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We are enabled to present our Readers with a Portrait of the Lord Bishop, through the kindness of the Proprietors of that excellent Church Weekly, *The Warden*. The Portrait will be a pleasant reminder of our recent Parish Social Meeting.

The Bishop's Visit.

On Thursday, December 10th, the Right Rev. Dr. Crozier, Lord Bishop of the Diocese, paid his promised visit to Seagoe. The occasion was one of unusual importance, as it was the first time the Bishop had come to the Parish since he became Bishop of this Diocese, and we believe it was the

first occasion on which Seagoe had been honoured by the presence of its Bishop at a Social gathering of the Parishioners. We congratulate the Parish on the way it honoured the Bishop. The schoolroom was crowded with a gathering representing all the 28 townlands included within the Parish boundaries. The tasteful decorations had transformed the walls of the old schoolroom, which were now brightened

by all the colours of the rainbow. A large "Welcome" motto faced the platform and made our distinguished visitor feel how heartily his people of Seagoe welcomed him amongst them. What shall we say of the splendid currant cakes which so many kind hands had made, and in which the currants were so close together that you could scarcely see the bread! Certainly Seagoe did well.

The Bishop arrived at Portadown by the train from Belfast at 3-50. A kind cup of tea had been provided for him by Mrs. Irwin, at Railway Lodge, and at 4 o'clock a meeting of the Railway employes was held in the Waiting Room at the Station. Forty-three men had assembled with the consent of our genial friend, Mr. Irwin, the Stationmaster, and on the invitation of the Rector, to hear a short address from the Bishop. It was a splendid sight to see so many men—porters, greasers, cleaners, helpers, all with a good will, coming from their various occupations into the quiet waiting room for a few minutes to hear some straight, stirring words from the Bishop. After the hymn, "Stand up, stand up for Jesus," had been heartily sung, and prayer said by the Rector, the Bishop spoke to the men on "The Object of Life," impressing upon them the importance of character and devotion to duty. The Bishop's address lasted about fifteen minutes, and closed with a few words of prayer and the Benediction. As the men filed out after the service the Bishop stood at the door and cordially shook hands with each of them.

The Bishop then drove to Carrickblackler, where he was hospitably entertained by Major and Mrs. Blacker during his visit.

The Social Meeting began in Seagoe School at 7-30. After grace had been sung the army of stewards began dispensing the good things among the audience. The tea was excellent, thanks to Mr. T. J. Montgomery, who generously provided us with his special "Gold Medal Blend," and to Mr. George Calvert and his assistants who lit the big fire, boiled the water, and with considered judgment put into it exactly the right proportion of tea, milk, and sugar. The Bishop, with his popular hosts, Major and Mrs. Blacker, arrived about eight o'clock, and as he entered the room was received with hearty applause. He at once made himself a favourite by going amongst the people and chatting freely with all. The following Address of Welcome was read by Mr. Wolsey Atkinson, Hon. Sec. of the Select Vestry:—

We, the Churchwardens, Members of the Select Vestry, Householders and Church Workers of the Parish of Seagoe, beg to offer you a very hearty welcome on this your first visit to Seagoe since your appointment to the Bishopric of Down, and Connor and Dromore. You are not a stranger to us, for we recall with pleasure your visits to us in the days of our late beloved Rector, the Very Rev. Abraham Dawson, Dean of Dromore. The Churchwardens and Select Vestry have also had the pleasure and profit of intercourse with you at your recent visitation

in Lurgan. But on this, the first occasion on which you meet the Parishioners as your Bishop, we bid you welcome, not alone for your personal worth, but as the Spiritual Ruler and Head of this United Diocese. From the ancient days when Gobhan founded his House of Prayer on yonder hill down to the present time, many Christian Bishops have visited Seagoe, but we venture to say that none have been held in higher esteem or have been received with a warmer welcome than your Lordship on the present occasion. That you may long be spared in health and strength to rule over this Diocese, and to encourage and confirm us in our following of the Divine Head of the Church, is the earnest prayer of your humble and attached servants,

THE PEOPLE OF SEAGOE.

The Bishop, on rising to reply, was received with prolonged applause. In an eloquent, forcible, and witty speech he spoke of the supreme importance of the work of the Church, the need of unity, the power of prayer, and the duty incumbent upon all the members of the Church of furthering the work of Christ in the world. He congratulated the parish on its unity and prosperity. The Bishop in the course of his address told some very amusing stories. The ass's cart, the two buckets, and the men in a boat will long be remembered.

Major Blacker, in response to an invitation from the Rector, said how glad he was to be present on that occasion, and pointed out the advantages that came to a Parish from the visit of its Bishop.

A most attractive programme of music and recitations was then begun, to which the following contributed:—Mr. Smith, C.E. (Gramophone Selection), Mrs. Stephenson, the children of Seagoe Day School, Miss Armstrong, Mr. R. T. Montgomery, Miss Chambers, Mr. Murray, and Mr. T. H. Wilson. The Rector having thanked all who had helped to make the evening so successful, the meeting was brought to a close by the singing of the Doxology. The Blessing was given by the Bishop.

NOTES.

The members of the Vestry defrayed any expenses connected with the Social Meeting.

Miss Carleton, of Gilford Castle, Miss Macoun, of Bangor, and several other friends from a distance kindly sent cakes.

The children of the Day School helped greatly in the decorations. Some of the designs made by them were very pretty.

The Vestry, through their Secretary, have written to Mr. Chambers, the Principal of Seagoe School, thanking him and his helpers for the great trouble taken by them in the Decoration of the Schools.

There were more Silver teapots seen in Seagoe School on Thursday, December 10th, than ever before. The ladies did their part splendidly.

BAPTISMS.

- Dec. 5th—Sarah, daughter of Alexander and Jane Elizabeth Hewitt.
 „ „ —Mary Louisa, daughter of James and Alice Wilson.

MARRIAGES.

- Dec. 12th—Robert Livingston, Edenderry, to Mary Jane Donaldson, Upper Seagoe.
 „ 13th —James Craig, Levaghery, to Alice Jane Atkinson, Edenderry.
 „ 14th—Joseph Craig, Tarson, to Mary Jane Coulter, Tarson.
 „ 18th—David Porter, Lower Seagoe, to Sarah Mary Magee, Kernan.
 „ 24th—Leonard Wilson, Ballymacrandle, to Mary Anne Hart, Ballygargan.
 „ „ —John Porter, Knocknamuckley, to Margaret Jane Hart, Ballygargan.
 Jany 1st—James Boyce, Bocombra, to Sarah Twinem Lylo.

BURIALS.

- Dec. 8th—Mary Louisa Wilson, Edenderry, aged 2 weeks.
 „ 10th—Elizabeth Magee, Tarson, aged 69 years.
 „ 15th—Joseph Webb, Clanrole, aged 63 years.
 „ 17th—Eliza Gibson, Moyraverty, aged 64 years.
 „ 29th—Caroline Tate, Tarson, aged 62 years.
 Jany. 4th—James Graham, Lylo, aged 62 years.

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OFFERTORIES FOR DECEMBER.

“ Give and it shall be given unto you.”

	Morning.			Evening.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Dec. 6th—2nd S. in Advent	1	17	0	1	13	1
„ 13th—3rd S. in Advent	1	3	10	0	11	0
„ 20th—4th S. in Advent	0	19	4	0	13	3
„ 25th—Christmas Day	2	11	1			
„ 27th—S. after Christmas	0	18	3	0	8	8
Week Days				0	16	1
Total	£7	9	6	£3	2	1

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The New Cover.

The new border on our front cover was designed by our talented parishioner, Miss Georgie Atkinson, Art Student, South Kensington, London. At either side are to be seen a spray of Flax symbolising that Seagoe Parish is closely connected with the Linen industry, and an ear of corn illustrating the agricultural pursuits of the Parish. In the corners, crossed shuttles are to be seen. There is no more familiar sound to Seagoe ears than that of the flying shuttle.

The Photograph of the Interior of Seagoe Church was taken by that well-known Seagoe firm Messrs. Moffett, Edenderry. The pulpit and font can be distinguished and the beautiful east window comes out very clearly.

Band of Hope.

This month it is our pleasing duty to record another successful meeting held on Friday, Nov. 27th, 1908, in Edenderry Hall. Reviewing the records of the past, and comparing them with the present, one is almost convinced that all previous efforts were surpassed on that occasion. This, however, is not due only to those who worked diligently to provide a programme; a large measure of our success must be attributed to the evident interest taken by many grown-up people in our work. We earnestly hope that all the parents will realise the importance of this work, and, if in no other way, even by their attendance at the meetings, help forward the cause. When a large number of cards had been given out, dialogues, recitations, and songs, were contributed by the following in a manner worthy of imitation:—Mr. Murray, Mr. Chambers, Flora and Hettie Wright, Bella and Maggie Magee, Sarah Martin, Mary Livingston, Annie Smith, Maggie Allen, Tommie Smith, Charlie Killow. David Livingston, Joshua M'Nally, Victor Irwin, Ernest Holland, Isaiah Shanks. At the conclusion of these items, some children from Seagoe School gave some excellent action songs, in addition to the foregoing. Their performance was delightful, and was much appreciated. Remarks on the work of the Society having been made by the Chairman, the meeting was closed with the Benediction.

HACKNAHAY.

The work in this district for the present session was inaugurated on December 21st, 1908, by a short Service of Song, entitled “The Fireman's Lily.” The children of the new School were seen to great advantage in this entertainment, and not only did they reflect the greatest credit on Miss Wilson, who had spent infinite pains in training them, but they gave evidence of good musical talent. This part of the Parish promises well to have the strongest Band of Hope in the country. Almost 30 cards were given out before the musical part of the programme was commenced, and before long we hope that the number on roll will greatly increase. It is purposed to hold these meetings regularly, and before long it is possible that all right thinking men and women will realise the awful havoc wrought by indulgence in alcoholic liquors. After the Service of Song, the Rector briefly alluded to Temperance Work, and then proceeded to distribute the prizes given in connection with the Day School. The meeting was then closed in the usual way.

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Sunday School Prizes.

The Children will read this announcement with great interest. Sunday School Prize Distributions will take place as follows:—

- January 21st, Thursday, Hacknahay; January 25th, Monday, Edenderry; January 28th, Thursday, Seagoe; January 29th, Friday, Drumgor; February 5th, Friday, Carne; February 8th, Monday, Levaghery.

Sunday School Calendar.

LESSONS FOR JANUARY :—

8. January 17th. M.—C. & R. 34. L. Gen. 6. Noah; A.—C* What is the inward part or thing signified, etc. T. S. Jn. 12.26. H. 513-4. L. Acts 6, 8-15 and 7, 54-60.—A Martyr.

9. January 24th. M.—C. & R. 35. L. Gen. 7, 11-24. The Ark. A.—C. Prove from Scripture, etc. T. Rom 10-17. H. 513-5 L. Acts 8, 1-40. The Evangelist.

10. January 31st. M.—C. & R. 36. L. Gen. 8, 15-22. Thanksgiving. A. C*. After what manner, etc. T. Eph. 3 8. H. 513 Repeat. L. Acts 9, 1-22. Conversion.

11. February 7th. M. C. & R. 37. L. Gen. 8. The Rainbow. A. C. Repeat a verse, etc. T. Rom 10, 12-13. H. 520-1. L. Acts 10. A Vision.

Prizes at Hacknahay.

The following children attending Hacknahay Day School were awarded Prizes at the break-up on Tuesday, December 22nd.

Silver Medal—Sarah Cooke.

Fifth Standard—Wm. McGrattan, Ellen England, Martha J. McMurray.

Fourth Standard—Thos. Richard Sturgeon, Mary Flavell, Sarah Thompson.

Thlrd Standard—Sarah Cooke (Medal).

Second Standard—Mary Cooke, Helen Calvert, Ellie Patton, Emma Thompson, Robert Lunn.

A Special Prize was awarded by Miss Wilson, Principal, to Adelaide McMurray (3rd Standard) for not having missed a day since the school was first opened on August 4th.

Seagoe School Concert.

This important event comes off on Friday, Jany. 15:h. It promises to be a splendid success, and a large number of tickets have already been sold for it. Mr. Chambers and his assistants have been indefatigable in their preparations for it, and the children are enthusiastic. A fine piano (supplied by Young & Co., of Belfast) has been hired for the occasion.

Items.

The new Almanacs are sold out.

There were 61 Baptisms in Seagoe during 1908, as compared with 64 in 1907. Of these 61, there were 30 boys and 31 girls.

Eighteen couples were married in Seagoe Church during 1908. Six of these were married in December. There were only 11 couples married in 1907.

There were 29 Burials of Seagoe parishioners in the Churchyard and Old Burying Ground during 1908.

All Collecting Cards for Missions and Protestant Orphan Society should now be handed in.

“No Surrender” is the title of a Service of Song to be given in Edenderry Hall, on Friday, February 12th. Tickets 3d each.

Sarah Cooke has been awarded the Silver Medal for Proficiency and Good Conduct in Hacknahay Day School.

The new Sunday School Calendar is proving very useful. Every Sunday School Scholar should get one without delay. Price 1d.

Sunday School Teachers should always be in their class five minutes before the School opens.

We congratulate Mr. Maxwell Stoops on the success of his efforts in raising the sum (£16 10s) necessary to cover the cost of the Bagatelle Table and Fittings in the Men’s Wooden Hall.

Hacknahay Day School has had a daily attendance of over 50 children since the holidays.

Mrs. M’Collum, of Kilvergan, has, we are glad to say, made a good recovery from her recent serious illness.

The oldest recipient of an Old-Age Pension in this neighbourhood, lives near Gilford. She is close on 100 years of age.

A father and son, aged respectively 90 and 70 years of age, are getting the pension in Lurgan District.

The Stables at Seagoe School are about to be enlarged.

The attendance at Seagoe School for the past quarter has been the highest on record.

Mr. James Costello, of New Zealand, who lately visited Seagoe, has written an interesting narrative of his travels in the Warwick (N.Z) daily paper.

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Old Seagoe Notes.

PARISH SURNAMES. Dynes is a very common Surname and Christian name in Seagoe Parish. The name is a shortened form of the Irish name Denis or Dinish. A similar change has transformed Graham into Grimes and Pollock into Pogue. The change of the name Denis into Dynes must have taken place about 1500, as there is only one case of the change to be found in the Seagoe Registers, which date from 1672.

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SEAGOE ETRAGH. Everybody knows where Seagoe is, but who can tell where Seagoe Etragh is? The name occurs once in the Seagoe Records of 200 years ago. Seagoe Etragh is Lower Seagoe. Etragh is a form of the Irish word Iochdar, which means Low or Lower. Other forms are Eighter or Eighteragh. There is a place near Killarney called Moylettragh or Lower Moyle. The Irish word for Upper is Uachdar or Oughter, but there is no record extant of Seagoe Oughter. Possibly Seagoe Etragh was used just to distinguish Lower Seagoe from Seagoe Upper, which was probably the original townland of that name.