which to choose. In addition there will be a variety stall, a fruit and flower stall, and a tea stall. At intervals during the afternoon musical selections will be rendered. The charge for admission will be threepence. The proceeds will be given to the Parish Church Improvement Fund.

Armistice Services

On Sunday, Nov. 10th, the members of the local Branch of the British Legion, under Major D. G. Shillington and Capt. R. Whitsitt, paraded at Morning Prayer in the Parish Church. The parade was headed by the C.L.B. Pipe Band. The Old Boys, the Cadets and Training Corps of the Seagoe Company of the Church Lads Brigade were also present. There was a crowded congregation at the Service, extra seating had to be provided. The preacher was the Rev. T. M'Creight, Rector of Magheradroll, Ballinahinch. The collection was on behalf of Earl Haig Fund for Ex-Servicemen. Immediately after Morning Prayer a brief Service of Remembrance was held at the Gates. A wreath was laid at the Memorial Pillars on behalf of the C.L.B. by Lieut. W. Currie. The Last Post and Reveille were sounded. On Monday, Nov. 11th, Armistice Day, a short Service was held in the Church at 10.45, and the two minutes' silence was observed at the memorial Pillars and Gates.

Sympathy

This month we regret to have to record a long list of Burials. Many homes in the Parish have been rendered dark and lonely through the loss of some dear one. Our deep sympathy goes out to those thus bereaved. The death of Mrs. Robinson, of Tannifiglasson, removes from our midst one who was well known and much esteemed by many in the Parish. She had been in failing health for a long time but had always borne her sickness with great patience. Another loss has occurred last month in the death of Mrs. Gibson, of Rathlin, mother of our esteemed Churchwarden, Mr. Murray Gibson. Mrs. Gibson had reached a great age but was full of life and energy almost to the end. She was the widow of Archdeacon Gibson, of Ferns and Rector of New Ross. The Archdeacon and Mrs. Gibson were splendid workers and were most popular with everyone. Since Mrs. Gibson came among us she made many friends, who will miss her greatly. The death of William M'Knight, who has for many years been stationed at the Kernan Crossing of the G.N.R., is much regretted. He passed away after a comparatively short illness. We mourn the loss of little Winifred Whiteside, which is especially sad, being the second death within the household of Mr. Ferguson Whiteside this year. She was a bright winning little one "too fair for earth." She has joined in the Eternity her little brother whose tragically sudden death we recorded quite recently. Another death, that of Mrs. Flannigan, of Edenderry, removes from our midst one who was well-known and much beloved by all who knew her. She had been in infirm health for a long time but bore it always with unflinching patience. Mrs. Brown, of Ballinacor, has also passed away. During her long residence in Ballinacor she was always much respected.

We also regret to record the death of James M'Coo, who was known to many in Edenderry. The sorrow which accompanies the death of our dear ones is softened and mitigated by the thought that in Christ who is the Resurrection and the Life, the parting is not for ever.

The Sustentation Fund

We would ask all subscribers to the Sustentation Fund, whether holders of the Weekly Envelopes (if in arrears) or annual subscribers to please see that their subscriptions are sent to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Hugh Stoops, Killicomaine Road, Portadown, without delay as the accounts for the year close on December 31st.

Parish Register for November**Baptisms**

The following were Baptised in the Parish Church on November 2nd, 1935:—

Magrattan—Jane Elizabeth, daughter of John Henry and Elizabeth Magrattan, of Levaghery.

Sponsors—Eliza Jane Magrattan, Elizabeth Magrattan.

Conlon—Ivan, son of George and Sarah Conlon, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Elizabeth Rountree, Sarah Conlon.

Guy—William Robb, son of Samuel James and Annabella Guy, of Derryvore.

Sponsors—Millicent Coulter, Annabella Guy.

Burials.

M'Coo—Nov. 13th, James M'Coo, of Edenderry, aged 52 years. Interred at Drumree.

Robinson—Nov. 16th, Margaret Robinson, of Tammifglasson, aged 74 years.

Gibson—Nov. 23rd, Jane Ida Gibson, of "Rathlin," Edenderry, aged 81 years. Interred at New Ross, Co. Wexford.

M'Knight—Nov. 23rd, William M'Knight, of Kernan, aged 62 years.

Brown—Nov. 26th, Charlotte Brown, of Ballinacor, aged 73 years.

Whiteside—Nov. 28th, Winifred Whiteside, of Edenderry, aged 4 years and 9 months.

Flannigan—Nov. 28th, Mary Anne Flannigan, of Edenderry, aged 75 years. Interred at Drumree.

Edenderry Harvest Services

The annual Services of thanksgiving for the blessings of harvest were held in the Parochial Hall, Edenderry, on Sunday, November 3rd, at 3.30, and on the following Monday at 8 p.m. The Hall had been very tastefully decorated by the Superintendents and teachers of the School. There were large congregations at both Services. The preacher on Sunday was the Rev. F. R. M'Cullough, M.A., Rector of Aghalee, Lurgan. The collection at that Service was on behalf of the Parochial Hall Fund. The Rev. G. W. Millington, M.A., Rector of St. Mark's, Portadown, preached on the Monday evening. The offerings were on behalf of Foreign Missions. Special music appropriate for the occasion was rendered

in a very pleasing manner by a large choir. The music included a Harvest Anthem. The solo portion of this was sweetly sung by Miss M. Robinson. Miss H. Walker kindly presided at the organ.

C.L.B. Concert

It has been found necessary to alter the provisional date suggested in last month's Magazine for the annual C.L.B. Concert. The Concert will be given in the Parochial Hall, Edenderry, on Thursday, Dec. 12th, at 8 p.m. A very interesting variety programme has been arranged. Tickets for admission are now on sale. The proceeds are on behalf of the C.L.B. Funds.

Twenty-five Years Ago**DECEMBER, 1910.**

This ancient copy of Seagoe Magazine contains the usual good wishes for Christmas. Christmas Day that year fell on a Sunday. A Temperance Mission was being held in Edenderry, beginning with an open-air gathering at the Big Lamp on Dec. 3rd, at 8 p.m. Mr. Charles Collins is appointed Superintendent of Levaghery Sunday School. Six Baptisms are recorded, including that of Terence Fitzroy Blacker. A Parish Social is arranged for Dec. 13th. The Old Seagoe Notes are on the Cloch-Beann of Seagoe.

Old Seagoe Notes.

The Origin of Tammifglasson and Tammifcarbet.—The curious proximity, side by side, of these two Townlands bearing somewhat difficult names, sets one thinking as to their possible origin. The meaning of the names is not uncertain—"The Field of the Wood of Glasson" and "The Field of the Wood of Carbet." Glasson and Carbet are supposed to be names of individual people. A theory has been propounded that a great and decisive battle was fought just about here. At one period there was a serious conflict between the Archbishop of Armagh and the Clan Maginnis. Maginnis was over-running the country and had captured Lurgan. The See of Dromore was vacant at the time and so the Archbishop was in charge of the Diocese. It seemed as if Maginnis would conquer Seagoe as well as Shankill, and so the Archbishop assembled his troops and a battle was fought somewhere near these Townlands and Maginnis was defeated. It is possible that Glasson was the name of Maginnis. We read of a certain Glassony Maginnis. Carbet may

have been the name of a leader on the Archbishop's side. Apparently the battle was fought on the outskirts of a Wood or Forest and so each townland had in its name "The Field of or near the Wood." It is not possible to assign a date for the Battle but possibly it occurred somewhere about the 14th century.

Seagoe Mothers' Union

A meeting of the Mothers' Union was held in Seagoe School on Tuesday, Nov. 12th, at 7.30. After tea, the Mothers' Union Hymn was sung. The prayers were taken by the Rev. F. J. Halahan, M.A., Rector of Drumcree, who also gave the address. At the close the President, Mrs. T. H. Twinem, expressed the thanks of the Members to the speaker. The next meeting of the Organisation will be held in Seagoe School on Monday, December 9th, at 7.30. An address will be given by the Rev. J. G. Sandford, Curate of Ballinderry.

The Parochial Hall

The following subscription has been received since the last issue of the Magazine towards the Parochial Hall Improvement Fund:—Frank Girvan, 5/-. This brings the total amount received in subscriptions to £11 19s 6d.

ITEMS.

Many new houses are being built through the Parish.

There have been floods along the Bann but not so widespread as at other times. The

lowering of the weir at Toome-bridge has enabled the flood waters to escape into the Lower Bann.

Please look through our Advertisement Columns, and when you are buying your Christmas presents get them from those who advertise with us and you will not be disappointed.

The Edenderry Orange Hall has recently been renovated and looks very bright. The use of this Hall is kindly given to the Seagoe Men's Bible Class, which is held there each Sunday morning at 10.15.

The Seagoe Men's Bible Class has given a subscription of a pound to the funds of the local branch of the Queen's Nursing Association.

The preacher on Sunday evening was the Rev. J. Warner, B.A., Curate of St. Mark's, Portadown.

Capt. E. Mitchell, escorted by Sergeants A. Heyburn and J. Topley, laid a wreath on behalf of the Down and Connor and Dromore Battalion of the Church Lads' Brigade at the Belfast Cenotaph on Armistice Day.

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 each Month at 3 p.m., and during any Service in the Parish Church, 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 thankoffering. (See Book of Common Prayer.)

MORNING PRAYER—Sundays and Chief Festivals, 11-30 a.m.

EVENING PRAYER—Sundays, 7 p.m.

DISTRICT SERVICES

Hacknahay—Last Sunday of Month at 3-30 p.m.

Drumcor—Second Sunday of Month at 4 p.m.

Edenderry—Wednesdays at 8 p.m.

CLASSES, &c.

BIBLE CLASS FOR MEN in Edenderry on Sundays at 10 a.m.

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

MOTHERS' UNION—2nd Tuesday of each month at 7.30 p.m.

CHURCH LADS' BRIGADE in the Parochial Hall on Tuesdays and Fridays.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY in Seagoe School on Mondays at 8 p.m.

SEAGOE P.E. SCHOOL, 9-15 a.m. Principal—Mr. R. Scott.

MARRIAGE S must be performed between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Licenses are issued by Rev. Canon Hannon, Rector, Lurgan. Due notice (48 hours) must be given to the Rector of intended weddings. **FEES**—By License—Labourers 5/- tradesmen 10/-, Merchants and Farmers 15/-, Professional, £1. By Banns 5/-. **FUNERALS** will be attended by the Clergy if proper notice be given. **SICK CASES** should be notified to the Clergy without delay. **FEES FOR CERTIFICATES** BAPTISM 3/7, Children (Factory) 1/- and 2/- (non-residents); MARRIAGE 3/7. An extra Search Fee is chargeable in certain cases. It will be a help to the Clergy if they are notified of the arrival of new Church families in the Parish.

A copy of the Magazine will be sent post free to any subscriber for 3/- per annum.