

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

FEBRUARY, 1926.

CLERGY :

Rev. Canon Archer, B.D., The Rectory, Seagoe, Portadown.

Rev. R. W. Johnston, L.Th., 51 William Street Portadown.

CHURCHWARDENS :

Mr. Robert Price (Rector's).
Mr. Thomas Martin (People's).

The Magazine.

We regret very much that many were unable to get copies of the January issue of the Magazine. The usual number were on sale, but the demand for copies was greater than usual. We would again suggest that the best way to make sure of getting your copy of the Magazine is to become an annual subscriber. This can be done by paying 2s in advance to the local distributor. It will ensure that you will without fail get your copy of the Magazine each month. There is always something of special interest each month in the Magazine, and very often when you want to get a copy of it to read for yourself or to send to a friend you find that all the copies have been sold off. If you are a Parishioner of Seagoe and interested in the past and present history of the Parish you will certainly become a subscriber to the Magazine.

Seagoe Parish Almanack.

The pretty Parish Almanac for 1926 is now on the walls of your house. You are enjoying the bright coloured pictures and you have carefully read the helpful letter and notes. A verse from Scripture is printed for each day, and before you begin the day's work you will read it. It will help to guide your steps each day.

Seagoe Select Vestry.

An important step was taken by the Select Vestry at their meeting on Monday, January 11th. It was proposed by Mr. Hugh Stoops, Hon. Treasurer, seconded by Mr. James Twinem, that the Income of the Rector of Seagoe be in future brought up to the amount required by the Minimum Stipend Act of the General Synod, that is £400 and a free house. The resolution was carried unanimously. All the members of the Vestry were present at the meeting. It was decided that a second Curate be not appointed unless the grant given by the Central Church Committee can be increased so as to cover his income. The raising of the Parish to the Minimum Income under the Minimum Stipend Act will have important consequences for the Parish. It will no longer be classed as a Curacy-in-charge but is once again a Parish with full rights. The income of the Rector

has hitherto been £70 below the minimum, and that sum will now fall on the Parish finances. Hitherto Seagoe has been the only Parish of the same size and population in the Diocese which had not reached the Minimum Stipend, but this reproach is now rolled away and the Parish will no longer appear in the Diocesan list as a Curacy-in-charge. The Vestry look with confidence to the Parish to support them in the step which they have taken in the interests of the Parish and Diocese.

Our Losses

Death has removed from our midst during the past month some whose loss is deeply mourned. Henrietta Porter, of Lower Seagoe, passed away on January 4th after a long illness. She returned home from Canada last June in weak health, and since then had been growing weaker. Up to the very end her bright faith and happy trust sustained her. We sympathise very sincerely with her mother and brothers, who within a little over two years have had two sad bereavements. "Henny" Porter had many friends. She was loved by all, and her consecrated life will be an inspiration to many in the days to come. Another very sad event has occurred during the month in the death of Mrs. Rachel Holmes, whose husband, Norman Holmes, fell in the Great war. Since his death she never recovered her health or spirits. The close ties of deep affection which had existed from childhood and had been cemented at Confirmation were so strong that the death of one meant the death of both. During her years of widowhood Mrs. Holmes lived only in the memory of her sad loss. Death has united them again in the Land where partings are unknown. Our sympathy is extended to Mrs. Gates and the members of her family in their bereavement.

One of our oldest parishioners passed away in the person of Mrs. Abraham, of Kilvergan. We offer our sincere sympathy to her aged partner, Mr. David Abraham, and her children and grandchildren in their affliction.

Thomas Allen, whose death occurred on the first day of the New Year, was a brother of Mr. James Allen and was well known to many in Edenderry. The very large attendance at his funeral testified to his popularity. His genial and kindly manner made him a general favourite.

Sunday School Distribution

The following dates have been arranged for the distribution of Sunday School Prizes:—

Drumgor—Tuesday, February 2nd, at 7-30.

Edenderry—Thursday, February 4th, at 7.

Carne—Monday, February 8th, at 7.

Seagoe—Thursday, February 11th, at 7.

Social and Presentation

A social meeting of Seagoe Girls' Bible Class was held in Seagoe School on Thursday, January 21st, at 7-30. Mr. and Mrs. Rennix had kindly invited the members of their classes. After tea, games were played and musical items given. During a break in the programme the Rector announced that a presentation was about to be made to the hosts of the evening, Mr. and Mrs. Rennix. He called on Miss N. Montgomery to read the address, which was as follows:—

Canon Archer, Ladies and Gentlemen,—A very pleasing duty devolves upon me, through the kindness of the members of Mr. Rennix's Bible Class, asking me to present this token of love and respect to him and Mrs. Rennix for the great kindness they have always shown, and the good advice they have given to the members of their class. Their endeavour to train us morally, socially and religiously will in our future life be a great asset to bring and keep us nearer to the Master Whom they both serve. I now ask Mr. and Mrs. Rennix to accept this cake stand from their grateful class, and wish them both long life and happiness.

Miss Montgomery then handed a handsome cake stand to Mr. and Mrs. Rennix on behalf of their classes. Mr. and Mrs. Rennix replied, thanking the members for their kindness, and expressing the pleasure and profit they experienced in teaching the classes. Speeches were also made by the Rev. R. W. Johnston and the Rev. H. F. O. Egerton, the newly appointed Rector of Mullabrack.

Parish Register for January.

Baptisms.

The following were Baptized in Seagoe Parish Church on January 2nd, 1926:—

Thornton—Maureen, daughter of William John and Louisa Thornton, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Mary Margaret Conn, Louisa Thornton.

Trainor—Ethel, daughter of James and Ellen Margaret (the late) Trainor, of Drumnagoon.

Sponsors—James Trainor, Mary Anne Armstrong.

Marriage.

Bradshaw and Ginn—Dec. 25th, 1925, at Christ Church, Lisburn, by the Rev. R. H. S. Cooper, M.A., James Bradshaw, of Breagh, to Mina Ginn, of Lisburn.

Burials.

Neill—Nov. 8th, 1925, Joseph Cecil Neill, of Killicomain; aged 8 months.

Allen—January 3rd, 1926, Thomas Allen, of Edenderry; aged 52 years.

Holmes—January 5th, Rachel Holmes, of Edenderry; aged 30 years.

Porter—January 6th, Henrietta Porter, of Lower Seagoe, aged 22 years.

Abraham—January 26th, Margaret Abraham, of Kilvergan; aged 86 years.

Seagoe Mothers' Union.

The members of the Mothers' Union have arranged to attend a special Service in the Parish Church on Wednesday, February 3rd, at 8 p.m. The Service will take the place of the usual monthly meeting. The Rev. H. F. O. Egerton, M.A., Rector of Mullabrack, has kindly consented to preach the sermon. A full attendance of the members is requested.

Congratulations

We offer our hearty congratulations to Mr. David Rock, M.B.E., J.P., on the honour which has been conferred on him by the Urban Council of Portadown. They have elected him as their Chairman, the highest position to which a citizen of Portadown can attain. It is very fitting that an Edenderry man should occupy that position, for Edenderry is the parent of Portadown. We, in Seagoe, are very pleased at the fact that one of our most respected parishioners has been called to fill such a leading position. Portadown is just now at that stage in its development when a wise head and firm hand are needed to mould and control its growth, and we are confident that Mr. Rock possesses the necessary qualifications for shaping an enlightened and beneficial policy in municipal affairs.

A Fairy Concert

The Misses Hawthorne had another very successful concert in Edenderry on Tuesday, January 19th. The Hall was crowded, and almost every item was encored. The children did splendidly and were very light and pretty. Mr. Bell recited a very touching War piece. Mabel Watters gave several splendid pieces with great spirit and was loudly encored. Miss Kirby sang very sweetly some of her pretty songs. Mr. Robt. McClements played two violin solos with great skill and fine expression. Miss Haire also sang and accompanied with her usual ability. An Irish jig danced by two young ladies was greatly appreciated. During the evening the Parkmount Band played with their accustomed efficiency a number of items both popular and classical and were loudly applauded. A closing sketch, "Waiting for the Bus" created great merriment. The stalwart policeman and the discontented passengers were very much enjoyed by the audience. The proceeds of the concert amounted to £15 and will be given to Edenderry Sunday School Prize Fund.

ITEM

The Lurgan road within the town boundary has been in a very muddy condition during the past month. The mud was swept from the centre of the road to the sides, and unfortunate cyclists had to push through deep slush. The road is now full of holes, which make traffic difficult and dangerous. In the rural district at Seagoe Church a stream of water has for some time been flowing past the Church gate and Churchgoers have to wade through it.

The Weekly Envelopes

Large numbers of weekly envelopes are being brought in each Sunday and offered in the offerings. The wet Sundays at the beginning of the year have proved a test to our Churchgoers, but they have not damped the enthusiasm of our worshippers, and the congregations, though smaller owing to the inclement weather, were not greatly diminished. Let everyone who has taken a set of the envelopes be careful to bring their envelopes to the Church each Sunday.

Old Seagoe Notes.

REV. RICHARD BUCKBY, VICAR OF
SEAGOE, 1763-1796.

[The following interesting particulars relating to the Rev. R. Buckby have been sent to us by the Rev. H. B. Swanzy, the learned Vicar of Newry. Some of them have only recently been unearthed from ancient records. Mr. Swanzy discovered that the name Buckby had been confused with Buckley, and was able to correct the errors thus caused.]

Richard Buckby was son of John Buckby, farmer, of Kibworthe, Leicestershire. He was born at Thornby, Northants, educated at Oakham School, admitted pensioner at Sidney, Sussex College, Cambridge, aged 16, 16th Jan. 1739-40 matriculated 1740, B.A. 1743-4, M.A. 1762, ordained deacon at Norwich, Dec., 1745. He was Prebendary of Kilmoylan (Tuam) 1762-96, and had a faculty, dated 13th June, 1763 to hold Kilmoylan, otherwise Moylagh (Tuam) with Seagoe. He was presented to Seagoe (vice Hugh Tisdall, deceased) 1st June, 1763, collated 14th June, by Edward Ledwith (Dromore Register). Collated may mean instituted.

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COLONEL BLACKER IN 1833.

The following extract from the "Belfast Guardian" of Nov. 5th, 1833 is of interest:—

"The Commission of the Peace has been withdrawn from Colonel Blacker, of the County Armagh, than whom a more just, upright and intelligent magistrate cannot, in our opinion, be found in the British Empire. Colonel Blacker has been selected as one of the first victims to be immolated at the shrine of Whiggery and Liberalism. This is highly honourable to him, but the inhabitants of the district where he resides feel indignant. But wherefore has Colonel Blacker been removed from the magistracy?"

The ostensible reason, it is said, is that some of the ladies of his family wore orange ribands or Orange Lilies on the 12th July. Can it be that the Attorney-General has come down in his official might and (clad in the panoply of legal power) to battle with a riband or a flower). No, we cannot believe it."

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OLD COIN FOUND AT BALTEAGH.

George Beattie Gracey, of Balteagh, recently dug up an old coin or token. Only one side of it can be deciphered. It is about the size of a two-shilling piece. The side which can be read bears the representation of a beacon such as was erected along the coasts before the modern lighthouses were invented. Around the border are printed in clear lettering, "REGI PATRIÆQUE FIDELIS" which is the Latin for "Faithful to King and country." The token may have been a badge dating from the time of Charles II.

A Destructive Rat

Rats are very destructive animals. It is said that they destroy £70,000,000 of property every year in Great Britain alone. But a certain rat which recently found its way into the Parish piano in Seagoe School has, we imagine beaten the record. It apparently got into the narrow space between the hammers and the strings and found itself unable to get out. In seeking a way of escape it began to gnaw through the wooden shanks of the hammers, taking one here and there, but finding that this was not sufficient it cleared away three or four together, eventually getting away through an opening from which five or six notes had been removed. Altogether it destroyed 36 notes, leaving the piano useless. The repairs which are being effected will cost a considerable sum.

Men's Recreation Room

The Recreation Room continues to be used by large numbers of men. During the month competitions have been held for prizes kindly given as follows—Mr. Latimer, a bag of Quaker Oats; Mr. Walsh, a hyacinth glass and bulb; Mr. Gray, jeweller, a pen-knife. If any of our readers would send newspapers or magazines for the Room we would be greatly obliged. They could be left at Mr. Phillips's shop at the corner of Foundry Street..

Church Lads' Brigade

The Brigade meets every Tuesday in the Parochial Hall at 8 p.m. A shooting range has been fitted up, and the boys are having a good and useful time.

A Men's Social

The Annual Meeting of the members of the Recreation Room and of the Air Gun Teams will be held (D.Y.) in Edenderry Parochial Hall on Monday, February 15th. Tea will be provided at 7.30. Tickets (free) will be issued to the members through the Captains of the Teams. A very pleasant evening will be spent, and the work done during the season since October 1st, will be reviewed and a programme of future events foreshadowed. It is our hope that the work so well begun may be extended in many directions so that all the men may find in the Room a centre of innocent recreation and useful pursuits.

A Sunday Attendance

On Sunday, January 3rd, a meeting for men was held in the Recreation Room at 4-15. It was well attended by the members. A hymn was sung, and after prayer the Rector gave an address to the men on "Our work in the New Year." He spoke of the opportunities to be availed of and the shortness of life. It is hoped from time to time to have similar gatherings in the Recreation Room.

Levaghery Sunday School

The distribution of prizes in Levaghery School was held on Thursday, January 28th, at 7.30. The School was crowded. After a hearty tea, a pro-

gramme of music and recitations followed. Then came a splendid Christmas tree, and each child got a gift from it. The distribution of prizes followed, and after a few words from the Rector and the Rev. R. W. Johnston the company separated. Much credit is due to Mr. James Ford and his energetic band of teachers for the good work they are doing in this Sunday School. There are now more children attending Levaghery Sunday School than probably ever before in its long history of over 100 years.

Concert in Drumgor

A concert will be given in Drumgor Church Hall on Tuesday, February 19th, at 8 p.m. A splendid programme has been arranged. Tickets are now on sale. The proceeds are on behalf of the Sunday School Fund.

ITEMS

The recent heavy rains have flooded the Bann, and it is now like a great lake. If the wind goes to the north there will be record floods.

Several families have recently come to live in the Parish from Southern Ireland. We welcome them very heartily.

Some copies of last month's Magazine had to be covered in a paper of different colour. Our supply of yellow paper ran out, but we do not anticipate any such difficulty in future.

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.

DISTRICT SERVICES.

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

Drumgor—Second Sunday of Month at 4 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

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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.

Men's Recreation Room, Bridge St., open every night from 7 p.m.

Seagoe C.L. Brigade in Edenderry Parochial Hall on Tuesdays at 8 p.m.

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

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