

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

FEBRUARY, 1933.

THE PARISH SOCIAL

Will be held (D.V.) in SEAGOE SCHOOL, on THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9th

At 7-30 p.m.

CLERGY :

Rev. Chancellor Archer, B.D., The Rectory,
Seagoe.

Rev. W. F. Hayes, B.A., Edendale, Carrick-
Blacker Road, Edenderry, Portadown.

CHURCHWARDENS :

Rector's—Mr. Robert Scott.

People's—Mr. Isaac Dickson.

The Parish Social.

The Parish Social will be held (D.V.) in Seagoe School on Thursday, Feb. 9th, at 7.30 p.m. This is an important gathering. It brings together parishioners from all the 29 townlands of the Parish. It gives them all an opportunity of meeting each other in friendly social intercourse. A ladies' committee is providing the good things for the tables, and Mr. T. H. Wilson has arranged a most attractive programme of music. The tickets at one shilling each, are now on sale. The proceeds will be given to the Church Grounds Improvement Fund. The Parish Social is always a most pleasant and agreeable occasion.

Prize Distributions.

The following dates have been provisionally arranged for the Sunday School Prize distributions. Bocombra and Levaghery have already been held.

Drumgor—Tuesday, Feb. 7th, at 7.30.

Hacknahay—Friday, Feb. 10th, at 7.

Carne—Tuesday, Feb. 14th, at 7.30.

Edenderry—Thursday, Feb. 23rd, at 7.30.

Seagoe—Monday, Feb. 27th, at 7.30.

Seagoe in Bucarest.

We publish with great pleasure the following interesting letter from Miss Cherrie Dawson, now in Bucarest, Roumania:—

Strada Olteni 45, Bucarest 5,

Roumania, Jan. 4th, '33.

My Dear Old and New Friends,—Perhaps some of you would like to hear how our Mission to the Jews tries at Christmas time to bring home to them the full reality of Christ's wonderful birth, and the heralding into this world of the "Son of God." You know there are many here who believe in God, and pray to Him,

know their Bibles well, but cannot, or will not understand the three Persons, they believe in Christ as a good man with a beautiful character, but not the "Son of God." "What do we want with more than one God," they argue, and yet these Jews are hungering for something more; then there are many who really believe in their hearts that Jesus is the Son of God, but they are afraid to declare it, for fear of the unbelieving Jews persecuting them, and they do persecute terribly. Well, now about Christmas! The great feature here is the Christmas Tree—each of our two big schools had a Christmas Tree about 12 feet high, beautifully ornamented and covered with candles; at each ceremony these were lighted and all other lights put out. A Christmas talk was given by the two Pastors or Head Mistresses; at the school celebrations the children took part. Every class repeated Bible words referring to the Christ Child, or sang carols—German, Roumanian, and English. Big parcels of clothing, with a toy and sweets, were given to the very poor Jewish children; and these clothes of their own had been brought by the richer girls who had also collected from house to house about £5 to help to buy wood and coal for the poor—there is terrible poverty here. Each scholar received a small gift before going home. There were socials given to the English night classes also, and to the "old girls" who had slipped away from the influence of the Mission; and a happy gathering of mothers and constant attenders at our meetings, as well as the Hebrew Christians, gathered together on Christmas night. On each occasion the Christmas Message was given faithfully and earnestly, and we pray that it has touched many hearts and will bear fruit. Will you each remember us here that we may be found faithful, and especially pray that the believing but timid ones may receive His strength and bravely take their stand openly for Christ? May God give you each a blessed and happy New Year is the heart's desire of your friend of Auld Lang Syne.—Cherrie P. Dawson.

Junior C.L.B.

On Friday evening, 20th January, thirteen members of our Seagoe C.L.B. Training Corps,

under Lieut. E. Mitchell, attended the annual Squad Drill Competition for the Ferry Cup, in the Cripples' Palace, Belfast. Sergeant H. Ellis and the Rev. W. F. Hayes were also present. Before a large group of spectators, the seven competing Companies filed smartly into the centre of the large hall, where they joined in singing their hymn "Fight the good fight," and in the words of the Brigade Prayer. The Battalion was inspected by Capt. S. C. F. de Salis, Adjutant of the 2nd Battalion, King's Royal Rifle Corps, accompanied by Lord Justice Best, who presided. After the inspection the Battalion marched to the end of the Hall. Then, in succession, each competing squad, commanded by its own Corporal, went through the prescribed course of drill. The Seagoe Company, ably commanded by Corporal Willie Donaldson, paraded very smartly. The "O'Grady" Drill Down Competition, which followed, was very exciting. Four members from each squad entered for it. Great keenness was displayed throughout the whole performance. The St. Michael's team, however, proved slightly more efficient than the others, and was awarded the Cup. Our squad fully enjoyed their experience. They are going again next year and are determined to bring the "Ferry Cup" to Seagoe. We congratulate Lieut. Mitchell, who takes an exceptionally keen interest in the Brigade, on the fine turn-out of his squad.

This is the first time a Seagoe team has entered for the Squad Drill competition. The event has stirred up a lively interest in the Brigade as a whole, and particularly among its junior members. New recruits are already turning up. We hope that all boys of the Parish between the ages of 9 and 14 years will join our C.L.B. Training Corps, which parades each Tuesday in the Parochial Hall at 7.30 p.m.

Bocombra Prize Distribution.

The annual distribution of S.S. Prizes for the Bocombra district took place on Tuesday, 24th Jan., at 7.30 p.m., in the Bocombra Orange Hall, kindly lent for the occasion. There was a large attendance of pupils and parents. A plentiful supply of tea and cake was provided. It was dealt with in a manner which betokened appreciation. The customary games were enjoyed, songs and recitations were contributed by Mr. Jas. Twinem, Superintendent, and by members of the School. Some of the items were very amusing, others displayed great talent: on the part of the young performers. The prizes were distributed by Mrs. Wolsey White. At the close all who helped were cordially thanked. Reference was made to the good work done in the S. School and to their new hall, which is soon to be erected in the district.

Levaghery S.S. Distribution.

The Sunday School prizes were distributed in Levaghery School on Thursday, 26th Jan. There was a very large attendance. The Hall was brightly decorated for the occasion. A Christmas tree, well laden with toys, added a festive air. Tea and games were an enjoyable part of the proceedings. A very interesting programme had been arranged by Miss Selina Bradshaw. The items, consisting of plays, recitations and songs, were exceptionally good. Miss Eileen M'Dowell played the accompaniments. Our mysterious friend, Santa Claus, appeared later. He was given a hearty welcome. In return, from the Christmas tree, he handed a gift to everyone present. The prizes, which were very good, were distributed by Miss M. Bradshaw. The evening was altogether a very enjoyable one. The condition of the Sunday School reflects credit on its superintendent, Mr. Stanfield, and on his loyal band of helpers.

Bocombra Foundation-Stone.

The ceremony of laying the Foundation Stone of the new Church Hall at Bocombra will take place on Thursday, February 16th, at 3 p.m. Mrs. Thompson, wife of the Right Hon. Judge Thompson, Recorder of Belfast, has kindly consented to lay the Foundation Stone, and the Right Hon. Lord Justice Best has kindly accepted the invitation to preside at the ceremony. This will be a very important occasion in the history of the Parish. The site of the Hall is prettily situated just within the borders of the townland of Bocombra where it touches Lylo.

Seagoe P.E. School.

Here are some interesting "observations" by Seagoe children:—

23/11/32.—On Monday there was a keen frost and the ground was white.—Ernie Caddell.

23/11/32.—Sometimes I see little birds called "Blue-caps" on twigs in the hedges as I am coming to school.—Robert Guy.

2/12/32.—Yesterday morning I saw a little Robin sitting on Duck's bridge singing a sweet song.—Gladys Hurlock.

7/12/32.—I saw a lot of children sliding on the road to-day.—Dorothy M'Neill.

5/1/33.—The Bann meadows have been flooded these last three weeks.—Albert Hurlock.

6/1/33.—I put out crumbs for the little birds at Christmas.—Olive Vennard.

9/1/33.—The sun is shining brightly to-day.—Edna Montgomery.

9/1/33.—There has been clear moonlight since last week.—James Whiteside.

9/1/33.—I heard a thrush singing sweetly on Saturday.—Harry Girvan.

Bocombra New Church Hall.

ADDITIONAL LIST OF SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Already Acknowledged	£160	8	6
Mr. John A. Brownlee, Retired Teacher, Bluestone P. E. School	1	0	0
Mrs. E. Dawson, 39 Edward St., Portadown	1	0	0
Mr. Holmes White, Bocombra House (Collecting Card)	1	14	0
Miss Mabel Dickson, Balteagh	0	10	0
Mr. Stewart Green (Retired Teacher) Fairview Terrace	0	10	0
Frank Dickson, Ballyhannon (Col- lecting Card)	0	10	0
Mr. James Green, Lisnaminty	0	10	0
Mr. Wm. White (Bocombra House)	0	5	0
Miss Sarah Montgomery, Levaghery	0	5	0
Mrs. Margaret Forker, Lisniskey	0	5	0
Miss Bella Forker, Lisniskey	0	5	0
A Friend	0	5	0
Mr. J. H. Magowan (Motor garage), Bridge Street	0	5	0
Mr. Richard Stanley, Mount Tav- anagh, Armagh Road	0	5	0
Mr. John Ramsey, Kernan	0	5	0
Mr. Wm. Parks, Tammificarbett	0	2	0
Norman Smith, Killycomain (Col- lecting card)	0	1	0
	£168	5	6

No Trains!

Seagoe has felt quite lonely during the past week owing to the fact that practically no trains are passing through. We hope the unhappy strike will soon be ended and that no bitter feelings will be engendered by it. Seagoe has had a very close connection with the G.N.R. for almost 100 years, and so many of our men are employed by the Company that this stoppage must be the cause of much worry and trouble. We trust and pray that in God's good Providence all will end well.

A Sad Accident.

We regret to record a very sad accident which has resulted in the death of a parishioner, William Thompson, of Foundry St. On Tuesday evening he was crossing Bridge Street and was knocked down by a motor car, receiving injuries which proved fatal. William Thompson was much respected by all who knew him. He was most loyal to his Church and although recently of very restricted means he made a very honest and determined effort to provide for his wife and young family. We offer our sincere sympathy to his wife and family in their sad and sudden bereavement.

Seagoe Mothers' Union.

On Tuesday, Feb. 8th, the S.M.U. will meet

in Seagoe School at 7.30 p.m. At the meeting on January 10th the election of officers for the year took place. Mrs. James Twinem, of Lylo, was re-elected as President and Hon. Treasurer, and Mrs. John Reid as Hon. Secretary. There was a very large attendance of members. The Rector (Rev. Chancellor Archer) who presided, gave an address on "The Lord's Prayer."

Service of Song.

A very successful Service of Song was held in Seagoe School on Thursday, January 5th. The Rooms were crowded. The subject of the Service was "The Message of the Angels." The lantern (kindly lent by Drumcree Parish) displayed very interesting slides. Mr. T. H. Wilson conducted the music, which included attractive items by the Belfast Belgravia Quartet. Mr. R. Scott read the touching story with fine effect, and Miss Isa Best presided efficiently at the piano. The proceeds were in aid of Seagoe Sunday School Prize Fund. We hope to publish in our next issue the statement of accounts.

A pleasant social meeting of those who took part in the Service of Song was held in Seagoe School since the Service.

Concert at Carne.

On Thursday, January 12th, a splendid concert was held in Carne Church Hall at 8 p.m. The Eden Quartet sang several items and were encored each time. Every item was first-rate; the room was crowded. The Rector, who presided, when thanking the performers, expressed the opinion which was shared by the audience that it was one of the best concerts ever held in Seagoe. We hope next month to publish a statement of receipts. The proceeds are in aid of the Hall Repair Fund.

Congratulations.

We heartily congratulate Mr. and Mrs. John Wilson on their marriage, which took place in Seagoe Church on Wednesday, Jan. 18th. There was a large congregation present. The bride was given away by her father, Mr. James Twinem. There was a large gathering at Lylo after the service, and the health of the bride and bridegroom was proposed by the Rector and seconded by Rev W. D. Ewart, M.A., Rector of Magherafelt. We wish the young couple every blessing and prosperity in their future life.

The Church Grounds.

Great improvements have been effected in the Church grounds during last month. The boundary wall of the new plot has been built and the necessary drainage of the land effected. At their last meeting on Feb. 2nd. the Select

Vestry decided to proceed with the building of the wall at the side adjoining Mr. Isaac Walker's property. Mr. Walker has been extremely obliging in making arrangements regarding the building of the wall, and we thank him very heartily for his kindness.

Parish Register for January.

Baptisms.

Carville—January 7th, 1933, Sarah Elizabeth, daughter of Valentine and Sarah Carville, of Killicomaine.

Sponsors—Sarah M'Dowell, Sarah Carville.

Dickie—January 7th, 1933, Evan, son of Wm. and Ellen Gertrude Dickie, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Margaret Jane Vaughan, Ellen Gertrude Dickie.

Marriages.

Wilson and Twinem—January 18th, 1933, John Wilson, of Armagh, to Margaret Susanna Twinem, of Lylo.

Holland and Hughes—January 25th, 1933, Joseph Holland, of Lurgan, to Mary Hughes, of Knockmena.

Burials.

Freeburn—Jan. 10th, Sarah Freeburn, of Edenderry, aged 4 months.

Kilpatrick—Jan. 19th, Ellen Kilpatrick, of Leavaghery, aged 69 years.

Hopps—Jan. 30th, Dinah Hopps, of Balteagh. Interred at Knocknamuckley.

Rodgers—Jan. 31st, Sarah Rodgers, of Ballyhannon, aged 74 years.

Brown—Jan. 31st, Charles Brown, of Edenderry. Interred at Kilmore, Co. Armagh.

Thompson—Feb. 4th, William Thompson, of Edenderry, aged 54. Interred at Lisburn Cemetery.

Games Gymkhana & Christmas Fair

Receipts :—Subscriptions—Rev. Chancellor Archer, B.D., 10s; Mrs. Dewart, 10s; Mr. Geo. Wilson, 5s; Mothers' Union Work Class, per Mrs. Vance, £1; Games—Darts, No. 1, Messrs. I. Clayton, J. Metcalf, 18s 2d; Darts, No. 2,

Messrs. G. M'Clements, W. Cordy, 18s 9d; Bean bags, Messrs. W. Best, T. Macaughley, 13s 6d; Quoits, Mr. Darling, 10s 9d; Ring Board, Messrs. M. Gilpin, Stanfield, £1 6s 2d; Bull board, Messrs. Mitchell, Courtney, £1 12s 9d; Skittles, Messrs. R. J. Gray, W. Neill, G. Wallace, £1 11s 2d; Hoop-la, Rev. W. F. Hayes, B.A., Mr. V. Matchett, £1 18s 8½d; Shooting, No. 1, Messrs. J. Boyce, A. J. Hall, £1 2s 4d; Shooting, No. 2, Messrs. D. Murray, R. Scott, G. Price, 13s 10d; Door, per Mr. James Twinem, 17s 3d; Cake Stall, per Mrs. Scott, £1 18s 2d; Variety Stall, per Miss Reid, £1 13s 9d; Refreshments, per Miss Guy, £3 11s 10½d, less minerals 9/7, £3 2s 3½d; Guessing Competitions, per Miss M. Gracey, £2 10s 4d; Tickets, returns to date, £6 13s 9d. Total—£30 6s 8d.

Expenses—Printing, £1 1s 6d; bill posting 2s; cleaning, 5s; rings, etc., for games, 11s 1d nett proceeds, £28 7s 1d. Total—£30 6s 8d.

ITEMS.

Will Magazine Distributors and those who have been selling the Parish Almanacs kindly remit their receipts to the Rector at their earliest convenience and much oblige?

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The song "Sweet Rose of Portadown," which has associations with Seagoe, can now be had on a Decca Record, price 1/6. It is sung by Cliff Connolly, an English tenor, with instrumental accompaniment. Mr. David Jeffery has a supply in stock.

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Mr. Fred Ruddell found a full grown edible mushroom growing in his field early in January.

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Readers of the Magazine are invited to study carefully the advertisements in our columns and they will find something to their advantage. Those who value our Magazine would do well to remember that it is through our advertisements we are enabled to publish the Magazine at the low price of twopence. Please patronise the firms who advertise with us.