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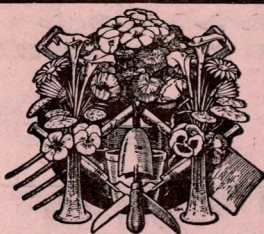
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FEBRUARY, 1927.

Our New Cover.

Our new cover for 1927 is of an interesting kind, and differs from that of any previous year. Hitherto, we have always printed on the cover some building which forms part of our Parish equipment. This year we have gone to the New World for a photograph, but our readers will agree that the view of "Seagoe" in the States is very suitable as an adornment of our Magazine. Very many of our Seagoe folk have gone to distant lands, but they still retain their love for the old Church at Home. This villa at Rhode Island was built by Mr. James M'Dowell, formerly of Killicomaine. It is of ample proportions, and is on the shore of the Atlantic. Rhode Island is a favourite seaside resort for Americans. Mrs. M'Dowell is standing in front of the house, and near her is her brother, who is a Rector in Philadelphia. Mr. M'Dowell is a regular visitor to Seagoe, and never forgets the old Parish.

Renovation of Seagoe Church.

During the past month the Parish Church has been thoroughly cleaned and painted. The walls have been coloured a light shade of pink, which throws out the handsome stonework round the windows and arches. The work has been carried out by Messrs. Adair, of Portadown. The Memorial gates have also been painted and touched with leaf-gold, and the louvre windows in the tower have been repaired and painted. In every way the Church looks brighter and better than it has ever been before. The Select Vestry of Seagoe, at their meeting held on Tuesday, Feb. 1st, considered the question of the payment of the cost of painting the Church. Envelopes will be circulated through the Parish for that purpose, and we ask for liberal gifts. The Church was much in need of painting. Please place an offering in the envelope. A sum of £50 at least is required to cover the cost of painting, and the purchase of new chairs for the Church and Vestry. The present chairs have crumbled away through the attacks of a boring insect which is very destructive.

Seagoe Choir.

New Hymns and Anthems have been sung during the past month, and the choir is very efficient. The music has greatly improved, although it was always good, and all the singing parts are well represented—soprano, alto, tenor and bass. An Easter Anthem is being practised, also new Chants and Hymns. A largely-attended choir social was held in Seagoe School on Thursday, Feb. 3rd, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

Church Army Mission

The Church Army Mission in Drumgor concluded on Friday, January 28th. It was, we are thankful to say, very successful. Much kindness and hospitality was shown to our good friends, Captain Stocks and Cadet Crawford, by the Drumgor Church people. The van has now moved to Carne, and a successful Mission is now being held there. It began on Sunday evening, January 30th, at 8-30 p.m., and will continue for a fortnight. A Church Army Mission will (p.v.) be held in Hacknahay School beginning on Sunday, March 6th, at 7 p.m. On week nights the Service will be at 8 p.m.

Palestine in Portadown

An interesting Palestine Exhibition opens in the Town Hall, Portadown, on Tuesday, February 8th, at 3 p.m. Everybody should see it. Your Bible will be a different book to you ever afterwards. Seagoe Parish is taking part and will have charge of the Lectures on "The Tabernacle." The Exhibition will be open each day from 3 p.m. to 10 p.m. Captain Rogers, M.C., will be in charge. Price of admission, 1s; children, half-price.

Seagoe in Madras

The Rev. W. R. Crichton sends us the following interesting letter from his Indian quarters. If any of our readers have relatives in the Fusiliers at Wellington they should send on the name to Mr. Crichton without delay. Our boys in India must often be home-sick, and a word from Mr. Crichton would cheer them:—

The Parsonage, Wellington,
24th November, 1926.

My Dear Canon—The approach of Christmas reminds me of **my sins of omission** and commission. I am not quite sure that you do not owe me a letter, but in any case it is a long time since I wrote to you.

It is now over nine months since I came up here from Madras. I need hardly say that I appreciate the cool climate, especially as it is difficult to get any leave. I have had only three days off duty since 1st August, 1924, and I have no idea when I shall get away. This station is quite like Seagoe or Hillsborough as far as the bulk of my congregation is concerned. I know practically all the homes of the men of the regiment, and have at least half a dozen from Hillsborough. Probably there are some from Portadown, too, but I have not found them yet.

This battalion is due to move to Poona in March, and then I shall get my old Lancashire crowd up from Madras. Since one must have a change, I am glad that I am getting folk whom I know. These frequent changes are the bane of one's existence in this country. I am the fortieth chaplain who has been in this station during sixty years. Fortunately, changes have not been so frequent during the last few years. Probably I shall be able to stay here until I take my family home in about two years. Where I'll spend my leave is still a problem.

If I must go home in winter, I am inclined to stay about the South of France until there is a chance of seeing the sun at home. I still shiver at the thought of the cold when I landed in January, 1924. It is cold up here from time to time, but we do not get the dampness that makes one miserable at home.

Last night I was at a most interesting lecture on "Wireless." The lecturer picks up all the big European stations (I mean the stations in England and other parts of Europe) every night. It looks as if we shall soon be able to talk to each other. With best wishes for Christmas and 1927.—Yours sincerely,

W. R. CRICHTON.

"Seagoe Bed"

A bed in the Mission Hospital at Chota Nagpur, North-East India, is supported by Seagoe Parish, and bears above it the name "Seagoe Bed." Miss M. Graham, one of the Mission Staff, sends us the following particulars about the Bed. We hope that Kariman will soon be stronger. Those who would wish to send an offering towards the upkeep of the Bed, which costs £5 per year, should send it to Miss Atkinson, Eden Villa, Portadown. This bed is in Hearn ward, and has been occupied by a Mohammedan woman named "Kariman" for the last two and a half months. She has a large tubercular abscess on her back, which takes a long time to cure. She is a quiet, thoughtful woman, and at times seems very sad. One feels so sorry for them as they cannot read and many cannot sew or knit, so the days are very long for them. Her people visit her every day, and our Biblewoman reads to her and shows her pictures of Our Saviour's life on earth, and she does appreciate all that is done for her.

The Recent Storm

On Friday, January 28th, a very severe storm from the south-west swept across the British Isles. The centre of the storm passed over Portadown, with the result that much havoc was wrought in the neighbourhood, although fortunately no lives were lost. In Edenderry a zinc garage in Goban St. was swept over the houses in Bridge St. and deposited near the big lamp at the end of Railway St. Slates were flying in all directions. In the country parts the thatched roofs suffered severely. In the grove at Seagoe two large trees were blown down. One tree was blown down in the churchyard, and a branch in falling knocked off one of the pinnacles on the

Memorial Pillars. Six large trees were blown down at the Rectory. The storm reached its height about 3 p.m., when some fierce blasts of 80 to 100 miles an hour were experienced.

The Saurin Centenary

We continue from last month some further notes on Archdeacon Saurin. The Rev. James Saurin, grandfather of Archdeacon Saurin, became Vicar of Belfast, and is buried in the chancel under the Communion Table in St. George's Church, High St., Belfast. His fourth son, James, was ordained in 1781, and eventually became archdeacon of Dublin, Dean of Derry and Bishop of Dromore. He was consecrated Bishop in 1819 and held that office until his death on April 9th, 1842. He had been in feeble health for some years. He is interred in the Saurin vault in St. Anne's Church, Dublin. Archdeacon Saurin, the Bishop's son, assisted his father as Archdeacon of the Diocese. The Bishop was also a frequent visitor to Seagoe, and in the Rectory the room he occupied is still known as "The Bishop's Room." Two portraits of the Bishop (one a silhouette) hang in the Rectory. It is reputed that he was known as "sour-faced Saurin," but how he earned this name we cannot say; he seems to have been genial in manner and administered his Diocese with great ability. A former parishioner of Seagoe has told the Rector that he remembered the Bishop coming on many occasions to Lurgan Church in much state in a coach drawn by four large black horses. A great calamity befell Archdeacon Saurin quite early in his ministry at Seagoe. His wife, to whom he had been married in October, 1833, died on September 10th, 1839, at the age of 36 years. A third little daughter, Amelia Genevieve, had died on the 13th April, 1838. Mrs. Saurin's last words as recorded on the tablet in Seagoe Church, were Ps. xxxi., 6: "Into Thy hands I commend my spirit, for Thou hast redeemed me, O Lord Thou God of Truth." The inscription adds, "Such were the parting words of her to whose memory this monument has been erected by a sorrowing husband, who in his bereavement would ever desire to remember for his consolation the tenderness of the departed as a wife, her faithfulness as a parent, and her piety as a woman which throughout life adorned and in the hour of death comforted and sustained her. The following lines were added:—

"We hope to meet

To kneel together at His gracious feet,
Whose unexampled love our ransom paid,
And drew us onward to our Heavenly home.
There pure as morning light our souls shall blend,
And love for ever and for evermore,
Intensely love and gratefully adore
Through all Eternity the God of Love."

Mrs. Saurin was interred in the vault at the east end of Seagoe Church on Sept. 17th, 1839, the officiating clergy being the Rev. D. Dickinson and the Rev. W. Wynne.

(To be continued.)

Protestant Orphan Society

The following cards have been received for the o. Armagh Protestant Orphan Society, and the amounts have been forwarded to the Secretary, Mr. James Fanning, 8 Vicar's Hill, Armagh. We are much obliged to those who sent in cards. Their collections will be a help to this most deserving Society. Misses A. Webb and M. Preston, £3 5s 1d; A. Kirk, £1 6s 0d; Miss D. Montgomery, 16s 0d; Miss Agnes Guy, 15s 0d; Miss M. Livingston, 13s 0d; Miss Anna Ford, 11s 6d; Miss H. Hawthorne, 10s 0d; Mrs. J. Joyce, subscription 10s 0d. We hope many others will take cards this year.

Our Prize Distributions

Prize distributions have already taken place in Levaghery on Thursday, January 27th, and in Seagoe on Friday, February 4th. A large number of prizes were distributed to the children who had attended regularly during the year. At both Schools an interesting programme had been arranged by Mr. James Forde, Superintendent of Levaghery, and Seagoe Morning Sunday School. Tea and cake were also provided and much enjoyed by the children. The following (further) fixtures have been made for prize distributions:—

- Edenderry—Tuesday, February 15, at 7-30.
- Hacknahay—Thursday, February 17th, at 6-45.
- Drumgor—Tuesday, February 22nd, at 7-30.
- Garne—Thursday, February 24th, at 7-30.

Parish Register for January.

Baptisms.

- M'Donald—Jan. 1st, Lucinda, daughter of William and Mary M'Donald, of Edenderry.
- Sponsors—Rachel Gracey, Mary M'Donald.
- Simpson—Jan. 1st, George Mervyn, son of George and Susanna Simpson, of Lower Seagoe.
- Sponsors—Frances Edith Livingstone, Susanna Jane Simpson.
- Magee—Jan. 12th, Florence, daughter of Joseph William and Emma Elizabeth Magee, of Kernan.
- Sponsors—Sarah Mary Porter, Emma Elizabeth Magee.

PRIVATE BAPTISM.

- Jennett—Jan. 27, Violet, daughter of William and Eveline Jennett, of Edenderry.

Marriage

- Allen and Hynes—26th January, 1927, Arthur Allen, of Edenderry, to Anne Hynes, of Edenderry.

Burials

- Bullick—January 10th, Margaret Bullick, of Derry-add, Parish of Ardmore; aged 19 years.
- Nevin—January 13th, Mary Nevin, of Levaghery; aged 77 years.
- M'Coo—January 27th, David M'Coo, of Kernan; aged 77 years. Interred at Vinecash.
- Lutton—Feb. 1st, Caroline Lutton, of Lower Seagoe; aged 49.
- Jennett—Feb. 2nd, Violet Jennett, of Edenderry; aged 5 months.

The Bible Classes

The members of Seagoe Girls' Bible Class were hospitably entertained to a social by Mr. and Mrs. Rennix on Thursday, January 27th, in Seagoe School. There was a full attendance of the members, and a very pleasant evening was spent. Games of various kinds and music occupied the evening.

Edenderry Men's Bible Class meets in the Recreation Room, Edenderry, every Sunday morning at 10 a.m. The Rev. W. A. Henry invites the men of the Parish to join the class. The subject of study is St. Mark's Gospel.

Emigration

We are losing many of our young people through emigration. One of our active helpers, Miss Charlotte Allen, of Florence Court, left last month for New York. We will miss her very much. She was very regular in her attendance at Church and Class, and was a most diligent collector of Sустentation in Edenderry. We wish her much blessing and happiness in her new home beyond the sea. We hope that those who leave our Parish will become workers for the Church in the Parish where they go to when they leave Seagoe. The Church is world-wide.

Our Advertisements

Many new advertisements appear in this issue. We welcome back to our columns Mr. Moffett, who until a few years ago was one of our most prominent advertisers. After all, there is no better advertising medium in Portadown and neighbourhood than Seagoe Parish Magazine. All copies are sold and none are torn up after they have been read. They are kept for future reference or sent to Seagoe friends abroad. We ask our readers to study the advertisements, and if they find any misprints to kindly communicate with us. We regret that some of our regular readers were unable to obtain copies of our December and January issues. The safest way to ensure getting your copy each month is to become an annual subscriber. Mrs. Joshua Caddell, of 34 Logie St., Govan, Glasgow, who with her late husband has been a subscriber for many years, expresses once again her pleasure in receiving the Magazine. We will be glad to receive all returns for 1926 from our Magazine distributors as early as possible.

CLERGY :

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

Rev. W. A. Henry, 21 Edward St., Portadown.

CHURCHWARDENS :

Rector's—Mr. James Twinem, Lylo and Edenderry.

People's—Mr. Moses Gilpin, Drumnagoon.

ITEMS

Only ten unsold copies of the Magazine remained over at the end of the year at Mr. Vance's. This, we think, must be a record for a Parish Magazine.

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Some of the roads in the Parish, especially Bridge St., are much in need of repair.

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Drumree Church suffered badly in the recent gale.

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Much regret has been expressed at the death of Mrs. Nevin, of Levaghery. During her long residence in Enniskillen she was a regular subscriber to the Magazine, and was always much interested in Seagoe Parish.

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The oak roof of Seagoe Church was thoroughly cleaned and examined during the recent renovation of the Church. It is constructed of very massive beams and cost £1,400. It was the gift of the Baroness Von Steglitz.

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. 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 3s per annum.

The Weekly Envelopes

A large number of parishioners have taken envelope sets for 1927. If any others wish to receive a set will they please communicate with Mr. M. Gilpin, Hon. Sec., Drumnagoon, or with the Hon. Treas. Mr. Hugh Stoops, Killicomaine Rd., Portadown.

Choir Social

A largely-attended social for the members of the choir was held in Seagoe School on Thursday, Feb. 3rd, at 7.30. After tea, games were enjoyed and a very happy evening was spent.

Seagoe Mothers' Union.

A special Service was held in Seagoe Church Wednesday, Feb. 2nd., for the members of the Mother's Union. The Rev. G. W. Millington, M.A., Rector of St. Mark's, Portadown, preached from the text "Our Father which art in Heaven." The offerings were for Foreign Missions. Before the Service the Rector dedicated a new Brass Font Ewer, which was purchased out of the offerings presented at Churchings by the mothers of infants brought to Baptism. The next meeting of the Mother's Union will be held (D.V.) on Tuesday, March 8th. Further particulars in our next issue.

CLASSES, &c.

ADULT CLASSES—Sundays at 10 a.m.

For Men—Edenderry. 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. Rennix.