

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

FEBRUARY, 1932.

CLERGY:

Rev. Canon Archer, B.D., The Rectory, Seagoe,
Rev. W. F. Hayes, B.A., Edendale, CarrickBlacker
Road, Edenderry, Portadown.

CHURCHWARDENS:

Rector's—Mr. Robert Scott.

People's—Mr. Isaac Dickson.

Lent, 1932.

Lent comes very early this year. Ash Wednesday, the first of the Forty Days, falls on Feb. 10th. The season though not of Apostolical Institution, is of primitive observance. In its present form it dates from the Fifth Century of the Christian era, but it had been observed in a lesser degree as far back as the Second Century. It was instituted as a preparation for the Solemn Festival of Easter. During these weeks Catechumens or converts to Christianity from other beliefs were prepared for Baptism, and the whole body of Christian people regarded it as a season of special preparation for a solemn reception of Holy Communion at Easter. The Lent Collects have been in constant use in the Church since A.D. 1085. Lent is the season of special preparation for the spirit of Service. The prolonged note of Penitence sounds through its successive weeks, reaching its culmination in Holy Week, Good Friday and Easter Day.

Special Services will be held and addresses on special subjects will be given in the Parish Church on Sundays and Wednesdays during Lent.

Ash Wednesday.

Services will be held on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 10th, as follows:—

11.30—Morning Prayer, Litany and Penitential Service.

8 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon.

Temperance Sermons.

On Sunday, Feb. 14th, the 1st Sunday in Lent, Special Sermons on Temperance will be preached in the Parish Church, both at Morning and Evening Prayer. The preacher at Evening Prayer will be the Rev. Robert Gracey, Curate of St. Donard's, Belfast.

The Parish Social.

The Parish Social was held in Seagoe School on Thursday, January 21st, at 7.30, and was a great success. Very careful preparations had been made beforehand by the committee and their plans proved very efficient. All the good things which filled the tables were most kindly provided by the ladies in charge of the tables and their helpers. The tea was made in separate tea-

pots, not in the old way in a big boiler. The display of beautiful teapots, each carefully labelled, was a beautiful sight as they shone on a side table before the social began. The ladies who presided at the tables were representative of the Churchwardens and Select Vestry. From 7.30 to 8 the guests assembled until the three large rooms with their 12 tables were well filled. Mr. M'Clements's gramophone discoursed sweet music. Members of the Vestry and the Parochial Sidesmen acted as stewards. Grace was sung before tea. During tea-time there was a loud hum of conversation. No introductions were needed as all present were members of the same Parish. Knock talked to Ballinacor, and Drumgor conversed with Edenderry. After tea, the Rector took the chair and the proceedings opened with the singing of the hymn "The Church's one Foundation." The programme was so arranged that between the various musical items brief reports of the various activities in the Parish were given by their respective representatives. Mr. Gilpin, in the unavoidable absence of the Hon. Treas., made a statement regarding the Finances of the Parish, Mrs. J. Reid, Sec. of the Mothers' Union, spoke on the work done by that most useful organisation, Mr. Harry Hynes and Mr. M'Clements told us of the great work being done in Edenderry Sunday Schools, Mr. R. Scott described the work in Seagoe Sunday School, Captain Metcalfe and Lieut. Mitchell gave us a fine picture of the C.L.B. and the Cadets. Some idea of the success of the C.L.B. may be gathered from the fact that the total receipts for 1931 totalled up to £124. Mrs. Robert Scott spoke on the successful work of the G.F.S. amongst the girls of the Parish, Mr. J. H. Twinem, who first suggested the holding of the Social, gave a brief survey of the recent Bazaar and announced that after paying all expenses a nett sum of £304 was in hands. The Rev. W. F. Hayes interested all present in his account of the Men's Bible Class held by him each Sunday at 10.15 in Edenderry. The Rector, in summing up, referred to the other Sunday Schools, Bocombra, Carne, Levaghery, Drumgor and Hacknahay, in which a great work was being done by bands of devoted Superintendents and Teachers for the children of the Parish. He also made reference to the educational efficiency of Seagoe Public Elementary School and to the extensive improvements which were about to be made in the building, which would bring it into line with the best school buildings in Northern Ireland.

The musical portion of the programme was most enjoyable. The following contributed items

to it—Mr. Sidney Robinson, Miss Corscadden, Mr. Harry Hynes, Miss M. Best, Miss Cox and Mr. Maxwell. The Carleton Male Voice Quartet delighted everybody by their perfect singing of unaccompanied glees. This quartet of four Portadown singers is an ornament and credit to musical Portadown. Mr. T. H. Wilson, our veteran organist, was congratulated on the success of the programme which he had arranged. The meeting closed with prayer and the Benediction. The nett receipts for the Social will reach about £10, which will be given to the Bazaar Fund.

Seagoe in Australia.

Letters have been received from the Misses Hawthorne, who recently left Edenderry for Brisbane, Australia. While here they gave us great help in our Sunday School work in Edenderry and we miss them very much. These letters were addressed to Mrs. Vennard and Miss Morton, of Florence Court, and Mr. Edward Vennard has kindly lent them to us for publication in the Magazine. They are very interesting letters.

Dear Mrs. Vennard,—Just a few lines, trusting to find Mr. Vennard and the family enjoying good health. How is Olive getting along? She will be a big girl now and will be getting quite useful. I hope May and Lillie are working every day. Maggie and I are both enjoying good health. We had a lovely voyage out, and saw many sights, which I am sure the children would enjoy. The boat was beautiful. We had quite a lot of children on board. We enjoyed Egypt. The customs are just the same as in Bible days. We went to see the market. Such a lot of flies! The old people were waving palm leaves to keep them away. It was very nice coming through the Suez Canal. We passed over where the children of Israel crossed, and we saw Mount Sinai in the distance. The flying fish were nice to see. The heat of the Red Sea is terrible; some of the passengers slept upon the deck. We stopped in Colombo, in Ceylon. It was very nice. The rickshaw men were very busy. You can get a ride for a few pence. The men pull it along.

This is a very nice country, but the Government is not very good. I think the election will be in May. I don't think it is wise for boys to come out here just now. Work will be slack till after the election. The Labour Government is best here; wages are always better when Labour is in. We hope work is good at home. We have your lovely cloth laid past. I believe Maggie is keeping it for her glory box. Write soon and tell us how you are all. I will draw to a close by sending kind love to all. We remain your sincere friends, Alice and Maggie Hawthorne.

Dear Annie,—I suppose you will think Maggie and I have forgotten all about you, but indeed

we haven't. We are both well. You will be glad to know that Maggie's chest hasn't troubled her since we left Ireland. We hope you are enjoying good health, and that you have plenty of work. This is a beautiful country. The sun is shining lovely to-day. We have had some nice rain, which will make the country better. Sometimes it doesn't rain for months, and then it knows how to rain, and the thunder and lightning is terrible, but we have got used to it now. The flowers are beautiful; they grow all the year round, and all kinds of fruit, peaches, bananas, apples, all kinds of melons, apricots. It is lovely to see the oranges growing. We were shaking some last Sunday. This is a free country. You can wear what you like; nobody cares. The people don't bother about church. Sunday is the day they do their washing and ironing and housework, plough their land, plant their crops. All days are the same to them. The houses here are different to the old country. They are built up from the ground—some of them are sixteen steps up. They are built of wood. The wash-house is nearly always under the house. It doesn't take the clothes long drying here. In the summer the washing is done very early in the morning. This is coming near summer now. Toby is well and seems to be enjoying himself. I have written you a long letter this time; you must be tired reading it. Maggie joins me in sending kind love to you and Lily.—I remain your sincere friend, Alice Hawthorne.

The General Vestry

The Revision of the List of the General Vestry was opened on Tuesday, Feb. 2nd, and will close on Monday, Feb. 29th. Those who wish to have their names entered on the List can get a form on application to the Hon. Sec., Mr. Moses Gilpin, Drumnagoon, or can attend at the meeting on Feb. 29th at 7.30 in Seagoe School.

Choir Social.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Wilson very kindly entertained the Choir to a social on Thursday evening, Jan. 14th, at 7.30. There was a full attendance of the members. A splendid tea was followed by enjoyable games. Towards the close of the evening the Rector, on behalf of all present, thanked Mr. and Mrs. Wilson for their great kindness and congratulated the choir on their efficiency and help in the Services of the Church.

S.A.M.S.

The collection at the next Service in Hacknashay School on Sunday, Feb. 28th, at 3.30 p.m., will be on behalf of the South American Missionary Society.

A Missionary sewing class has been formed in Seagoe and meets each Thursday evening in Seagoe School at 7.30. School-bags, pinafores and mufflers are being made for the S.A.M.S.

The Recent Bazaar.

The following is a Financial Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure in connection with the recent Bazaar:—

Dr. to—
Messrs. T. A. Shillington & Son, £3; W. J. Moffett, 6s 6d; "Portadown News," £2 6s; "Portadown Times," £1 7s 6d; G. E. Brown (pass books), 1s 9d; S. McGredy & Son (bouquet), 10s 0d; Billposting and Stamps, £1 17s 2d; A. J. Burnett & Sons, 12s 1d; Ellen, £1 10s; W. Gibson, £1. Cash at Bank, £303 6s 7d; Cash in hand, £1 4s 0d—£304 10s 7d. Total, £317 1s 7d.

By Receipts—

Bocombra District—Bocombra and Lisniskey, per Mrs. James Twinem, £9 17s 6d; Ballyhanlon and Lylo, per Mrs. Jas. Twinem, £7 14s 6d; Concert, per Miss M. Twinem, £3 7s.—£20 19s.
Carne District—Carne, Tarson and Ballinacorr, per Miss Coulter and Miss Connelly, £3; Tamnifcarbet and Kilvergan, per Miss C. Price, £5—£8 0s 0d.

Drumgor District—Drumgor, per Miss L. Gracey, £6; Balteagh, per Miss M. Gracey, £1 8s 6d; Tamnifiglasson, Knockmena and Clanrole, per Misses M. Dickson and L. McClelland, £3 7s 6d; Concert, per Miss M. Gracey, £7 17s 0d—£19 3s 0d.

Levaghery District—Levaghery and Killicomain, per Miss Monroe and Mrs. Mayes, £12 9s 1d; Ballymacrandle and Breagh, per Misses Mayes and Preston, £5 1s 0d; Drumlisnagrilly and Knock, per Miss England, £1 16s 6d; Concert, per Mrs. Abraham, £12—£31 6s 7d.

Seagoe District—Lower Seagoe and Derryvore, per Mrs. M. Porter and Miss J. Porter, £11; Upper Seagoe, per Mrs. Scott, £6; Drumnagoon, per Mrs. M. Gilpin, £2 12s 6d; Kernan, per Mrs. E. Collins, £2 11s 6d—£22 4s 0d.

Edenderry District—Railway St., Bachelor's Walk and Carrickblacker Road, per Mrs. Shields and Miss Kirby, £2 1s 6d; Century St., James St. and Killicomain Rd., per Mrs. Darling and Miss Cox, £2 9s 6d; Bridge St., Foundry St. and Red Row, per Miss Atkinson, £5 3s 6d; Carrickblacker Ave., Goban St. and Eden Ave., per Mr. R. McClements, £1; Bright St., Florence Court and Joseph St., per Miss Halliday, £3 15s; Town Residents, per Mrs. Metcalf and Mrs. Twinem, £3 3s 6d; Guest Tea, £7 10s; Cookery Book, per Mrs. Twinem, £38 3s 6d, less printing, £18, £20 3s 6d—£45 6s 6d.

Outside Subscriptions—Per Miss S. Bradshaw, £3 6s 6d; T. D. Gibson, Esq., J.P., D.L., £1; T. H. Spence, Esq., £5; Mrs. R. Boston, per Mrs. Martin, 10s 0d; Mr. Ewing, £1; Mrs. Dunlop, 10s 0d; Miss R. Guy, £1—£12 6s 6d.

Bazaar—Work Stall No. 1, £20 15s 4d; Work Stall No. 2, £12 9s 11d; Variety Stall, £27 8s

1½d; Flower and Plant Stall, £5; G.F.S. Stall, £15 4s 11d; Pound Stall, £17 14s 5d; Cake Stall, £6 18s 7d; Refreshment Stall—£18 3s 6½d, less minerals, etc., £5 7s 5d, £12 16s 1½d; Farm Produce Stall, £6 6s 2d; Games, £20 4s 7d; Admission (door), £11 3s 10d; Timber sold to Mrs. M. Porter, 10s 0d; Timber sold to Mr. J. Twinem, £1 4s 0d—£156 2s 0d.

Total—£317 1s 7d.

Subscriptions from the Right Hon. G. S. Henry and Mr. James McDowell are included in the subscription lists of Bocombra and Levaghery respectively.

Seagoe G.F.S.

Our flourishing G.F.S. had a very pleasant social evening in Seagoe School on Friday, Feb. 15th, at 7.30. There was a large attendance of members and their friends. After an enjoyable tea games were played. During an interval a very pleasing function was performed. The Rector presided, and a presentation of a very handsome silver tray inscribed with the G.F.S. seal was presented to our G.F.S. Secretary, Mrs. R. Scott, by the members. The presentation was made by Miss Sarah Montgomery on behalf of the members. Mrs. Scott made a suitable reply, thanking the members for their great kindness. Mr. Scott also replied. The Rector expressed his pleasure at the kind recognition by the members of the great services Mrs. Scott had rendered to the G.F.S. in the Parish.

Seagoe Parish Almanac.

Those who have secured a copy of the Parish Almanac will notice that the texts for each day are chosen from a different book of the Bible each month. The texts for February are from St. John's Gospel. You have no doubt also read the Rector's Letter on "The Silver Lining."

Seagoe Mothers' Union.

On Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 9th, the Mothers' Union annual social will take place at 7.30 in Seagoe School. There will be music and games, and of course tea and cake. Altogether it ought to be a very happy occasion. The poor—often over-worked—mothers need a little relaxation from their strenuous life and they look forward with great pleasure to their annual social.

Prize Distribution.

Carne and Bocombra Sunday Schools will have their distribution of prizes on the same evening, Monday, Feb. 8th, at 7.30 in each School. **Hack-nahay**, which loves the moonlight, comes on on February 19th, at 7 p.m. These gatherings are being looked forward to with great interest.

Service of Song.

Edenderry Sunday School Choir are practising a Service of Song "Mother's Wish," which they hope to give in the Parochial Hall on Thursday, April 14th, at 8 p.m.

Sunday School Prizes.

Last month was an eventful time in our Sunday Schools. A large number of beautiful books have been distributed to those who have attended regularly during the past year. **Levaghery** had its Festival on Tuesday, Jan. 17th, in Levaghery School at 7.30. The large room, now almost twice its former size, was well filled with eager young people. After tea games followed, in which seniors and juniors joined. Then a programme of music and recitations was performed. Some of the recitations were very funny. After this a splendid Christmas Tree, heavily laden with gifts, was brought forward, each child receiving a gift from Father Christmas, who was a source of great interest to the children. Then the prizes were distributed. Levaghery made a record for two mites only 3 years old received attendance prizes. Mr. Stanfield and the teachers were present and the evening was a great success. **Edenderry** distribution took place on Thursday, Jan. 28th, in the Parochial Hall at 7.30. There was a large attendance of young people and their teachers. The children were arranged according to their classes. After a plentiful supply of tea and cake a programme of music and recitations was enjoyed. Every item was good. Miss Hilda Walker played the accompaniments with her usual skill. The distribution of prizes followed. Hymn Books and Prayer Books were not given as prizes this year, but there were beautiful Bibles and story books. The prizes were handed to the children by the Rector and the Rev. W. F. Hayes and by Mr. M'Clements, Mr. Harry Hynes and Mr. J. H. Twinem. It was one of the most successful Sunday School gatherings ever held in the Parochial Hall. **Drumgor** enjoyed its festival on Friday, Feb. 5th. There was a large attendance and a substantial tea was provided for the young people. Games and recitations followed and then a large number of prizes were distributed to the best attenders.

Seagoe P.E.S.

A most enjoyable evening was spent in Seagoe School by the pupils of the Day School on Friday, Jan. 22nd. A plentiful supply of rich cake was provided and the tables were laid out with cups, saucers, side plates, spoons and every requisite. The parents also were invited. Mrs. Abraham had prepared a splendid programme, which everybody enjoyed. Prizes were awarded at the close to the three best children in each Standard, and Scripture Prizes to the senior classes.

Important Notice.

The Rev. R. Gracey has written to the Rector telling him that the St. Donard's, Bloomfield Concert and Dramatic Party have agreed to come

to Portadown and give an entertainment on behalf of our Bazaar Fund on Friday, April 1st. They have a splendid programme and have expressed a most kind wish to pay their own expenses to Portadown and back. The party numbers 34. At a meeting of the Bazaar Committee held last week it was decided to take the Town Hall for the performance. Tickets will be on sale immediately. Price 2/- and 1/-. We are greatly obliged to Mr. Gracey and to the St. Donard's people for this very kind offer. The only expenses connected with the entertainment will be the fee for the use of the Hall and the cost of printing the tickets.

**Parish Register for January.
Baptisms.**

The following were Baptized in Seagoe Parish Church on January 2nd, 1932:—

Hynes—Mary Florence, daughter of William James and Amelia Hynes, of Mahon, Portadown.

Sponsors—Mary Jane Hynes, Amelia Hynes.

M'Nally—Esther, daughter of Richard and Margaret M'Nally, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Elizabeth Milligan, Esther M'Nally.

Ramsey—Josephine, daughter of John and Esther Hamilton Ramsey, of Kernan.

Sponsors—John Ramsey, Esther Hamilton Ramsey.

Guy—Millicent, daughter of Samuel James and Annabella Guy, of Derryvore.

Sponsors—Millicent Coulter, Annabella Guy.

Simpson—Norman, son of David William and Hannah Jane Simpson, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Hannah Jane Magee, Hannah Jane Simpson.

Burials.

Best—Jan. 6th, William Best, of Edenderry, aged 79.

Hara—Jan. 21st, Robert Hara, of Edenderry, aged 73 years.

Graham—Jan. 26th, Margaret Hamilton Graham, of Edenderry, aged 49.

Guy—Feb. 5th, Robert Guy, of Lower Seagoe, aged 76.

Sympathy.

We desire to express our sincere sympathy with those who during the past month have suffered sad bereavement. The death of Mrs. Graham has brought great sorrow to a large circle of relatives and friends. She bore a trying illness with great patience and bright Faith. Her kindly disposition endeared her to many and her loss is deeply felt. We have also lost some aged Parishioners, William Best, Robert Hara, and Robert Guy, who were known to many among us and who had lived all their days in the Parish. They will be greatly missed.