

Seagoe Parochial Mission

March 21st to March 29th.

CLERGY :

- Rev. Canon Archer, B.D., The Rectory, Seagoe, Portadown.
Rev. William T. Wilson, M.A., 20 Edward Street, Portadown.
Rev. Robert W. Johnston, L.Th., 35 Church Street, Portadown.

CHURCHWARDENS :

- Mr. Thomas H. Wilson, Lower Seagoe—Rector's.
Mr. John E. Lavery, Kilvergan—People's.

N.B.—For List of Services, etc., see Last Page.

A Parochial Mission.

The Rev. Canon Forrester, B.D., of Dublin, has kindly consented to hold a Mission in Seagoe Parish beginning on Saturday, March 21st, and concluding on Sunday, March 29th. Canon Forrester has had a wide experience of Parochial Missions, and bears a highly honoured name in the Church of Ireland. For fourteen years he was a member of the Dublin University Mission in India, and since his return from the Mission field has held high and responsible positions in his University and in the Church. He is not quite a stranger to Seagoe, as on one occasion when home on furlough from India he stayed with the Rev. W. R. Crichton at Seagoe Villa. We publish a letter which Canon Forrester has addressed to the Parishioners of Seagoe. It speaks for itself. We ask the prayers of our people that God's blessing may rest upon him who comes with the Divine message into our midst, and that all may receive Spiritual strength and refreshment during the days of the Mission. Read carefully the Missioner's letter, also the short statement headed "What Can We Do?" and please be quite sure to pray the Mission Prayer each day. Copies of the Prayer will be printed and circulated. A Mission Committee will be formed at once to organise in preparation for the Mission.

Parochial Mission,

MARCH 21st-29th, 1925.

MISSIONER'S LETTER TO THE PEOPLE OF SEAGOE PARISH, PORTADOWN.

DEAR FRIENDS,—Your Rector has asked me to conduct a Mission in your Church during the last

week in March. The object of a Mission is to stir us up to make a really serious effort to know God better, to see more clearly how many and hateful are our sins, and to become more faithful followers of our Lord Jesus Christ.

This is, I think, the right order in which to state our aims. For the better we know God the better shall we understand what sin really is, and the more shall we realise how wonderful is the unspeakable compassion of Him Who loved us and gave Himself for us. And when we have learned that God **does** truly and everlastingly love us we shall not be able to resist the drawing of His love: we shall just feel compelled to give ourselves to Him without reserve, and "daily endeavour ourselves to follow the blessed steps of His most holy life."

So much for ourselves. And I suppose we must begin with ourselves. But we must not stop here. We shall want to bring others to Him, who has brought to us life, and peace and joy. Our hearts will yearn over the many who do not know Him, and the power of His love. So we shall go search for them, and, it may be, "compel them to come in." Our mission, then, will thus have a double aim. We, who already know God, will strive to deepen that knowledge in ourselves; and we will, with God's help, try to bring others, who know Him not, to the foot of the Cross that they too may "seek after God and find Him."

The parable of the Sower teaches us the importance of good soil prepared for the seed. And so we shall not be content to wait until the Mission, but will from now on strive to make ready for the coming of the Spirit of God. I ask you, therefore, to begin at once your preparations for the Mission. Pray both individually and together that God will help us all very wonderfully and richly. Let us not be afraid to expect great things. Pray that God may "come among us and with great might succour us." Pray for all sorts of people in your Parish: the sick and sorrowful, the needy and poor, the good and the bad, the careless, the scoffer and the wicked. Pray for yourselves and your friends. Pray for your clergy and all the helpers in the Mission. Pray that God may draw many to give real hard work for the Mission. We shall need many helpers, visitors, choir folk, leaders in prayer. All kinds of help

will be needed. Tell your clergy you want to help, and, be sure, there will be plenty of work for you to do. There is but one thing needful, the spirit of service. The true servant of Christ utterly forgets self, and thinks only of the Master and His work.

Finally, will you pray for me, that I may be given grace and strength and wisdom, so that I may speak to you truly and simply the word of our God, who is your Saviour and mine.

J. C. FORRESTER.

WHAT CAN I DO ?

PRAY. The results of the Mission will depend on the earnestness of our prayers.

If you do not pray regularly, begin at once to pray at least every morning and evening. If you do pray regularly, try to find a little more time for prayer. Pray for the Mission, for the Church, for the clergy. Try to learn to pray better.

If you are head of a household and have not had family prayers or said grace at meals, begin now. Remember God in your family life.

Go to church regularly on Sunday, that you may worship God with others. Be regular in your Communion. Try to go to the special services arranged to your parish in connection with the Mission.

THINK. Think about what is wrong in your life, in the Church, in the country. Try in God's presence to find out what he wishes you, the Church, the country to be. Think about all the details of your own life and work ; of the way you spend your time, your money ; of your conduct to your family ; of the way you manage your household, your business ; of the way you do your work ; of the way you spend your leisure ; of the things you talk about with your friends. Ask yourself whether in all these ways you act as a follower of Christ should.

STUDY. Set yourself to learn something more about the Church, the Bible, the needs of your country, the needs of the world.

If you have children take care yourself that they are taught the truths of religion ; do not leave their teaching to others. Prepare yourself to teach them.

WORK. Try to find out some way in which you can work for Christ. Begin to help in the work of your Church if you have not done so. If you are already working for the Church see how you can make your work better, how you can get others to work. Ask your clergyman how you can help in the work of the Mission in your parish. Be ready to do the work that is needed even if it is dull, or difficult, or exacting. If you can only do a very little, at least do what you can.

WITNESS. Try so to live that you may show forth Christ to men, that your life may speak of Him to others. The Mission is a mission of witness; each follower of Christ must be ready to make it clear who is his Master. Be more ready to speak to others of Him ; to witness to Him in your work, in your business, amongst your friends. By our witness we must try to win the world for Christ. Let

us so live in love that the world may say again of our families, of our congregations, " See how these Christians love one another."

Who is sufficient for these things ? We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us. But we must constantly seek His help. Everything in our preparation for the Mission, in our work for the Mission, will depend upon our prayers. The first and the last thing for us all to do is to learn to pray better.

PRAYER FOR THE MISSION.

O GOD, the Father of Heaven, have mercy upon us sinners, and bless the coming Mission in our Parish. Seek and save the lost ; convert the sinful ; arouse the careless ; teach the ignorant ; help the weak ; and look with pity upon us all. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

It is hoped that this prayer will be used daily by all in the Parish, old and young.

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Our New Cover.

This month our Magazine appears in a new cover. We hope our readers will like it. Levaghery School (the block of which adorns it) is quite a landmark in Seagoe Parish. It has been there so long, and it is so old-fashioned one can't help liking it. Besides that, although old it is still doing a good work, and Levaghery Sunday School is now larger and better than it has ever been before. Mr. James Ford, the energetic Superintendent, is supported by a splendid band of workers, and the large school-room is quite filled with children each Sunday. We are glad that Mr. John Montgomery, a member of the Select Vestry, and a veteran of Seagoe Parish, just came on the scene as Mr. Moffett was taking the photograph, and is seen standing with his hand on the wall. Levaghery School is held by Trustees who are members of the Blacker and Atkinson (Eden Villa) families.

Mothers' Union Social.

A Social meeting of the Mothers' Union will be held in Seagoe School on Monday, February 2nd, at 7.30. Tea is being provided by a committee of the members, and after tea all kinds of amusements will be provided. This will be a great opportunity for the hard-worked, unselfish mothers to have a few hours off. We hope all who have at any time been members of the Mothers' Union will come whether they have received an invitation or not.

Revision of General Vestry.

On Tuesday, February 3rd, a meeting of the Select Vestry will be held in Seagoe at 8 p.m. for the purpose of Revising the List of the General Vestry of Seagoe Parish. Those who wish to have their names entered can obtain forms to fill in from Mr. M. Gilpin, Hon. Sec. of the Select Vestry, Drumnagoon. The Revision will remain open during the month of February.

Levagherey Sunday School.

The Distribution of Prizes at Levagherey took place on Thursday, January 29th, at 7 o'clock. There was a crowded attendance of parents and children. After tea a programme of games and music was enjoyed. At the close of the evening the Rector distributed the Prizes to the successful pupils.

Drumgor Church Hall.

It has been arranged to hold a Service in Drumgor Church Hall on the Second Sunday of each month at 4 p.m. after the Sunday School which begins at 3. The first Service will be held (D.V.) on Sunday, February 8th, at 4 p.m. Will residents in this District please take note.

Men's Recreation Room.

The Rector has issued the following Circular asking for subscriptions towards the furnishing of the Men's Recreation Room in Edenderry. Several kind subscriptions have been already received. We hope to publish a list in our next issue:—

There is great need of a comfortable and well-furnished Recreation Room for the men of Edenderry District, which would be Open every Evening, and where they could read the Papers, Play Games, and engage in social intercourse.

I have been fortunate in securing a suitable Room in Bridge Street, large, well lighted, and well aired.

It is most centrally situated, and in every way well adapted for its purpose.

In order to make it ready for use it will require to be heated (by a Central Stove), properly lighted, and moderately furnished. This would entail an expenditure of £25 at least.

The men of Edenderry did splendidly in the great War, and 36 out of the 52 Names on Seagoe Memorial Pillars are the names of Men from Edenderry.

Subscriptions may be sent to me (Rev. Canon J. E. Archer, Seagoe Rectory, Portadown); or to Mr. Hugh Stoops, Killicomaine Road, Portadown.

JAMES E. ARCHER, Rector of Seagoe.

January, 1925.

Death.

Many among us will regret to read in this issue of the death of Jack Best of Edenderry, which took place after a long illness on January 28th. He has been taken away in early youth, but during his short life he had made many friends, who will mourn his loss. His gentle, quiet manner and bright disposition drew many to him. We express our sympathy with Mrs. Best and his brothers and sisters, and with his grandmother, Mrs. Best, sen., to whom he was deeply attached.

Eleven Years Ago.

(Extracts from the War Diary of the late Private

Herbert M. Murray, P.P.C.L.I.)

Sunday, January 23rd, 1916.—Reveille 5.30. Church Parade at 10.30. Attended Holy Communion at 7.45

in Y.M.A. Hut. Evening Service in Y.M.C.A. conducted by Rev. D. J. Hiley on "True Manhood."

Wednesday, January 26th.—Reveille 5.30. Morning did nothing. Afternoon fatigue at bottom of incline railway; got back at 8 o'clock. Worked very hard.

Saturday, January 29th.—Reveille 5.30 Rush for top of line for morning fatigue at bottom of incline railway. Afternoon off. Sing-song in Y.M.C.A. in evening. Got Xmas Card from Sir J. C. Eaton.

Friday, February 4th.—Holiday afternoon. Got pass to Havre. Saw many interesting places, including Belgian Seat of Government, situated on the sea front.

Monday, February 7th.—Reveille 5.30. Fatigue at incline railway. Draft of 28 P.P.'s left for the front. Evening most eloquent and interesting lecture on "Irish Wit and Humour" by Canon Hannay (George A. Bermingham.)

Tuesday, February 15th.—Reveille at 5 o'clock. Fall in and roll call at 5.15. Breakfast 5.30. Parade to Stores for sundries. Got 120 rounds of ammunition, smoke helmet, etc. Dinner 11 o'clock. Fall in ready to march off 12.15. Speech by the Colonel, followed by Address and Prayer by Captain Rev. D. J. Hiley. March off to Station, Le Havre 1.15. Arrived about 3 after a very tiresome march, a good many fellows all in. Entrained eight in carriage about 4 o'clock. Travelled all night, passing through Rouen, Calais, Etaples, etc. Arrived at Bailleul.

ITEMS.

A large number of Envelope sets have been taken. There has been a great increase on last year. Please be sure to fasten your Envelope after you have placed your offering in it. Some seem to forget to do this, and at times the coin slips out of the open Envelope, and cannot be assigned to its proper source.

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Will the Sustentation Fund Collectors please complete their collection and send in the Envelopes to the Hon. Treas., Mr. Stoops, as soon as possible so that last year's accounts may be closed as soon as possible.

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A list of Services and Classes and all particulars relating to Certificates and Fees, will in future be printed as in this number at the end of the local matter. The Addresses of the Clergy will also appear each month at the end of the local matter.

Prize Distribution.

Sunday School Prize Distributions will be held at Hacknahay on Friday, February 6th, at 6 p.m., and at Carne on Wednesday, February 11th, at 7.30. Other Distributions will be announced in the various Schools during the month.

Parish Register for January.

Baptisms.

The following were Baptized in Seagoe Parish Church on January 3rd, 1925:—

Irwin—Edith, daughter of William James and Sarah Jane Irwin, of Levaghery.

Sponsors—Elizabeth Davison, Sarah Jane Irwin.

Maxwell—Mary, daughter of Richard and Martha Maxwell, of Balteagh.

Sponsors—Ellen Maxwell, Martha Maxwell.

Burial.

Best—January 30th, John Best, of Edenderry, aged 16 years.

The Education Act.

We print here portion of a Pamphlet on above subject. Copies of the Pamphlet can be had at Mr. Waugh's, price 2d.

WHAT IS WRONG WITH THE ACT ?

Why is the Education Act of the Northern Parliament subject. Copies of the Pamphlet can be had at price such widespread and determined opposition to it ?

Mistaken answers are often given. It is sometimes said its opponents dislike the control of education being placed in the hands of the people. It is asserted the Clergy want to retain their position as managers.

This is untrue and absurd. We who ask for amendment of the Act have no quarrel with its

general principles. We have for many years strongly advocated popular control. We believe the time has come for the managerial system to be replaced by a more democratic one. We heartily welcome the many admirable features of the Act.

What we object to is the way the Act most gravely endangers the continuance of religious instruction in schools. It does away with the securities for this that hitherto existed. It is one thing to get rid of clerical managers; it is another thing to get rid of the Christian religion. It is one thing to make education democratic; it is another to remove the safeguards against it being merely secular.

NO MANDATE TO SECULARISE EDUCATION.

Our contention is that Parliament had no authority from the people of Ulster to do away with the safeguards for the teaching of religion in their schools. Parliament was expected to reform and improve education. We applaud what it has done to carry this out. But the Ulster people never dreamt that its Parliament would set up a system which contains no guarantee that the Bible will be made known to the school children.

We take our stand against the Act because a mere secular education is a deadly menace to the nation. Knowledge of the essentials of religion is a supreme part of a right education. Education fails in its high functions when it does not include the spiritual factors that develop personality.

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 Month at 3 p.m., and during any Service in the Parish Church. If 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 thank-offering. (See Book of Common Prayer.)

MORNING PRAYER—Sundays and Chief Festivals 11.30 a.m.

EVENING PRAYER—Sundays 7 p.m., Wednesdays 8 p.m.

EDENDERRY PAROCHIAL HALL.

EVENING PRAYER—Sundays at 7 p.m., Thursdays at 8 p.m.

MARRIAGES must be performed between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Licenses are issued by Rev Canon Hannon, Rectory, 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

DISTRICT SERVICES.

Hacknahay—Last Sunday of Month at 3.30 p.m.

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

CLASSES, &c.

ADULT CLASSES—Sundays at 10 a.m. For Men—Edenderry and Seagoe. For Women—Seagoe School.

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

Girls' Friendly Society meets at Breagh (Miss Calvert's) on alternate Tuesdays at 7.

Seagoe Scouts in Seagoe School and in Edenderry Parochial Hall, on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7.30.

Seagoe Girl Guides meet in Seagoe School on Saturday at 3.

Mothers' Union, Edenderry 1st Tuesday, at 4 p.m.

DAY SCHOOL—Seagoe, 9.30 a.m. Principal—Mr. S. Rennix.