

# Seagoe Parish Magazine.

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## Lent.



THE Season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 9th. It is a time set apart each year for the purpose of directing the minds of Christian people towards the great Question of Sin and its Remedy. The Prayers and Hymns and Addresses in the Parish Church during the next five weeks will have special reference to that subject, and we invite all the Parishioners to join heartily in our Services and avail themselves of the special opportunities which this season brings within their reach. On February 13th, the 1st Sunday in Lent, Sermons on "Temperance" will be preached.

## Missionary Sermons.

Special Sermons on behalf of Foreign Missions will be preached in Seagoe Church on Sunday, February 6th, at Morning and Evening Prayer. The preacher will be the Rev. John Hinde, M.A., at present Curate of St. Mary's Church, Belfast, and until recently for seven years a C.M.S. Missionary in the Province of Fuh-Kieu, China. Mr. Hinde will be able to speak of Missions from personal experience, and that too in the most interesting land of China. The collections will be in aid of Foreign Missions.

## Lecture on Palestine.

A Lecture on "A Visit to Palestine" was delivered in the Parochial Hall, on Thursday week by the Rev. George G. Mervyn, of Belfast. There was a good attendance and the Lecture was most interesting. It was illustrated throughout by a fine series of photographic slides which were taken by Mr. Abernethy of Belfast, who accompanied Mr. Mervyn. After a detailed description of the voyage out to Jaffa, the lecturer described vividly and clearly the various places visited. The tour extended to Jericho and the fords of the river Jordan. At the close a number of slides depicting scenes in Bethlehem and Jerusalem were thrown on the screen. At the close of the Lecture a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Mervyn, and also to Mr. McKittrick, who skilfully manipulated the Lantern. The proceeds of the Lecture will be devoted to the Sunday School Funds.

## The Men's Social.

The Men's Social in Edenderry Hall on Tuesday, February 1st, proved very successful. There were over 150 men present representing all the parish organisations for men. The proceedings began with Tea which was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. Everybody seemed in the best humour and the occasion was the means of bringing together men from all parts of the Parish in social intercourse.

Tammicarbet conversed with Hacknahay and Edenderry with Lylo and Tarson with Drumlisnagrilly. That is one great advantage of a combined social. It makes us realise the greatness of the work in which we are engaged. The presence of the Dean of Belfast lent great interest to the meeting. During an interval in the Programme he spoke on Lessons from the Life of Hezekiah. His words were closely followed by all present, and the many stories which he told were much enjoyed by the men. The musical items and readings and recitations were excellent and contributed greatly to the pleasure of the evening. Several ladies kindly assisted by presiding at the Tables. At the close the Medal and Prizes were distributed to the members of the Bible Classes and many also received Special Certificates. A Gold Medal suitably inscribed was presented to Mr. Isaiah Shanks for an unbroken attendance for 3 years at the Edenderry Men's Bible Class. Mr. Thomas McCrory, wearing his Gold Medal, was presented by the Dean with a Special Certificate for not having missed during five years. The following also received Certificates for not having missed once during the year. Messrs. Thomas Best (two complete years), James Shanks and William Freeburn. A cordial vote of thanks to the Dean and all who had helped was then passed and after the singing of the Doxology the meeting concluded. Mr. R. T. Montgomery had charge of the Tea arrangements and managed very successfully.

## Seagoe Abroad.

The Rector has received an interesting Letter from Mr. Thos. Webb who recently left Seagoe with Mrs. Webb to reside in South Manchester, Connecticut, U.S.A. Mr. and Mrs. Webb had a rough passage out and suffered from sea sickness. They are now engaged in work in the Silk Mills at South Manchester. There is a strong public opinion there in favour of Total Abstinence and Prohibition. Mr. Webb attends St. Mary's Church and is a member of the St. Mary's Men's Club. We wish Mr. and Mrs. Webb much success in their new home. There is quite a colony of Seagoe people in South Manchester.

## Parish Register for January.

### Baptisms.

"Except a man be born again he cannot see the Kingdom of God."

Jany. 1st—Sarah Anne, daughter of William and Sarah Elizabeth Best,  
" "—Gertrude, daughter of James and Anne Freeburn.

**Marriages.**

- “That ye may so live together in this life, that in the world to come ye may have life everlasting.”—*Prayer Book.*  
 Jany. 3rd—Robert Harra, Edenderry, to Mary Rainey, Edenderry.  
 „ 6th—David Hugh Adair, Edenderry, to Elizabeth Brown, Edenderry.  
 „ 14th—James Rea, Tamnifglasson, to Jane Medlow, Drumgor.  
 „ „—George Robinson, Ballyhannon, to Christina Atkinson, Drumnagoon.

**Burials.**

- “I know that my Redeemer liveth.”  
 Jany. 4th—Thomas Henry Gilpin, Drumnagoon, aged 42 years.  
 „ 21st—Elizabeth Brown, Edenderry, aged 77 years.  
 „ 22nd—William Best, Ballyhannon, aged 52 years.  
 „ 23rd—Margaret Livingston, Edenderry, aged 51 years.  
 „ 25th—Robert Wilson, Kernan, aged 85 years.  
 „ 28th—Sarah Robinson, Tamnifglasson, aged 25 years.

**Obituary.**

Many in the Parish have been called away during the past month from Time to Eternity. Last month we noticed the absence of sickness and Death, but this month Man's last Enemy has demanded a heavy toll. Two of our number were snatched away with awful suddenness. William Best passed away, without a moment's warning of his coming end, while standing in an office in Portadown. Though never very robust he had not recently complained of illness. In the monthly services at Bocombra he had always given ready help and was never absent. His bright manner and genial willingness made him a general favourite. His death is deeply regretted by his many friends. Robert Wilson also died very suddenly and, though advanced in years, seemed almost up to the moment of his death to have been in his usual health. Others passed away after long continued illness. To the bereaved amongst us we offer our sincere sympathy. May they be able to realise the truth of the Psalmist's words, “Though I walk in the midst of trouble yet shalt Thou refresh me.”

**Offertories for January.**

“All Things come of Thee.”

	Morning.			Evening.		
	£	s	d	£	s	d
Jan. 2nd—2nd S. aft. Christmas	1	11	8	0	9	9
„ 9th—1st S. aft. Epiphany	0	17	0	0	9	1
„ 16th—2nd S. „	0	18	9	0	10	0
„ 23rd—Septuagesima	0	18	0	0	10	4
„ 30th—Sexagesima	0	17	11	0	8	7
„ Week days				0	9	0
	£5	3	4	£2	16	9

**Band of Hope.**

CARNE.

We regret that in our last issue no mention was made of a Service of Song held in Carne Church Hall on December 23rd, and we hasten to repair the omission. Now that a tremendous wave of Temperance enthusiasm is passing over the country, it is intensely gratifying to see our young people in the van. To them, under Mr. David Murray's careful tuition, was due the success of our meeting. We also may record our delight at seeing so many grown-up people present to show their interest in it and their approbation of their juniors' efforts. At the conclusion of the Service a short Address was given, votes of thanks duly honoured, and some new names received for enrolment.

**HACKNAHAY.**

On January 21st Hacknahay School was the scene of operations. A most enjoyable and instructive programme was provided by the children attending the Day School, and some of their friends. A pleasing feature of the occasion was the number who signed the pledge, about sixteen cards in all being taken during the evening. As space is limited, it is impossible to refer to each item, and it must suffice to say that a high standard was reached by all. The Chairman, having addressed the Meeting, conveyed a hearty vote of thanks to Miss Wilson, and closed the Meeting in the usual way.

**EDENDERRY.**

This was our Battlefield on January 28th. Those who could discern the signs of the times saw long ago that an important event was coming off. Ample grounds for these expectations might be shewn. However, the length of the programme forbids detailed notice of each item. Where big and little vied with each other in attaining perfection, it would be invidious to draw comparisons, and we only ask leave to compliment all on their performance. The Rev. F. J. Halahan was present, and gave an inspiring address to one of the largest audiences we have had for some time. The usual votes of thanks having been proposed and passed by acclamation, loud and long, the meeting terminated.

**Items.**

There were four Social Meetings in the Parish during one week in January.

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We regret that so many were unable to procure copies of our January number. All our issue was sold off at once.

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During the recent hard frost the roads were very slippery. Unfortunately Mr George Sherman sustained a severe fall, but is now better we are glad to say.

Mr William Sweeney, one of our oldest parishioners, has been seriously ill.

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Mr. Walby, C.E., has drawn out plans for the enlargement of the Edenderry Hall.

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A large number of our Sunday School Teachers did not take Prizes this year, so as to reduce expenses.

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Mr. Herbert M. Murray has successfully passed his Junior Freshman Examination in Trinity College.

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There were 76 present on Sunday week at the Evening Service in Drumgor.

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Mr. M'Kenzie, late of Canada, has helped in many ways in the Parish during the past few months by giving addresses and reciting at the Social Meetings. He hopes shortly to return to Canada as a Catechist.

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The Photograph of Edenderry Hall on the cover was taken just after it was built, and before the shrubs had been planted round it.

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The Cookery Classes in Seagoe Day School are creating great interest. They are proving very useful. The health of people depends very largely on the way in which their food is cooked.

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A fine gas Cooking Stove has been erected in the School.

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The Girls' Bible Class Social comes off on Shrove Tuesday, February 8th, in Edenderry Hall at 7-30.

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Five members of the Edenderry Men's Bible Class did not miss once during 1909.

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Some of the new advertisements in Seagoe Magazine are very attractive. The Printer has done his part well.

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Read the list of Services, Classes, Schools, etc., on the cover of Magazine.

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We thank Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Costello for their kind gift of a Bible to be used at the Evening Services on Sundays in Tamnificarbet Hall.

### **The Sunday Schools.**

#### **PRIZE DISTRIBUTIONS.**

January is the month set apart for the important duty of distributing prizes to the successful pupils in the Parish Sunday Schools. This year, as usual, a large number of splendid books have been awarded. It was a wise resolution agreed to a meeting of the Superintendents and Teachers to do away with Third Prizes. The standard of attendance meriting a Prize

was raised this year from 35 Sundays to 40. An important change has been made in most of the Schools for this year. No child will in future get a Prize for attendance only. There must be evidence that the child not merely attends regularly but also comes in good time, is well behaved, and has prepared the Calendar Lessons carefully. This is a good rule and we ask the Superintendents and Teachers to see that it is carried out. Every Church Child (except Infants) will also be expected to attend the Church service on Sunday mornings and evenings and if they live at a distance from the Church their attendance at the District Evening Services in Hacknahay, Drumgor, and Carbet, will be counted as equal to an attendance at the Parish Church for Evening Service. By this means the difficulty which has hitherto been experienced of applying the Church Attendance Cards to the children living in the country districts will be overcome.

The Prize Distributions in the various centres were very largely attended, and were very successful. At **Hacknahay** Mr. and Miss Calvert with their usual generosity entertained the children. The gathering took place on Friday, January 7th, at 7 o'clock. An abundant supply of Tea and Cake was provided, and after the Feast an interesting and amusing programme was provided. The children of Hacknahay Day School, under the direction of Miss Wilson, sang several action songs very cleverly. The "Railway Porter's Song" was especially good. The Prizes were then distributed. A hearty vote of thanks was given to Mr and Miss Calvert. Each child on leaving the School was presented with an orange.

On Thursday, January 13th, **Edenderry** had its turn. Several kind friends had given subscriptions towards the cost of the entertainment. The children present numbered over 150. After Tea a splendid programme was gone through. Some of the Sunday School Children sang and recited very well. We noticed some of the senior boys assisting the Teachers both during the Tea and at other times. This is a good sign. We want more helpers among the young people. A great number of Books were given in Prizes. The Rector presided and congratulated the Superintendents and Teachers on the efficiency of the School and the good attendance of the children at the Church.

**Drumgor** Distribution was held on Monday, January 17th. The Hall was quite filled with the Children and their Teachers. Here the cost of the entertainment was borne by the young men of the District who had raised the necessary Funds by a Concert. Tea and Cake was present in abundance and there were many willing helpers to dispense the good things. The Programme was unusually attractive and the singing and reciting by the children provided much amusement. The Drumgor and Balteagh style of Recitation is very effective. A solemn face, slow utterance, and old fashioned or funny words when combined together create much amusement. Mrs.

McMullen, the Superintendent of the School, was indefatigable in her efforts for the success of the evening, and kindly entertained the visitors to Tea after the meeting.

**Levaghery** held high festival on Thursday, January 20th. The room was crowded, so much so that there was scarcely space to move. Tables were arranged down the room and the usual good things were liberally provided. Miss Atkinson, the energetic Superintendent, had drawn up a most enjoyable programme. The Dialogues were especially good and some of the pupils of the school sang very nicely. We are glad to find that our friends in Levaghery are practising Dialogues. They can do them well. The Rector who presided spoke of the importance of the work in Levaghery, and thanked the many helpers in the District.

The Distribution in **Seagoe School** took place on Friday, January 21st. The children from the neighbouring District attended. Mr. Chambers had drawn up a varied programme consisting of Songs, Rounds and Recitations. Little May Hynes sang several songs, and delighted everyone with her clear voice and clever actions. She sang standing on a chair. The children seemed greatly pleased with their prizes. Some kind friends gave subscriptions which helped to defray the cost of the entertainment. Messrs. L. Twinem and R. M'Kittrick, the superintendents, gave useful help in making the evening a success.

The long series of Distributions came to a close at **Carne** on Friday, January 28th. There was a full attendance and the children enjoyed themselves greatly. Through the kindness of a friend an abundant supply of tea and cake was provided, and disappeared with great rapidity. Mr. David Murray, the superintendent, had got together an excellent programme and two of the Edenderry children, David Gates and May Hynes, sang very well. Emma Brown and Gilbert Price gave great pleasure by their Recitations. Many prizes were distributed and a Bible was sent to little Sammy Coulter, who has for a long time been very ill but who, we are glad to hear, is now recovering. The Carne children sang some pretty songs. Altogether the evening was most successful.

We hope in the future that the Parents will begin to take more interest in the work of our Sunday Schools, and see that the children prepare their lessons beforehand. Every parent should enquire constantly from their children how they said their lessons, and also should carefully examine the child's Church Attendance Card.

### **Old Seagoe Notes.**

**LEVAGHERY SCHOOLHOUSE**—This is the oldest Schoolhouse at present in use in the Parish. It is very quaint in appearance. An interesting fact about it is that it was built out of the stones that remained over after the building of the present Parish Church in the year 1814.

**ORIGIN OF THE NAME OF PORTADOWN**—It has been suggested that the name Portadown is a corruption of Porta-Teg-Dagobhana, which means the Approach to the House of Gobhan. It being the spot on the River Bann where pilgrims alighted on their way to visit the Prayer House of Gobhan, now known as Seagoe.

**SEAGOE IN 1798**—During the Rebellion of 1798 much dissatisfaction was caused in Edenderry and Seagoe by the fact that the North Kerry Militia were stationed there. The Militia occupied the house at the corner of Foundry Street with garden in front. The Militia men used to carry naked Bayonets in their hand, with which they threatened to stab unoffending residents. The result was that every man in the district secured a gun for self-protection. We are indebted to Mr. George Sherman for this item of Old Seagoe News.

**THE SEAGOE YEOMANRY**—We are anxious to find out as many particulars as possible about this famous Corps of Yeomanry. Mr. James Atkinson, of Lower Seagoe, has in his possession the last Roll Book used by the Yeomanry. From it we gather the following interesting facts:—The first item in the Book is dated December 25th, 1820. On that date the following were members of the Yeomanry:—Sergeant Cherry, Sergeant Thomas Atkinson, Wm. M'Cann, James Monroe, John Greasey, James M'Cann, John Bullock, Robert Brown, Wm. Brown, John Bradford, John Bradford, jun., Sam. Cotter, Edward Costlow, Thomos Cavnagh, John Craig, Wm. Craig, Hugh French, Thomas Guy, Joseph Gilpin, Abel Cristy, Thomas Hall, Wm. Horah (Hara?), David Jones, Henry Jiney, Richard Livingston, Wm. Livingston, John M'Cann, Wm. Wright, James M'Gee, Israel M'Caghly, Robert Burill, Henry Morison, Robert Murphy, Jacob Pollock, Thos. Rodgers, Alick Russell, Jas. Rudy, Dynes Willson, Win. Willson, Moses Walker, Merid Wallace, Jas. M'Corrick, Sam. Fryers, Sergeant Geo. Joyce, Edward Burill, Richard M'Comb. These names number 46 in all, but a few of the pages are torn out of the Book. No doubt 50 was the complete number. The last entry in the Book is June 24th, 1829.

We hope in our next issue to give some further particulars, and shall be glad if any of our readers can supply information regarding the Yeomanry.

**LURGAN IN 1819**—The old Directory from which we made extracts last month says of Lurgan:—Lurgan was founded by Wm. Brownlow, Esq. In 1819 it consisted of 42 houses. It is now a beautiful town with 379 houses and 2,207 inhabitants. The Church is spacious, and is furnished with an excellent organ. It has a beautiful spire. There is a Poor School with 200 children. The Rector is the Rev. Mr. Waring, who receives his tithe by a *modus* of ten pence per acre, and it is very cheerfully paid. The sales in the weekly Linen Market average £2,500 to £3,000. The Rev. John Oldfield was curate of Lurgan at that time.