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JANUARY, 1929.

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

## LAY READER (Bishop's Licence) :

Mr. Robt. Gracey, 23 Railway Street, Portadown.

## CHURCHWARDENS :

Rector's—Robert M'Clements.

People's—John Dermott.

## Twenty-Four Years Ago.

It was in January 1906 that the first number of Seagoe Parish Magazine was published, so that with the issue of this number we keep our twenty-fourth Birthday. This is quite a respectable antiquity for a Parish Magazine, as most of them perish in their third or fourth year. We are glad to find that Seagoe Magazine is a notable exception to this rule. In fact as years go by the Magazine steadily increases its circulation. During 1928 more copies of Magazine have been sold than in any previous year. The distributors tell us that if the parishioners do not get their magazine the moment it is published, they turn up quite cranky and that some regular subscribers are so eager to get it that they send round for it even before the time for its publication has arrived. Of course the best way to ensure getting your copy without fail each month is to pay your distributor two shillings in advance for the year's copies.

## Our January Number.

For some years past we have brought out our January number with a temporary cover. It is difficult to get all the advertisements into their proper places during the busy weeks before Christmas, and so we have our new cover and new advertisements in the February number. So next month (p.v.) we hope to have a bright new cover of special Academy Tint Paper, with a pretty half-tone block of local interest. The paper which forms the pretty cover of the Magazine is of extra fine texture. It is manufactured by the great English firm of Charles Morgan & Co., Ltd., which was established so long ago as the year 1760. They possess several picturesque old mills in the South of England, and it is there that the paper is made which covers the Magazine.

## Our Printers.

We would like to express our thanks to the Printers of the Magazine, "The Portadown News,"

for the careful and efficient way in which year in year out they produce the Magazine. Some of the staff have been assisting in the setting-up of the Magazine ever since it began to be, a quarter of a century ago. Seagoe Parish Magazine as it appears each month is a standing proof of the excellent work which can be turned out by a Portadown printing establishment.

## Our Advertisers.

It has often been said that the true secret of success in business is to advertise. As an advertising medium we believe that Seagoe Parish Magazine possesses all the requisites to satisfy our advertisers. Every copy is read carefully, and most of the copies are carefully kept. A good proof of the value of the Magazine to our advertisers is that all the most successful business firms in the town of Portadown are represented in our advertising columns and in several cases have been there since the Magazine was first published.

## Seagoe P.E. School

A very happy holiday gathering of the children attending Seagoe School was held in the School on Tuesday, December 18th, at 7 p.m. Some kind friends had provided a supply of tea and cake, and after tea a very interesting programme had been arranged by Mrs. Abraham. It consisted of songs and recitations by the children. The following items were performed:—Song, "I saw three ships," Senior Girls; recitation, "Postman," May Simpson; recitation, "Six Pussy Cats," J. Finney; song, "All for Baby," Juniors; song, "Ba, Ba," Juniors; recitation, "Christmas Eve," F. Porter; recitation, "My Dolly," C. Guy; song, "De Old Folks," IV. Standard; recitation, "The Road," A. M'Auley; recitation, "Pedlar's Caravan," N. Porter; song, "The Sabbath Morn," Four S. Girls; recitation, "Folks," S. Hamill; song, "Billy Boy," Second Standard; recitation, "Dolly," M. Jennings; song, "Shendoah," Third Standard; recitation, "Betty at the Party," I. Guy; recitation, "Santa Claus," M. Porter; song, "Drink to me," Senior Girls; recitation, "The little Country Boy," S. M'Auley; song, "Come let us all," Senior Girls. Short speeches were made by the Rector, the Rev. W. A. Henry, and Mr. Robert Gracey. At about 9-30 all separated after a very pleasant evening. Some of the parents were present with the children. Mrs. Abraham very kindly gave a gift of apples which were distributed among the children. We acknowledge with many thanks a gift of 10s from Miss Calvert, of Breagh, towards the cost of the entertainment.



### **"American Tea."**

On Thursday, January 24th, at 7-30 p.m., an "American Tea" will be held (D.V.) in Seagoe School. Cards of invitation are being circulated. There is no charge for admission, but everyone who comes is expected to bring a gift worth one shilling and also to purchase something worth one shilling. There will be tea and music. Children under 14 will not be admitted. The proceeds are on behalf of Seagoe Parochial School.

### **Concert in Edenderry**

On Tuesday, January 22nd, a concert will be held in Edenderry Parochial Hall. It has been organised by Miss Hawthorne, and a most interesting programme has been arranged. The tickets, price 1s 6d and 1s, are now on sale. The proceeds are in aid of the Edenderry Sunday School Prize Fund.

### **The Rev. W. A. Henry**

We regret to announce that the Rev. W. A. Henry, who has been Curate Assistant in Seagoe Parish since December 21st, 1926, will be leaving Seagoe at the end of March. Mr. Henry has been appointed Rector of the Parish of Snowflake, near Winnipeg, by the Archbishop of Rupertsland. Snowflake is a small town or village not far from Winnipeg, situated in an excellent and prosperous farming district. In addition to Snowflake there are three other centres in the Parish. Macray is six miles away, Kaleida is ten miles away, and Pembina Crossing six miles away. At Snowflake and also at Kaleida and Pembina Crossing there are Church buildings, and at Macray a schoolhouse. At Snowflake, where Mr. Henry will live, there is a good five-roomed rectory. Mr. Henry has made many friends in Seagoe, where he is highly esteemed, and we wish him much blessing and prosperity in the new land beyond the seas.

### **A Seagoe Mother**

[The Rector has received the following letter from New Zealand. We offer the sympathy of Seagoe to Mr. Maxwell in his bereavement.]

Belmont Ave, Nr. Albert, Auckland, 4th Nov. '28.

Dear Sir,—You will indeed think that I am a very ungrateful individual for not answering your letter of information re particulars of my mother from your register. At the time of receiving your note my mother was gradually going down, and I felt that by writing so soon on the top of your letter that I might any day have to write another letter informing you of her death, so I just sent you a little reminder of our shores in a copy of a "Weekly News," so that you could see that I had not forgotten your kindness altogether. The worst came to us on September 21st, when she

**Passed away in a lovely sleep**

without even a twitch or anything at all perceptible

with the exception of her breathing getting weaker; so contented and restful did she pass that nobody in the room, not even I who was fanning her, knew that she had actually breathed her last until somewhere about a minute or so had elapsed, when I called the nurse to her. I feel that although she did not know any of her family and could not talk to us for some days before she went, she was thoroughly contented and happy, and wished for nothing more except as she had stated to us all many times before, that she wanted to be in Heaven. It is naturally a sad blow to us all, and I, in particular feel it more so to lose her as she was my charge for several years and I had everything to do for her, but I did it quite cheerfully, knowing and remembering well what she did for me all my life, and would have continued to do for me until her last breath if she had the strength to do so. She was

### **A mother of mothers,**

never able to do enough for her family, and I feel quite certain in my own mind that she has passed into a better life to be with her Jesus of whom she always thought so much, and taught all of us, her family, to worship from our very infancy. Never, all the time that I was growing up and got married and left to make a home for myself and wife, have I seen her miss a Sunday that she did not take her Bible and read and study it quietly, setting an example to her family that will live within me all the days of my life. However, she can be with us no more in the flesh, but as a mother, a guardian, a playmate if you may call her so; a sympathiser with you in your difficulties, and an example to follow, all the remainder of your days, she will be always with me until I breathe my last, when I hope to share the same joys as she has now. I feel that I could almost write a book on her goodness, etc., to all, and I know that you will be pleased to read a eulogy such as this of one who was born and baptized in your rectory. I might state before closing that as long as I can remember she always recognised her birthday as 30th March. Thanking you for the trouble I have put you to and offering you my services for anything in my power at this end of the world.—I am, sir, yours sincerely,

T. MAXWELL.

### **Seagoe Mothers' Union**

The members of the Seagoe Mothers' Union will hold their annual Social Meeting in Seagoe School on Tuesday, January 8th, at 7-30. A full attendance of the members is expected.

The members attended a special Advent Service in Seagoe Parish Church on Wednesday, Dec. 12th. There was a large congregation, and the new company of the C.L.B. was present and looked very smart. Mr. R. Gracey gave the address, and the collection was in aid of the Christmas Parcels Fund for the Poor of the Parish.



### Seagoe Parish Almanac

This pretty almanac is now almost sold out. A few copies may still be had, price twopence.

### New Principal of Seagoe

Mr. Robert Scott, with Mrs. Scott and family, took up their residence at Grove Lodge, Seagoe, on New Year's Day and will enter upon his work in Seagoe Public Elementary School on Thursday, January 10th. The School re-opened after the Christmas holidays on Wednesday, January 2nd.

### District Services

These Services are held on Thursdays at 8 p.m. The Church Army Hymn Book is used. The following is a list of forthcoming Services:—

**Drumgor**—Thursday, January 3rd, at 8 p.m.

**Carne**—Thursday, January 10th, at 8 p.m.

**Hacknahay**—Thursday, January 17th, at 8 p.m.

**Levaghery**—Thursday, January 24th, at 8 p.m.

**Drumgor**—Thursday, January 31st, at 8 p.m.

### Edenderry Children's Services

On every Wednesday at 4-30 p.m. a Service for children is held in Edenderry Parochial Hall. On the Wednesday before Christmas a Christmas Festival was held for the children who attend the Service. There was a great crowd of children present, who enjoyed themselves thoroughly, and Father Christmas, who had come all the way from Kernan, distributed gifts and caused much amusement.

### Seagoe B.C. Social

A Social was held in Seagoe School on St. Stephen's Day for the members of the Seagoe Girls' Bible Class and a very pleasant evening was spent. After a hearty tea, all kinds of games were enjoyed to a late hour. Mr. Gracey, the teacher of the class, was present during the evening and helped much to make it a great success.

### Rev. G. H. Daunt

The Rev. G. H. Daunt, who has been Rector of Knocknamuckley for 30 years, since 1898, resigned the Parish on December 31st, and has gone to reside in Killowen, near Rostrevor. Mr. and Mrs. Daunt were very highly esteemed in the Parish and much regret is expressed at their departure. During his tenure of the Parish Mr. Daunt was a most strenuous worker. He enlarged and beautified the Church and by his efforts placed the Parish in a sound financial position.

### A Generous Gift

The Costello family in Carne, through their representative, Mr. Hugh Costello (who is acting as executor for his mother, the late Mrs. Costello) are making a very generous gift to the Parish of Seagoe. The building usually known as Carne

Church Hall was built on part of the farm of the late Mr. Atkinson Costello. Although in constant use by the Church it was actually the private property of the Costello family. The farm is now about to be auctioned and the family are handing the Hall and the ground on which it stands over to the Parish as a free gift. We, on behalf of the Parishioners express our sincere thanks to Mr. Hugh Costello and the members of the family for this generous gift. The late Mr. Atkinson Costello, who built the Hall, was a most devoted Churchman and filled the office of Churchwarden on several occasions and was for many years a member of the Select Vestry.

### Parish Register for December.

#### Baptisms.

**Major**—Dec. 1st, Charles Rodney Malcomson, son of William John and Sarah Major, of Edenderry.

*Sponsors*—Violet Malcomson and Sarah Major.

**Pierson**—Dec. 19th, Robert George, son of Joseph Henry and Mary Anne Pierson, of Edenderry.

*Sponsors*—Margretta Craig, Mary Anne Pierson.

#### Marriage.

**Rooney and Stewart**—Dec. 1st, James Edward Rooney, of Portadown, and Sarah Stewart, of Edenderry.

#### Burials.

**Jennett**—Dec. 6th, Richard Wesley Jennett, of Edenderry; aged 4 months.

**Thompson**—Dec. 24th, Alice Thompson, of Edenderry; aged 66 years.

**Magee**—Dec. 26th, Samuel Magee, of Edenderry; aged 27 years.

**Best**—January 2nd, 1929, Mary Best, formerly of Balteagh.

**Abraham**—January 6th, 1929, Frederick William Abraham, of Kilvergan, aged 48.

### Death of Sam Magee

Deep regret is expressed at the death at an early age of Sam Magee, of Carrickblacker Road, who passed away after a long and trying illness on December 24th. Some months ago he underwent a severe operation in the Royal Victoria Hospital, in Belfast, and later became an inmate of the Newry Hospital. From his earliest years Sam was closely associated with Seagoe Parish. He was educated at our Day School, was a member of Edenderry Sunday School and was also a member of Seagoe Choir. His bright and happy character made him a great favourite with everyone who knew him. The funeral took place to Seagoe on St. Stephen's Day, Dec. 26th. The Rector officiated. There was a large gathering present. Doctors, nurses and his employers showed him all kinds of attention and sympathy during his illness. We sympathise very sincerely with his bereaved relatives.



**Presentation Cards**

With each number of our January issue a pretty coloured card is presented to our readers. Be sure that you get the card with your Magazine.

**Seagoe in the States**

Mrs. David Johnston, formerly of Edenderry and now residing in the United States, writes to say that she had a fine crossing from Ireland to the States on board the Aquitania. She sends the record of the daily mileage done by the great liner. Mrs. Johnston never forgets the old Parish and encloses a 5-Dollar note for the Sustentation Fund. Her little boy David wishes to come back to Ireland. We thank Mrs. Johnston for her kind letter.

**Our Sunday Schools**

January is the month of prize distributions in our eight Sunday Schools, so it is a busy time. We fear the new Prayers and Hymnals are not yet available. The Rector hopes to arrange the dates of the distributions with the Superintendents of the Schools within the next few days, and they will then be announced in each Sunday School.

**Changing Seagoe**

New houses are springing up everywhere through

the Parish, and old landmarks are rapidly disappearing. The old furze hedge which has possibly for centuries formed the boundary of the Lurgan Road opposite Eden Hall has just been cleared away and we will no more see its bright golden bloom or inhale its summer fragrance. A great colony of swans, some seventy in number, have taken up their abode on the flooded waters of the Bann opposite Lower Seagoe.

**Wednesday Services**

A Service will be held in Edenderry Parochial Hall on every Wednesday evening at 8 p.m., beginning on Wednesday, January 9th. Church Army Hymn Book is used.

**C.L.B.**

A splendid company of the C.L.B. is now in existence in Seagoe Parish. Parades are held in the Parochial Hall on every Friday evening at 8-30 p.m. The lads have been measured for their uniforms and hope to have them at the end of January. All Seagoe Lads should join up.

**G.F.S.**

We hope to have our Seagoe G.F.S. revived before the end of this month. A meeting will be announced shortly.

**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 8 p.m. during Advent and Lent.

**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.

Mothers' Union, Edenderry, 2nd Tuesday of each month.

**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.