

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

JANUARY, 1928.

The Magazine.

Seagoe Parish Magazine enters, with this issue, on its 23rd year. The first number was published in January, 1906. Last year the Magazine prospered more than in any previous year. The number of copies remaining unsold at the end of the year are only ten. In fact, we may say that in every month of 1927 every copy of the Magazine was sold. The Magazine goes everywhere. It sails each month across all the Seven Seas. It is found in the back-blocks of North Queensland, and on the verandahs of Florida. Wherever Seagoe people are settled Seagoe Magazine is to be found. Our new cover and new advertisements will be ready for the February number. Special Academy art paper with an amber tint will be used for the cover. A half-tone block of Seagoe's famous residence house, Carrickblacker, will, with the kind permission of Colonel Stewart Blacker, D.S.O., appear on the cover.

Parish Almanacs and Kalendars.

The pretty Seagoe Almanac (price 2d), and the Seagoe Kalendar (price 1½d) are now on sale at Mr. Vance's, 16 Bridge St., and throughout the Parish. The copies are being rapidly bought up and in ten days there will be none left, so you had better get your copy without delay.

Coloured Supplement.

A finely coloured picture of "The Lord of Joy" or Christ among the children, is presented free with each copy of our January number. Be sure that you get it.

Mission in Drumgor.

Mr. Robert Gracey, of Donaconey, and for the past two years an evangelist on the Church Army, will conduct a week's mission in Drumgor Church Hall, beginning on Sunday, January 8th, at 3.30 p.m. Mr. Gracey has had a wide experience of Church Army work on both sides of the Atlantic. He accompanied the Church Army Mission to the United States last summer. If you have a Church Army Hymnal bring it with you, if not bring the Church Hymnal. We are confident that our Drumgor friends will extend a generous hospitality to Mr. Gracey. He comes to us with the highest recommendations. The Services will be held on each night of the week at 8 p.m.

Our Sunday Schools.

The annual Prize Distributions will take place (p.v.) towards the end of January and the beginning of February. The date of the distributions will be announced beforehand in each Sunday School. The new Sunday School Calendar is very carefully arranged and provides the teachers and children with a very useful and practical course of study. We recommend the teachers to become subscribers to the "Irish Churchman," price 1d weekly. It contains valuable and interesting notes on the Lessons each week. It may be ordered through Mr. John Waugh, bookseller, Portadown.

Seventy Years Ago.

Mrs. Annie Wolseley, daughter of the late Rev. Capel Wolseley, writes to us from 63 Bridge Lane, Golder's Green, London, N.W. 11:—"Once more I wish you a happy Xmas and New Year, and hope all is well at the dear old Rectory. I am now wonderfully well, indeed better than in years past, though I am 79 this year." In a postscript Mrs. Wolseley writes—"I recollect Miss Burrell quite well. She used to come over all the way from her School to bring things for my father when he was laid aside with rheumatic gout for nine long months. She taught me 'What will the Robin do then, poor thing.' I recollect it still, and how kind and faithful she was—more than 70 years ago!"

Captain J. J. Dobson.

Our old friend and former Lay Reader in Seagoe Parish, Captain J. J. Dobson, has been residing for some time in Kenya Colony, East Africa. He has now opened a private hotel at Nairobi. It is called "The Hill Private Hotel," and is situated at Valley Road, Nairobi. Phone No. 380. P.O. Box. No. 783. It is most comfortably furnished, contains all modern conveniences and has an excellent cuisine. Captain Dobson also acts as a commission, estate and insurance agent and broker. Motor cars for hire may be had at the Hotel. We would recommend any Seagoe people who may be in the neighbourhood of Nairobi to patronise Captain Dobson's hotel. They will not regret it. We are confident it will be a centre of comfort and efficiency.

The Coming Concert.

The Concert organised by Mr. T. H. Wilson will be held in the Town Hall, Portadown, on Thursday, Jan. 26th, at 8 p.m. The best concert party that Belfast can produce has been engaged for the occasion, and those who have secured tickets have a treat in store for them. The sale of tickets has been very large. We advise ticket-holders to come in good time.

Appointment.

The Rector has appointed Miss Margaret Reid, of Lower Seagoe, to the post of second Assistant Teacher in Seagoe School. The vacancy was caused by the resignation of Mr. H. Alcorn. Miss Reid is well-known and highly esteemed in Seagoe Parish. She has had a wide experience as a teacher and has now returned to the School where she was educated and trained as a monitress. Seagoe P.E. School will re-open after the Christmas holidays, on Monday, January 2nd, 1928. Mr. and Mrs. Rennix kindly entertained the pupils of the School at the break-up for the holidays. The School has had a very successful session. The epidemic of "flu" which affected the Town Schools was scarcely felt in Seagoe. Parents who desire for their children a sound education under the healthiest surroundings should send them to Seagoe School.

A Voice from Madras.

The Rev. W. R. Crichton writes a cheery letter from The Parsonage, Wellington, Madras, under date 30th November, 1927. He hopes Seagoe will deal faithfully with the Christmas turkey. He has recently been fairly busy. He is now Secretary of the Diocesan Synod of Madras and of the Diocesan Council. The Synod met in October. He expects to start for home at the beginning of February on a year's leave. "Our plan," he adds, "is to drop off at Marseilles, and to stay in France until we hear of good weather in England. I hope to reach Ireland soon after Easter. I shall not stay there very long just then, but will return for July and August. The children are old enough for school now, so I must hunt round for some suitable Academy, but the fees are atrocious just now." Mr. Crichton concludes with best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

[We in Seagoe will be very glad to see our old friend and former Curate back again once more in the old Parish.]

Seagoe in the States.

We have received the following letter from Mrs. David Johnston, formerly of Edenderry, now a resident in Connecticut, U.S.A. She never forgets the old Parish. We thank her for her kind remembrance:—

155 Spring St., Thompsonville,
Conn., Dec. 5, 1927.

Dear Canon Archer,—This is just a few lines. I hope it will find you enjoying good health, as this leaves all my family, also my husband and myself in the best of health. Thank God for all his goodness. We have lovely weather here, but to-day there is just a little snow—our first this winter. We are coming near Christmas again. It does not seem like a year since I last have written to you; how quickly the time goes in. I was just thinking of old Seagoe and the dear old Church, so dear to me that I want to wish it a merry Christmas. I am enclosing you

A 5 Dollar Bill,

that will be for the Sustentation Fund. I have sent to my sister, Mrs. Vance, a subscription for the Mothers' Union, just to help it a little. I was down in South Manchester last Easter Sunday. I was at St. Mary's Church. It was just like home. The Church was dressed with Easter lilies. The choir came up the front aisle singing the hymn "Jesus Christ is risen to-day." It was lovely to hear them. When I was

Coming out of Church

I met Mrs. Robinson, Sarah M'Dowell's sister, and while we were talking met another Mrs. Robinson. She was Cissie Hanna to her own name. She is married to a man from Drumcree. She was only a girl going to school when she left Edenderry. Her mother was a widow living in James St. She had two children, a boy and a girl. I would not have known her, but I had to go and see her mother, Mrs. Hanna. She was so glad to see me that she got her arms around me and kissed me. It is 22 years since she left Portadown. They are old

parishioners of Seagoe, and we had a long talk all about home, and when I was there Mrs. Tom Coulter's brother and sister and a few friends came in. I met a lot from home, and we had a nice time together. It's good to meet ones from home. Well, dear Canon, I hope old Seagoe is doing well. I hear from my daughters and sister all about it and the Mothers' Union. Those meetings I will never forget. I may tell you my little David is going to school now and is very fond of it, and John will be graduating next June from the High School. He is 17 years old at Christmas. David has been up at Springfield to see old Santa Claus, telling him what he wants for Christmas. They have a great time for children here. I was very much interested in

Bobbie Sherman's Letter

in the Magazine about his trip in Canada. I had a Miss Magowan seeing me last week-end, and she read all his letters. I had the Magazine. She is also from Edenderry. She lives in South Manchester. We all love to hear about home. My son's, Samuel, wife is well. They just live a little way from me. Annie is in a play this week. She is the Irish girl. Now, I think I have told you all. I don't want to take up any more of your time. I am still hoping some day to see dear old Seagoe again. Now, I will close, just wishing you and dear old Seagoe a very happy Christmas.—From your old parishioner,
A. JOHNSTON.

Ordination Cards.

The Rev. W. A. Henry, Curate of Seagoe, was ordained Priest at an Ordination held by the Bishop of Down in the Bishop's Chapel, Antrim Road, Belfast, on Wednesday (St. Thomas's Day), December 21st. The preacher was the Rev. Marrable Williams, B.D., Rector of St. Luke's, Belfast, and the candidates for Ordination were presented to the Bishop by the Archdeacon of Connor.

Resolution Cards.

Resolution Cards are in circulation through the Parish. Each card bears the following words:—"Parish of Seagoe—Resolution for 1928—I resolve, with God's help, to attend Public Worship regularly during this New Year 1928." There is a space for signature and date at the bottom of the card, and the text from Psalm 84, 10: "A day in Thy Courts is better than a thousand." The beginning of a New Year is a good time to make new Resolutions. If you decide to make the Resolution just sign and date the card and slip it into your Bible, or put it up in your room where you will often see it. If you have not got one of the cards ask the Rector for one and he will be glad to give it to you.

Your Envelopes

We hope everyone has got his or her set of envelopes for the New Year. Begin at the beginning and don't miss bringing your envelope with you each Sunday to Church. Remember, it contains your offering to God for His work, and make it a worthy offering.

CLERGY :

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

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

CHURCHWARDENS :

Rectors—Thos. E. Maginnis, Breagh.

People's—John R. Reid, Portadown.

Mothers' Union.

The Mothers' Union will (d.v.) meet on Tuesday, January 10th, in Edenderry Parochial Hall. The hour of meeting will be announced in Church on the previous Sunday. We congratulate the Mothers' Union on the good work they have done in the Parish this Christmas. No less than seventy substantial Christmas parcels were distributed. Mr. William Reid, formerly of Lower Seagoe, most kindly sent a sum of £5 for distribution amongst the poor of the Parish, and the Mothers' Union has kindly distributed this amount.

Wednesday Services

A Service will in future be held in the Parochial Hall, Edenderry, on each Wednesday evening at 8 p.m., beginning on Wednesday, Jan. 4th. Bring Prayer Book and Hymnal.

Annual Subscriptions

If you have not yet sent in your annual subscription please do so without delay to Mr. Hugh Stoops, Hon. Treas., Killicomaine Road, Portadown.

Parish Register for December.

Baptisms.

Bell—Dec. 3rd, 1927, Elizabeth Joan, daughter of William Henry and Margaret Jane Bell, of Ballymacrandle.

Sponsors—Eva Neill, Margaret Jane Bell.

M'Cullough—Dec. 3rd, 1927, George Reginald, son of David and Margaret Letitia M'Cullough, of Balteagh.

Sponsors—Elizabeth Gracey, Margaret Letitia M'Cullough.

Twinem—Dec. 21st, 1927, Robert, son of John Harrison and Anne Jane Twinem, of Portadown.

Sponsors—Robert Dewart, John Harrison Twinem, Sarah Boyce.

Marriage.

Winter and Freeburn—Dec. 27th, Hiram Oswald Winter, of Ballytrue, in the Parish of Kilmore, to Annie Elizabeth Freeburn, of Edenderry.

Ruddell and Robb—Dec. 28th, James Nelson Ruddell, of Lisniskey, to Hannabella Robb, of Tarson.

Burials.

M'Neill—Dec. 8th, Jane M'Neill, of Ballymacrandle.

Livingston—Dec. 18th—Robert Livingston, of Edenderry; aged 74 years.

The Tank-Map

The tank map which appeared in our last issue gained a good deal of publicity, and has proved most useful in making quite clear to everyone the objectionable position of the proposed tanks. The map showed with perfect correctness the relative position of the tanks with regard to the various surrounding buildings. A very influential deputation waited on the Urban Council at their meeting on Dec. 5th to protest against the placing of the tanks in Seagoe. Strong arguments were put forward by the deputation but apparently produced no effect on the Council. The deputation was introduced by the Rector. The other members were Messrs. Jackson, Greeves, R. Forsythe, Capel Reid, and David Collen. The compositing staff of the "Portadown News" are to be congratulated on the clever way in which they set up the tank map.

Congratulation

We offer our hearty congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. James Ruddell on the occasion of their marriage. They are both members of Seagoe Choir, and have always been most regular in their attendance at Public Worship and at the Choir Practices. The Choir was present at the Marriage Service and sang the Psalm and Hymn 289. Miss Wilson presided at the organ, and played the "Wedding March" as the happy couple were leaving the Church.

Old Seagoe Notes.

Drumgor 120 years ago.—The following is taken from the "Belfast News-Letter" for February 17, 1808 :—

TO BE LET.

From the first of May next for such term as may be agreed upon—The House and 30 acres of the Lands at Drumgor, the residence of the late Mr. John Mathers, situate nearly central between the Towns of Lurgan and Portadown, a short distance from the Great Road. The land is choice and the House may be made commodious. From its contiguity to the different Linen Markets would answer a gentleman in that business. Turbary convenient. Proposals to Mr. Thomas Mathers, Altona, Lurgan, Dec. 22nd, 1807.

[Perhaps some resident in Drumgor can identify the above premises.]

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"Not Tommy but a Near Friend."—In the year 1831 the Parish of Seagoe was in a very disturbed state. At that time the Parish extended to where Knocknamuckley Church now stands. The unrest was associated with what were called "Tommy Downshire's Men." Shane Hill was the meeting place of the disaffected peasantry. On Tuesday,

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January 18th, 1831, according to the "Belfast News-Letter" of that date, a disturbance occurred at Moyallen. On the previous Saturday a notice had been posted up in the neighbourhood calling "Tommy's" men together. The notice was signed "Not Tommy but a near Friend." About 11.30 a.m. some stragglers appeared at the doors of several gentlemen in Moyallen and said they were "Tommy's men," who were up the Bann and were returning home to the Bann-Foot, in the County of Armagh. They insisted on having some money, wheat and bread. One gentleman gave them bread and cheese and 2s. At another house where the inmates did not attend to them they broke the windows.

ITEMS.

We are glad to hear that Mrs. James M'Dowell, who while here last summer was in weak health, has regained some of her former strength and is now recuperating at Port Richey, Florida, U.S.A.

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Repairs have been carried out at a cost of £8 15s to the outer parapet of the chancel of the Parish Church. Owing to a defect in the lead-work the

rain made its way into the wall and caused damp spots to appear on the walls of the chancel. This has now been remedied.

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There are still many dangerous corners in the Parish where the view is quite obscured by overgrown hedges, and the risk of a motor accident is very great. Open wire fences should be placed at such corners, but when will it be done?

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Mrs Joshua Caddell, of 34 Logie St., Govan, Glasgow, in sending her subscription to the Magazine (to which she and her late husband have subscribed for many years), writes, "I enjoy it very much and look forward every month for news about old friends."

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Mrs. Nesbitt, of Paddington, Brisbane, has very kindly sent the Rector some most interesting numbers of illustrated Brisbane papers and Church Records. They are much appreciated.

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.

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. S. Rennix.

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.