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AN AIR-VIEW OF SEAGOE.

This view of Seagoe was taken from a height of 500 feet and includes both Old and New Seagoe. The present Church, built in 1816 with its square tower, is in the near foreground. The fine East Window of the Church shows out well. Opposite the Church are seen the School buildings, erected in 1859. Cattle are grazing in the field behind the Church, and some cocks of hay mark out the Grove Field. Old Seagoe Graveyard comes out very clearly. Here in that sacred acre lie the mortal remains of countless generations of Seagoe folk. The ruined walls of the Old Church can be distinctly traced as well as each separate grave. The recently-erected Lodge is seen at the entrance to the Graveyard. In the upper right-hand corner of the picture Seagoe Cottage is seen at the junction of Church Lane and Seagoe Road. In the top left-hand corner the G.N.R. line is seen as it passes between the Church and the Glebe. The deep shadows cast by the trees are noticeable. The photograph was taken on an autumn afternoon.

A Happy and Prosperous New Year to all our
at Home and Afar.

CLERGY :

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

Rev. W. F. Hayes, B.A., Edendale, CarrickBlacker
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CHURCHWARDENS :

Rector's—Wm. H. England.

People's—Gilbert Price.

The Magazine.

With this issue the Magazine enters on its twenty-sixth year. We are glad to say that it circulates as well as ever and keeps going round the globe with unbroken regularity. It continues to be a link binding together the people of Seagoe no matter where they live. Copies are despatched each month to Canada, the States, South America, North Queensland, Sydney, Melbourne, West Australia, China, India, Africa and of course to many parts of England, Ireland and Scotland. Wherever it goes, we believe, it is welcomed. A subscriber said to us last week: "I read it from cover to cover." During this New Year we hope to keep it up to its usual standard. If you have friends abroad send them a copy. Sometimes complaint is made by people that they cannot get a copy. The best way to make sure of your copy each month is to become an annual subscriber and pay your 2/- in advance to your local distributor. We are always glad to insert letters from our readers whose lot is cast in distant parts of the earth. Tell us something about the country you live in and the people

you meet, also about the kind of work you are engaged at. Let us know something about the Church you worship in, the music sung by the choir, the Sunday Schools and Bible Classes. If there is a Parish Magazine perhaps you would send us a copy of it. All these things are very interesting to the old folks at home as well as to other readers abroad. A pretty coloured card is presented with each copy of this issue of the Magazine.

Confirmation.

The Lord Bishop of Down (Right Rev. C. T. P. Grierson, D.D.) has intimated his intention of holding a Confirmation in Seagoe Parish Church on Thursday, June 25th, 1931, at 8 p.m. Candidates must be not less than 14 years of age.

Due notice will be given of the holding of classes of preparation for candidates.

A Parish Social.

The Churchwardens and Select Vestry are inviting the Parishioners to a Parish "Social" to be held in Seagoe School on Thursday, January 29th, at 7.30 p.m. A programme of music is being arranged by Mr. T. H. Wilson, Organist of Seagoe. Mr. John H. Twinem is acting as Secretary of the sub-committee which is arranging the Social. It is a long time since a Parish Social has been held, and we hope to see on this occasion a full gathering of the responsible householders of the Parish. The Cards of Invitation will be sent out at an early date. Young people under the age of sixteen will not be admitted. All the organisations at work in the Parish will be represented.

Christmas in Seagoe.

Notwithstanding the dullness of trade we had a very bright and happy Christmas in Seagoe this year. The Services in the Church were well attended and there was a large number of Communicants. The Christmas Anthem "Christians awake, salute the Happy Morn," was well sung by the Choir. The soloists were Mr. David Murray (tenor) and Mr. Albert Wilson (bass). Carols were also sung on the Sunday evening before Christmas Day.

Seagoe Parish Almanac.

A few copies of the Parish Almanac remain unsold and can be had at Mr. Vance's, Bridge St. Price 2d each.

The Mothers' Union.

The Annual Social in connection with the Mothers' Union will be held (p.v.) in Seagoe School on Tuesday, January 13th, at 7.30 p.m. A punctual attendance of all the members is requested.

Revision of General Vestry.

A meeting of the Select Vestry will be held (p.v.) on Tuesday, Feb. 3rd, at 7.30 p.m. in Seagoe School, to revise the list of the General Vestry. Those who wish to have their names added to the General Vestry are invited to attend the meeting.

The Annual Report.

The Annual Report is now in the hands of our readers. We hope they will study it carefully. It is the fullest report ever issued in the Parish. If you happen to notice any errors in the Sustentation Lists please communicate with the Hon. Treas., Mr. Hugh Stoops, Killicomaine Road.

Sets of Envelopes.

Every adult parishioner should secure a set of 52 envelopes for use on the Sundays of 1931. If you have not already got your set please mention it to the Hon. Sec., Mr. Moses Gilpin, Drummagoon, or to the Rector and you will receive your set without delay.

The Grove Field.

We acknowledge with many thanks the receipt of £5 from Mr. James M'Dowell, of Providence, Rhode Island, U.S.A., towards the Fund for the purchase of the Grove Field. He writes from Florida under date Dec. 3rd: "I have seen in the Parish Magazine that you are raising Funds for the purchase of the School Field, so I am taking this opportunity of contributing my mite as a Christmas present to the Fund. I trust you will be successful in raising the desired amount and attain your objective." We believe there are many in the Parish who have not yet contributed to the Purchase of the Grove Field. There is still a sum of £70 owing. Will those who have not yet subscribed please send in their subscriptions to Mr. Moses Gilpin, Drummagoon, and it will be acknowledged in the Magazine.

Seagoe in the States.

Mr. M'Dowell writes to the Rector as follows:—"We are here in Florida for the winter, though we intend to make a break in our stay and go north to spend Christmas with the family in Providence. We drove down here from Providence, leaving there Oct. 17th, spending four days in New York, two days in Philadelphia, and three days in Washington seeing the sights and visiting various points of interest. We came down through the Shenandoah Valley, visiting one of the wonderful caverns, of which there are several in the vicinity. It is indeed a wonderful sight inside the cave, which extends into the earth for upwards of a mile, with numerous side passages, and the various formations of stalactites and stalagmites when lit up by many-coloured electric lights give a most wonderful effect. We also stopped to see the Natural Bridge in Virginia, a perfect and most symmetrical formation spanning a river and fully 100 feet above it. We had a very fine trip and made the journey in two weeks. Found everything all right in our little Florida home and have been enjoying the fine weather and the fresh vegetables out of our own garden since our arrival. All being well, I hope to be in Portadown next summer and am looking forward with pleasant anticipations to meeting our many friends there.

Dedication of Bells.

The Dedication of St. Mark's Carillon of Bells took place on Sunday, Dec. 14th, at 3.30 p.m. The Rector, Churchwardens and Select Vestry of Seagoe were present on the kind invitation of the Clergy and Select Vestry of St. Mark's. The pews and aisles of the Church were crowded and large numbers could not get into the Church. The Primate dedicated the Bells, and Mr. David Rock, M.B.E., J.P., started the tower clock. The Service was broadcast to the crowds in the street, and the joyous pealing of the bells was broadcast over Northern Ireland. The sermon was preached by Dean King of Derry on the subject of "The Silver Trumpets." Portadown is very proud of its Bells and its beautiful Church Tower. The chimes of the clock are heard distinctly in Seagoe and everybody is keeping better time since they began to ring. The weather was beautifully fine. We congratulate the Rector of St. Mark's and all his helpers on the consummation of their great work.

Seagoe P.E. School.

Mr. Castor Love, M.S.A., architect, of Belfast, who has had a wide experience in planning and erecting schools, was invited by the School Committee to inspect the School which he did on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Mr. Love has sent to the Manager a very interesting and practical report on suggested improvements and alterations to the School buildings, which the Committee hope shortly to take in hand.

Old Times.

Mrs. Annie Wolseley, daughter of the late Rev. Capel Wolseley, writes to the Rector from 63 Bridge Lane, Golders Green, London:—"Just a line of Christmas greeting. It is always a pleasure to see our dear old Seagoe Magazine. How much better one recalls the very "far away" events and places than those known recently. I suppose the Parish still runs down to the Bann-foot. I used to hear my father say that some parishioners were seven Irish miles from the Church!"

[The Bann-foot is now in the Parish of Ardmore but was formerly in the Parish of Seagoe. Ardmore was made a separate Curacy-in-charge in 1764 and was formed into a separate Parish early in the 19th century. Portions of the original Parish at Bann-foot and at Bird Island were (up to 1874) seven Irish miles from the Church.]

Prizes at Seagoe School.

A very happy afternoon was spent at Seagoe School on Tuesday, Dec. 23rd. It was breaking-up day for the Christmas holidays. There was a very large gathering of the children. Proceedings began with a programme of songs and recitations by the pupils. The songs were conducted by Miss Rountree, Assistant Teacher, in the School. "Where are you going to my pretty maid" was very well sung by Willie McLoughlin and Jean Finney. Every item was loudly applauded. The prizes were then distributed. The Rev. Canon Archer presented four special prizes in Religious knowledge—1st, Molly Jennings; 2nd, Robert Nicholson, Doris Livingston and Bertha McLoughlin. Canon Archer acted as judge of the English composition and awarded prizes as follows:—Seventh Standard—1, Doris Livingstone; 2, James McCabe. Sixth Standard—1, Patricia Scott; 2, Violet Freeburn. Fifth Standard—1, Roland Scott; 2, Fred McKnight. Prizes in the other Standards were awarded as follows:—Fourth Standard—1, Myrtle Cad-dell; 2, George Montgomery. Third Standard—1, Jean Finney; 2, James Simpson. Second Standard—1, Edna Grey; 2, Iris Downey. First Standard—1, Thos. McCabe; 2, Doris Hall. Senior Infants—1, Isabel Rud-dell; 2, Desmond Kingston. Junior Infants—1, Nelson Hall; 2, Alfred Guy. Two special prizes were awarded—one to Ernest Gibson for never being late at school, and one to Clive Magee for general proficiency. The prizes were kindly distributed by Mrs. Scott. We thank Miss Calvert for a kind donation of 10/- towards expenses. After the prizes had been distributed the children were entertained to a splendid feast of cakes and tea. After a hearty expression of thanks to all who had helped the Doxology was sung and all separated. The School will resume work after the holidays on Monday, January 5th, at 9.30 a.m. sharp.

G.F.S.

The Seagoe G.F.S. have been invited to attend a G. F. S. gathering in Shankill Parochial Hall, Lurgan, on Tuesday, January 27th, at 8 p.m., when Mrs. Shannon, a great G.F.S. worker from Dublin, will

speak to the girls. Mrs. Scott hopes that all the Seagoe members will be able to attend the meeting, deep and mellow tone.

Parish Register for December Baptisms

Hewitt—Dec. 6th, 1930, Mildred Frances, daughter of Moses and Rachel Jane Hewitt, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Irene Maud Livingstone, Rachel Jane Hewitt.

Watson—Dec. 6th, 1930, Joseph Eric, son of William Joseph and Anne Watson, of Levaghery.

Sponsors—William Joseph Watson, Anne Watson.

Marriages

Galloway and Rehill—Dec. 9th, Thomas Galloway, of Comber, to Winifred Caroline Rehill, of Edenderry.

Woods and Magee—Dec. 18th, Nathaniel Woods, of Portadown, to Elizabeth Magee, of Edenderry.

Armstrong and Malcomson—Dec. 20th, William Armstrong, of Portadown, to Violet Malcomson, of Edenderry.

Dickie and Vaughan—Dec. 24th, William Dickie, of Edenderry, to Ellen Gertrude Vaughan, of Edenderry.

Chambers and M'Kerr—Dec. 30th, John Chambers, of Corcreaney, Parish of Donagheloney, to Eliza Jane M'Kerr, of Drumgor.

Peacocke and M'Keag—January 1st, 1931, William Peacocke, of Portadown, to Margaret M'Keag, of Drumgor.

Burial.

M'Donald—Dec. 10th, Lucy M'Donald, of Ballyhannon, aged 56 years.

Death of the Rev. D. W. Galway.

It is with much regret that we record the death of the Rev. David William Galway, which occurred on Dec. 4th. Mr. Galway was visiting in his Parish when without warning he suddenly collapsed and passed away. He was born in Carne, in this Parish, and was ordained in 1898 by Bishop Talbot of Pennsylvania, U.S.A. Returning home after some years, he was Curate of Drumgath, in this Diocese, and then obtained the Rectory of St. Mary's Port Glasgow, which he held from 1905—1911. He was appointed Rector of St. Luke's with St. Barnabas', Glasgow, in 1913, and held this position until his death. Mr. Galway's mother and sister lived for many years in Edenderry, and Mr. Galway preached on several occasions in the Parish Church. He was a capable and diligent pastor. The Bishop of Glasgow officiated at his funeral, which was largely attended.

Service of Song.

A Service of Song with Lantern illustrations entitled "The River Singers," will be given in Edenderry Parochial Hall on Thursday, January 15th, at 8 p.m. Tickets one shilling each, now on sale. The proceeds are in aid of Edenderry Sunday School Prize Fund.

"Won by a Song."

This is the title of a Service of Song to be given in Seagoe School on Thursday, Feb. 12th, at 8 p.m. Tickets, one shilling each. Proceeds for Seagoe Sunday School Prize Fund.

Death of Mrs. McDonald

We record with much regret the death of Mrs. M'Donald, of Ballyhannon, after a most trying illness borne with great courage and patience. A most affectionate wife and much-loved mother, she was nursed through her long illness with the most devoted care. She has left behind her a bright example of unselfish service and a cherished memory of all that a wife and mother should be. Our sincere sympathy goes out to her bereaved family in their time of trouble.

Old Seagoe Notes**A Seagoe Archdeacon who became famous.—**

[We have received through Miss Atkinson, of Eden Villa, the following very interesting letter from Mr. T. A. Reid, of 13 Bernard Avenue, Toronto, Canada, a noted Canadian Antiquarian. In our issue of May, 1930, we made reference to Archdeacon M'Murray and asked for more particulars regarding him. Mr. Reid has supplied us with a most interesting summary of his life. The Archdeacon was one of the founders of The University of Toronto, now a great and well-endowed institution. For many years he was Rector at the Falls of Niagara. He was a great Pioneer of Modern Canada. At the time of his birth Ballygargan formed part of Seagoe Parish. Apparently Archdeacon M'Murray had a great regard for Archdeacon Saurin, because he called his third son James Saurin M'Murray, and a street in Toronto is called Saurin Street, after Archdeacon Saurin, Rector of Seagoe from 1826 to 1879. Mr. Reid heard Archdeacon M'Murray speaking at the Jubilee celebration of the Diocese of Toronto in 1889.]

William M'Murray, born 19th September, 1810, at Ballygargan, near Portadown, came to Canada with his parents at an early age, settling at York (now Toronto) the capital of the Province of Upper Canada. When eight years of age, became a pupil of the Grammar School under Dr. John Strahan, Rector of York. In 1830 he was received as a student in Divinity by the Hon. and Right Rev. Chas. Jas Stewart, Bishop of Quebec, and placed under Dr. Strachan, with whom he continued until his ordination as deacon in 1832. He was then sent by the Lieutenant-Governor, Sir John Colborne as a Missionary to the Indians at Sault Ste. Marie. (At that time it was an unknown land). Unable to find the place on the map he was told to go to Detroit, where he would get the necessary information. Leaving York on 20th September, he did not arrive at the Sault until 30th October, a trip that could now be accomplished in a day. At the Sault there was a trading post on the American side kept by a trader, John Johnston, a young Irishman who had formerly been on the staff of Lord Dorchester (Governor of Canada 1786—1796), who had

married the daughter of an Indian chief. He had several daughters, beautiful and accomplished, two of whom he sent to England to be educated. In June 1833, Mr. M'Murray left for York to receive Priest's orders from the Bishop of Quebec, which he received 11th August, 1833. On his return he married the third daughter of Johnston, Charlotte, and she accompanied her husband on his missionary tours, acting as his interpreter and teaching the Indians to sing and chant. Jane, her older sister married Henry Schoolcraft, the author of a famous work on the North American Indian. During the five years at the Sault, Mr. M'Murray had 145 baptisms, 7 burials, 12 marriages and 66 Communicants. He built a chapel there in 1836. The next Governor was not in sympathy with the Mission and Mr. M'Murray was recalled. In 1838 he was appointed Rector of Ancaster and Dundas, in Upper Canada, being inducted to the living by Rev. H. J. Grasett, of St. James', Toronto, representing the Bishop. There he laboured for two years, subsequently being appointed Rector of Niagara Falls, and Archdeacon of Niagara. On two occasions he visited England to solicit aid on behalf of Trinity University, Toronto, on one occasion (April 1865) preaching to 7,000 people in St. Paul's Cathedral, London, and was personally entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone.

His wife died in 1878 and is buried at Niagara. His sister, Jane, died at the Rectory of Ancaster in 1884 and is buried in Ancaster Churchyard. Dr. M'Murray died at Niagara on May 19th, 1894, and is buried there. He left four children, three sons and one daughter. His biographer at the time of his demise wrote—"Up to but a short time ago scarcely a sign of old age was to be seen in his tall and manly form. His black hair, keen faculties, firm and rapid step showed him to be of the kind whose force was certainly unabated. A clergyman whose blameless life was also historically bound up with the early annals of the Church of England in Canada." Two years ago his portrait was presented to the University of Trinity College, Toronto, to record for all time his efforts connected with the founding of that institution.

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A Note on Seagoe Bell.—Bells just now are very much in our mind and ears. The bell in Seagoe Tower whose deep resounding note is so familiar over the countryside, possesses the proud record of being the largest steel bell in Ireland. It weighs a ton, is four feet across the opening and sounds out the note F natural in the scale. It was cast in 1860 by Vickers, of Sheffield, and was hung in the tower. Although made of steel it has a remarkably long life.

ITEMS.

Skinner and Dolan, who broke into Seagoe Church on the night of October 5th, were tried at the Winter Assizes and sentenced to nine months' imprisonment.

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The Parochial Hall Services will begin on Wednesday, January 7th, 1931, at 8 p.m. Mr. Gracey will give the address.