

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

FEBRUARY, 1907.

CLERGY :

RECTOR—REV. JAMES E. ARCHER, B.D.,
The Rectory, Seagoe.

CURATE—REV. JOHN TAYLOR, B.A.,
Seagoe Villa.

N.B.—The Clergy will feel greatly obliged if the Parishioners will notify to them any cases of illness at the earliest possible moment.

Churchwardens :

MR. ATKINSON COSTELLO, Carne.

MR. T. E. MAGINNIS, Ballydonaghy.

Select Vestry :

ALBIN, MR. JAMES	MONTGOMERY, MR. J.
ATKINSON, MR. W. R.	MONTGOMERY, MR. T. J.
COSTELLO, MR. ANDREW	MURRAY, MR. J.
GRACEY, MR. ROBERT	M'DOWELL, MR. WM. J.
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MONRO, MR. JOSEPH	STEVENSON, MR. J. H.
ATKINSON, MR. W. R.,	Secretary and Treasurer.

OFFERTORIES FOR JANUARY.

	Morning.			Evening.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Jan. 1—Circumcision	0	3	0			
„ 6—Epiphany	1	4	0	0	13	9
„ „—	0	4	6			
„ 13—1st Sunday after Epiphany	1	4	7	0	13	0
„ 20—2nd „ „	0	3	0			
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„ 27—Septuagesima Sunday Week Days	1	3	6	0	8	7
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	£5	0	0	£3	0	11

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Baptisms.

“Buried with Him in baptism.”

Jan. 5—Solomon Albert, son of J. S. W. and Sarah Grimason, Edenderry.

„ „—William James, son of Thomas and Letitia Holmes, Clanrola.

„ 19—Mary, daughter of James and Mary Ellen Hagan, Balteagh.

Burials.

“I know that my Redeemer liveth.”

Nov. 29—Margaret Rainey, Edenderry, aged 67.

Jan. 20—Anne Weir, Killycomaine, aged 59.

„ 24—James Wilson, aged 70.

CARNE PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

This function took place on January 24th. Tea was provided through the kindness of Mr. D. Murray and Mr. A. Costello. After tea a varied programme was gone through, contributed to by Misses Twinem and L. Fox, Mr. J. Lynas and Rev. J. Taylor. A dialogue, entitled “Wasting Away,” was then performed. The characters were taken by Messrs. Montgomery and Currie and Miss Fox. In response to an imperative encore, another was very kindly given. After this the prizes were distributed by Mrs. Murray to a goodly number of children. The Rector having addressed a few words of exhortation and encouragement to all, the meeting closed with the benediction. All were unanimous in saying that they had seldom spent such an enjoyable evening in Carne.

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EDENDERRY PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

A large number of children and teachers assembled in the Parochial Hall for this purpose on 27th January. The tea having been disposed of, Mr. Smith, B.A.I., gave some selections on his excellent gramophone, which were very much appreciated. Songs were given by Miss Armstrong and Mr. D. Livingston, and readings and recitations by Miss L. Montgomery and Messrs. R. and C. Montgomery. A very large number of prizes were kindly distributed by Mrs. Hadden. The Rector then expressed a hope that the attendance and proficiency would be even better in the coming year than ever before, and a very pleasant evening closed with the Doxology. We would like to say that if there have been any mistakes about the prizes, intimation should be given at once to the Superintendent.

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EDENDERRY TEMPERANCE MEETING.

The second meeting was held on January 11th when a large gathering assembled. The Rector took the chair and introduced an excellent programme. Songs were given by H. Wright, M. Grimason, L. M'Anally, and also by Miss Armstrong and Mr. Murray. Miss G. Montgomery as “Granny” compared the state of Temperance in her early days with the present. This item was very well done, as was the next, a dialogue by D. Livingston and V. Irwin, entitled “The Three Nots.” But the piece of the evening was a sketch, entitled “Home Government” by G. N. and C. Montgomery and J. Dawson. A very impressive address was then given by Rev. O. Scott, Rector of Gilford, with the result that forty-five of those present expressed their willingness to sign the pledge. We hope that at the next meeting many more will come and do the same.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE.

Seagoe—The following did not miss a service during the quarter ending December 31st:—Nicholas England, Ellen J. England, Thomas England, Victor Walker, David W. Forde, John Porter, Maud Dickson, Lena J. Best, M. Ruddy. The attendance of the following was very good:—Hannah Harte, Adelaide M'Loughlin, Margaret Reid, Amelia Reid, Annie White, Anna M. Watson, Theresa Ramsay, Florrie M'Loughlin, James Porter, David Porter, Thomas Ruddell, James D. England.

The new Cards have now been distributed, and we are glad to see that our young people are attending Church so well. Our Lord Jesus Christ loved to be in His Father's House, and we must learn to follow His example and never be absent from the House of Prayer. "My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord's house" were the words of the Psalmist of Israel, and they are words which we should strive to make our own. We would like to point out that if a child is inattentive during the Service such inattention, if made known to the Sunday School Superintendents, will deprive the child of its attendance mark for that Sunday. The Superintendents have been asked to supervise as far as possible the children who are unaccompanied by their parents. But may we not hope that before long every parent in the Parish will accompany the children whom God has given them when the children go to worship in the House of Prayer?

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QUESTIONS ON OLD TESTAMENT.

Joshua vi.—viii.

CHAP. vi.—FEB. 10.

1. What city is famous for its siege?
2. What direction did God give Joshua concerning it?
3. Describe briefly the siege?
4. What command was given concerning the spoil?
5. Who alone escaped of the inhabitants?
6. What was the curse pronounced by Joshua on Jericho?

CHAP. vii.—FEB. 17.

1. By whom were the Israelites smitten?
2. How did God direct them to find out the cause?
3. Who had committed the sin?
4. What had he done?
5. How was he punished, and where?
6. Meaning of Achor?

CHAP. viii., 1-17—FEB. 24.

1. By what means was Ai taken?
2. How many men did Joshua choose to take it?
3. Where did they encamp?
4. What ruse did Joshua adopt?

CHAP. viii., 18-35—MARCH 3.

1. What was the sign for the taking of Ai?
2. How many were slain?

3. What happened to the king?
4. What altar memorialized the taking of Ai?
5. What things did Joshua do in accordance with the "Book of the Law"?
6. On what mountains were the blessings and cursings read?

NEW TESTAMENT.

ST. MARK iv., 30-41—FEB. 10.

1. What is meant by the "Kingdom of God"?
2. To what is it likened here?
3. What is a parable?
4. What miracle did Christ perform in this passage?
5. In what words did the disciples show their impatience?
6. What effect did the miracle produce on the disciples?

ST. MARK v., 1-20—FEB. 17.

1. How does St. Mark describe the Gadarene lunatic?
2. In what words did he address Jesus?
3. What was his name?
4. How did our Lord answer the devils' request?
5. After what miracle did the people beseech Christ to depart out of their coasts?

ST. MARK ii., 1-12—MARCH 3.

1. How did the bearers of the palsied man show their faith?
2. What words of Christ did the scribes object to?
3. How did our Lord prove His power to forgive sins?
4. "We never saw it on this fashion." After what miracle were these words spoken?

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QUESTIONS ON THE COLLECTS.

(For Senior Classes.)

SEXAGESIMA.

1. What plea do we offer to God in this Collect?
2. On what do we depend when asking requests from God?
3. Against what does this Collect teach us to pray?

QUINQUAGESIMA.

1. What is the meaning of "charity"?
2. Where are we taught the necessity of charity?
3. How does this Collect define it?
4. What is the punishment of those who have not this virtue?

ASH WEDNESDAY.

1. What day is called "Ash Wednesday"?
2. What special request do we make in this Collect?

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT.

1. What event in Christ's life is mentioned in this Collect?
2. What lesson does Christ's example teach us?

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT.

1. Why do we ask God to keep us?
2. How are we to be kept?
3. For what purpose are we to be kept?

OUTLINE OF TEMPERANCE LESSON

For February 24th.

Portion of Scripture to be studied—Jeremiah xxxv.

Note—There were buildings round the beautiful Temple at Jerusalem where various priests and teachers lived. In an upstairs room belonging to a good man was Jeremiah, God's prophet, and a number of rather rough men. On the table were placed cups of wine. Jeremiah asked these men to drink some wine, but they said, "We will drink no wine: because Jonadab the son of Rechab our father commanded us, Ye shall drink no wine." We see they were Total Abstiners from obedience, and God was pleased to bless them.

Texts to be learned—1 Thess. iv. 6-7, Ephes. v. 18, 1 Cor. v. 11.

Hymn to be learned—145 in Church Hymnal.

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BIBLE CLASS SOCIAL.

A most successful Social Meeting in connection with the Bible Classes of the Parish took place in Seagoe School on Thursday evening, January 17th. at 7-80 o'clock. Over 200 members were present, and the rooms presented a crowded appearance. For the first time in the history of Seagoe School the building was lighted with gas, which added much to the evening's pleasure. After a hearty tea, a short programme followed. Mr. Smith's gramophone produced some splendid songs and instrumental pieces, while a well-sung duet by Messrs. Wilson and Murray, accompanied by Miss Walker, was much appreciated. Round games were then indulged in, and we have seldom seen a company of young people enjoy themselves so much as did our Bible Class friends during these games. Two different sets of games were kept going in the rooms until near ten o'clock, when the Rector asked all to gather in one room to listen to a Temperance Dialogue entitled "Home Government," which was most capably executed by the Misses N. and L. Montgomery and Messrs J. Dawson and C. Montgomery. After a few words of good advice from the Rev. J. Taylor, the Doxology was heartily sung by all present, and a most enjoyable re-union came to an end. The following ladies acted as tea-makers—Mrs. Hadden, Mrs. Collen, Mrs. Smith, Miss Armstrong, Miss Walker, Mrs. M'Mullan, Miss Calvert, Mrs. Montgomery, Miss E. Walker, Mrs. Flannigan. We hope that all our young people will join one or other of the Bible Classes which meet on Sunday mornings (see cover of Magazine). The subject of study this year is—"The Book of Common Prayer," a most interesting subject, which brings before us most important Scripture truths as well as most interesting phases of Church History. The subject for next Sunday is—"The Sentences and Exhortation," in which the object of Public Worship is brought before us.

HACKNAHAY PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

One of the most successful of these gatherings came off in Hacknahay School on January 31st. The school was thronged with teachers and children and those who were no longer children. Mr. George Calvert very kindly entertained the children to tea, and a willing band of helpers dispensed it to those present. An excellent programme was then gone through, including phonograph selections kindly given by Mr. W. J. Calvert; songs by the choir and the Misses M'Murray and Neill; reading by Mr. T. E. Maginnis; recitations by Rev. J. Taylor, and action songs by the children. Great credit is due to Miss Calvert for the way in which the last items were carried out, each one calling forth the heartiest applause. During the evening an interesting item was the presentation to Miss Monro of a beautiful silver teapot from the teachers, as a mark of appreciation of her work in the Sunday School, from which she is now severing her connection. The Rector having read a letter of apology from Major Blacker very much regretting the inability of Mrs. Blacker to be present to distribute the prizes, owing to a cold, the prizes were handed to the children by Miss Calvert. After a chorus, "Good-night," by the choir, the meeting was brought to a close, each child receiving an orange from Mr. Calvert on its way out. Two dialogues by Messrs. Montgomery and Currie and Miss L. Fox were done in excellent style, and were greatly appreciated by all present, adding much to the pleasure of the evening.

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NEW VESPER HYMN.

The following are the words of the Vesper Hymn sometimes sung at the close of our Evening Service—

"Grant us, Father, we beseech Thee,
Heavenly love in rich increase;
And as long as life endureth
Grant us Thine abiding peace. Amen.

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MISSIONARY MEETING.

The Rev. H. Teggart, who has for the past eleven years been working as a Missionary in Uganda, Central Africa, will address meetings in the Parish on next Thursday, February 7th.

Children's Missionary Meeting in Edenderry Hall on Thursday, at 6 o'clock.

Missionary Meeting in Drumgor on same evening at 8.

Splendid lime-light views will be shown at both meetings. There will be no charge for admission, but a collection will be made for the Church Missionary Society.

We hope to have overflowing meetings on each occasion.

MUSIC.

Every Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock the Singing Class meets in Edenderry Hall. Mr Horace Wilson is the conductor. The members are taught to sing from note. Wonderful progress has been made, and we look forward to the time when each member of Seagoe Choir will be able to sing from note and not merely by ear. The Class is about to begin practising a Service of Song. Those desirous of joining should do so at once. Special reduction for children.

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OUR DAY SCHOOL.

Notwithstanding a good deal of sickness, the numbers in our Day School keep well up. Religious instruction is imparted to the children each week by the clergy. Cooking Classes for our girls are about to be started, and Mr Horace Wilson has formed a class for instruction in Song-singing and Recitation which meets on Wednesday at 2-30. The charge for membership in the class is 1d weekly, and parents should see that their children take advantage of this most important branch of education.

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ITEMS.

The next Temperance Meeting will be held in the Parochial Hall, Edenderry, on Friday, February 8th. We hope to see not merely the children but their parents and grown-up brothers and sisters.

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The programme on this occasion will be chiefly in the hands of the boys and young men, and it is hoped that the Rev. A. Miller, curate of Waringstown, will give the address.

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Of the five pupils of Mr. Firth who obtained honours at a recent examination in music, we were glad to notice that three were from our Parish, viz., Miss L. Montgomery, Miss M. Archer, and Miss R. Templeton.

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The names of those attending all the schools except Seagoe, whose church attendance has been good, will be published next month.

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A new stove has been fitted up in Seagoe School, and is a great improvement.

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The incandescent gas-light has also made a wonderful change for the better in the school.

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The Rector has had a card from Mrs. Pentland (Miss S. Connor) who seems to like her new home in Scotland very much.

Special preachers have been arranged for Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday, February 13th. A list of the Lent services will shortly be published.

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We are glad to notice that the Wednesday evening services are being very well attended.

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OLD SEAGOE NOTES.

The following particulars regarding Old Seagoe Church, the ruins of which are shown on our Magazine cover, may be of interest to our readers:— The Church lies due east and west. The space within the walls is 59 feet by 22 feet, which were the entire dimensions of the Church originally. Afterwards there were added a small porch of stone at the south-west corner and a northern aisle or transept; the foundations of these can still be traced. The Church presented the appearance of a long, low building. It was lighted on the south side and in the transept by small square-headed windows. Those in the east and west gables were narrow and pointed, and all, like the whole edifice, were entirely devoid of ornament in any form. The roof was covered with oak shingles, as was usual in all large buildings in early day. (The spire of Waringstown Church is still covered with shingles) The Church was entered at the south-west corner by the small porch, in which was a seat at either side. There was a descent of two steps into the nave. The side walls appear to have been little more than 10 feet high, but the ceiling being coved some additional height was gained in the centre. On the left of the entrance inside the Church rose the steps or stairs leading to the gallery. Here hung down the bell-rope from the belfry overhead, and the bell-ringer stood on the stairs when he performed the duties of his office. The first seat on the gallery was occupied by the choir of "singing boys," and they were aided by three or four flutes—"black flutes" it is specially noted—and a great bass fiddle. (In next month's issue we hope to complete this description of the old Church.)

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The foundation stone of the present Church was laid on June 1st, 1814.

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After the destruction of Seagoe Church during the Rebellion of 1641 it was rebuilt largely through the exertions of Valentine Blacker, Esq., an ancestor of the Carrickblacker family.

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By an Act of Vestry in 1765 the front seat of the gallery was assigned "for the use of the singing boys and Mr. Willm. Nuttle" (Lutton).