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Seagoe Parish Magazine.

JANUARY, 1932.

We wish all our Readers at Home and Overseas
a Very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

The Parish Social will be held (D.V.) in Seagoe School on Thursday, January 21st, at 7-30 p.m. Tickets One Shilling each. The proceeds will be given to the Bazaar Fund. The 29 Townlands of the Parish will be represented, and all our Parochial Organizations will take part in it.

CLERGY :

Rev. Canon Archer, B.D., The Rectory, Seagoe,
Rev. W. F. Hayes, B.A., Edendale, CarrickBlacker
Road, Edenderry, Portadown.

CHURCHWARDENS :

Rector's—Mr. Robert Scott.
People's—Mr. Isaac Dickson.

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

With this number we enter on our 27th year of publication. This is a respectable maturity for a Parish Magazine, many of which succumb after a very short tenure of life. We are glad to record that Seagoe Magazine continues to flourish. We may say of it that it can claim welcome readers in all parts of the world. During the past year many have testified to the pleasure they derive in reading it. We print two samples of such witness in this issue, one from Scotland, the other from India. Our readers will appreciate the photograph, on the cover, of the Old Church Path. Some who may now be thousands of miles from the old place will, when they see it, recall the associations of old times. In this number we have not changed the advertisements but in the February number all our advertisements will be changed or re-set. We thank all those who so kindly help us with advertisements. We could not continue to publish the Magazine but for the help we receive from them. We wish also to thank those in the Parish who help to distribute the Magazine. We know how patiently they endure the impatience of many subscribers who are so eager to secure their monthly copy of the Magazine. When the September number of the Magazine came out, unavoidably a week late, the poor distributors had to listen to many complaints. This eagerness to secure a copy of the Magazine is of course very gratifying. We would once again recommend our readers to get two copies of the Magazine each month, one to send away to a distant friend in the States or elsewhere, the other

to keep for binding into a volume at the end of the year. A parishioner has in her possession two volumes, neatly bound, and of considerable size, each containing the Magazines for ten years. One volume contains the local matter for the years 1906—1915, and the other the local matter 1916—1926. If you bring your Magazines to the 'Portadown News' Office the manager will get them bound for you.

Our Christmas Services.

The Services held in the Parish Church on Christmas Day were bright and joyous. A large number of Communicants were present at the early celebration of Holy Communion. Notwithstanding the industrial depression prevailing there was considerable activity and enjoyment everywhere. Seagoe Mothers' Union gave many gifts of coal and groceries throughout the Parish.

The Parish Social.

Thursday, January 21st, will be a very important date for on it the Parish Social is to be held in Seagoe School at 7.30. The ladies in charge of the tables will be the near relatives of the members of the Select Vestry. There will be 14 tables and each lady will have three helpers, chosen by herself from among the stallholders and helpers at the recent Bazaar. The members of the Vestry, with the sidesmen, will act as stewards, two at each table. Each table will seat 40 guests. The Ladies' Committee have kindly arranged to provide the cakes and tea required so that the entire proceeds from the sale of tickets can go to the Bazaar Fund. Mr. T. H. Wilson, Organist of Seagoe, is arranging a select programme of music.

Omission.

We regret that the names of Mrs. White and Miss Nellie White, of Bocombra, and Miss E. Cox were accidentally omitted from the list of workers at No. 2 Work Stall at the Bazaar as printed in our last issue.

The Bazaar Cookery Book.

The Cookery Book compiled and arranged by Mrs. J. H. Twinem for the recent Bazaar is of great value and interest. We congratulate Mrs. Twinem very heartily on the success of her efforts. Almost all the copies have been sold. If any one would wish to secure one of the few remaining copies they can get it by sending Mrs. J. H. Twinem, Market St., Portadown, a postal order for 1/-, postage 2d. The book contains hundreds of recipes drawn from all quarters and of all kinds. They are arranged under separate headings and the name and address of the sender of each recipe is given. There are many recipes which have never before been in print. The profits from the sale of the book will go to the Bazaar Fund. The nett profit already is well over £20.

Best Wishes.

The Rector wishes to acknowledge with many thanks kind greetings sent to him at Christmas by Mr. and Miss M'Dowell, from Florida, U.S.A., Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Greenhalgh, Neepawa, Manitoba, Canada, Mrs. David Johnston, 6 John St. Thompsonville, Conn., U.S.A., and Mrs. Caddell, 9 Reid Street, Govan, Glasgow. To all these kind friends the Rector sends hearty good wishes for the New Year.

Appreciation.

Mrs. Joshua Caddell, writing from Glasgow, says:—"I may say that I just love to get the Magazine. It keeps me in touch with friends of my late husband. So now wishing you every sort of luck and happiness in the New Year, I remain your loving friend, Mrs. Caddell. I enclose stamps for two Almanacs and postal order for the Magazine."

The Venerable Archdeacon Crichton, writing from Madras under date 3rd December, 1931, says—"Thanks very much for the various copies of the Parish Magazine which you sent me. I still read it with much interest. When I had it and the Ulster Rifles in the Fort I could imagine myself at Home again."

"Sweet Rose of Portadown."

Many enquiries have been made as to where this song can be purchased. It is on sale in Portadown at Miss Waugh's, High St., and Miss Allen's, Market St., in Armagh at Short's, and in Belfast at Messrs. Crane's, Crymble's or Hart and Churchill, all in Wellington Place. The nett price is two shillings, postage in United Kingdom 1d. In the United States it can be had through Clayton F. Summy Co., 429 S. Wabash Avenue, Chicago. Supplies can be ordered direct from the Rector if required.

Our Losses.

Death has been busy in our midst during the past month, and we have to record with sadness the loss of some of our best known and most highly esteemed parishioners. The death of Minnie Freeburn with

great suddenness on the evening of Sunday, Dec. 6th, deprived her parents of a much-loved only child and was a source of deep grief to a large circle of relatives and friends. Her bright and affectionate disposition had endeared her to many who mourn her early death. On Dec. 9th Mrs. Annie Whiteside passed away in the fullness of years, after a brief illness. She had been the loved and loving parent of her son William, blinded in the war. Her loss means much to him and the sympathy of the parishioners will go out to him in his sorrow and affliction. On Dec. 24th, Christmas Eve, Mrs. Jane Eliza Wilson, formerly of Drumnagoon, died after a short illness but at a great age. She was quite active up to a few days before her death. Her love of Seagoe and her interest in its history was remarkable and with her clear memory she could vividly recall incidents in her early youth. A few months ago we published in the Magazine some of her recollections. She was related to Archdeacon M'Murray, of Toronto, the famous Canadian pioneer. We refer elsewhere to the sad death of Joseph Magee. To all those who have been bereaved we offer our sincere sympathy. "We sorrow not as those without hope for them who sleep in Thee."

Seagoe Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union will (D.V.) hold their annual social reunion on Tuesday, January 12th, in Seagoe School at 7.30 p.m. At the December meeting Mrs. Twinem, of Lylo, was unanimously re-elected as President of the Union, and Mrs. Reid as Secretary.

Choir Social.

A Choir Social will be held on Thursday, January 14th, in Seagoe School, at 7.30 p.m. Mr. T. H. Wilson is kindly entertaining the members.

Important.

A meeting of the Ladies Committee of the Parish Social and of the stallholders and helpers at the recent Bazaar will be held in Seagoe School on Tuesday, January 5th, at 8 p.m., to make final arrangements for the Social.

Death of Miss Collen.

We record with much regret the death of Miss Jessie Collen on Dec. 31st at Bournemouth, where she had resided for some years since leaving Seagoe. Miss Collen was a good friend of Seagoe. She had given much generous help in the work of the Mothers' Union in the earlier days, and it was through her kind help in advancing a considerable sum of money that the renovation of Drumgor Church Hall became possible. In many other ways Miss Collen gave help to the Parish.

Parish Register for December.

Baptisms.

Lyness—Dec. 5th, William Taylor, son of John and Alicia Lyness, of Carne.

Sponsors—John Lyness, Edith Elizabeth Taylor, Anne Fitzsimons.

Vennard—Dec. 5th, Sarah Jane, daughter of James and Mary Vennard, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Elizabeth Beattie, Mary Vennard.

Marriages.

Woods and Taylor—Dec. 28th, Thomas Woods, of Killicomaine, to Sarah Taylor, of Portadown.

Richardson and Graham—Dec. 28th, Thomas Richardson, of Levaghery, to Margaret Graham, of Edenderry.

Burials.

Freeburn—Dec. 8th, Mary Jane Freeburn, of Edenderry, aged 21.

Walker—Dec. 9th, David William Walker, of Belfast, formerly of Lower Seagoe.

Whiteside—Dec. 11th, Anne Whiteside, of Edenderry, aged 84 years.

Magee—Dec. 19th, Joseph Magee, of Portadown, aged 40. Interred at Drumree.

Wilson—Dec. 27th, Jane Eliza Wilson, of Lisniskey, formerly of Drumnagoon, aged 85.

Death.

Collen—Dec. 31st, at Bournemouthe, Jessie Collen, formerly of Killicomaine.

Seagoe G.F.S.

The members of the G.F.S. are having a social on Thursday, January 7th, at 7.30 p.m.

A Sad Accident.

Through a sad accident at Portadown Station on Saturday morning, Dec. 19th, Joseph Magee lost his life. He was one of our best and we mourn his loss. During his long residence in the Red Row and also since he removed to Henry St., in Portadown, he had always been most regular in his attendance at the Parish Church. He was seldom absent from the early celebration of Holy Communion and was a regular attender at the Men's Bible Class on Sunday morning. In every possible way he showed his love for the Master who redeemed him and his sympathy for all who shared in the fellowship of Christ. He leaves a widow and eight young children to mourn his loss. His remains were interred in Drumree graveyard. During the passage of the funeral through the town every blind was drawn and every head uncovered. We express our deepest sympathy with the widow and orphans and with Mr. and Mrs. Reid and all his relatives.

Death of Mr. D. W. Walker.

Seagoe has lost a true and firm friend in the death of Mr. David William Walker, which took place in Belfast just three weeks since. Mr. Walker resided for many years at Seagoe Villa, but had travelled much, especially in South Africa. He was greatly interested in the History of Seagoe and many interesting facts regarding the past which have been published in this Magazine were supplied by him.

ITEMS.

Archdeacon Crichton sends Christmas wishes from Madras. He is very busy. Life there is very crowded. He has just had the Diocesan Synod and much of the financial work falls on his shoulders. All salaries are being reduced by 10 per cent.

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The Ulster Rifles have moved from Madras and are now at Khartoum. They have been replaced by the North Staffords, whose C.O. is an Irishman, Colonel Stoney.

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Mrs. Crichton arrived in Madras from England on Nov. 11th. Her son and daughter are at school in England.

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A silk cosy, the winning ticket of which is 35N, has not been claimed as yet from the late Bazaar. Apply to Mr. M. Gilpin, Drumnagoon.

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A double wedding took place in the Parish Church on Monday, Dec. 28th. It is many years since a similar event took place in Seagoe.

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The Church has received a special cleaning during December. The tiles have been cleaned with cedar oil and are much brighter. It would be a great help in keeping the Church clean if the Parishioners would use the mats in the Church Porch to brush their boots before entering the Church.

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A very tame Robin spends most of its time in the infant room in Seagoe P.E. School. It sings at the singing of the Hymn and seems greatly interested in all its surroundings. It is a great pet with the children.

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The Annual Report is now in the hands of the parishioners. Any error should be notified to the Hon. Treas., Mr. Hugh Stoops.

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The Rector preached in St. Donard's Church, Belfast, on Sunday, Dec. 8th, morning and afternoon. The Rev. Robert Gracey assisted at the Services. St. Donard's is a beautiful Church and a great work is being done there by the Rector (Rev. Canon Moore) and the Curate, our former Lay Reader.

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We have heard a rumour of the death in the United States of Mr. William John Beckett, formerly of Drumnagoon. Mr. Beckett had reached a most responsible position in the State Education Department

of New Jersey. Mr. Beckett visited Seagoe about two years ago.

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We thank Mrs. Freeburn (formerly Miss Lizzie Stewart), of 28 Greswold St., South Manchester, Conn., U.S.A., who very kindly sent a gift for sale at the Bazaar.

Seagoe P.E. School.

A New Year's entertainment for the children attending Seagoe P.E. School will be given in Seagoe School on Friday, January 22nd, at 7 p.m. There will be great fun.

Seagoe Parish Almanacs.

A few Almanacs are still unsold and may be had, price 2d, at Mr. Vance's Bridge St., Edenderry.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

JANUARY, 1907.

A glance at Seagoe Magazine for January, 1907, revives many memories. The Churchwardens at the head of the local matter are Mr. Atkinson Costello and Mr. T. E. Maginnis. It is remarkable that the Baptisms, Marriages and Burials are each five in number. We notice the marriage on January 1st of Mr. and Mrs. W. Sherman, and we offer them our hearty congratulations. There is a report of a Temperance meeting at Carne, when a dialogue on "Is it right to smoke" was performed by Herbert Murray and Sam Grey. The Inspector of Seagoe School gave Miss Bailey great praise for the excellency of the needlework done by the pupils. During Advent special lectures on "Great Irish Bishops" had been preached in the Parish Church. Canon Blacker was on a visit to Carrick-Blacker. Major Blacker invited

the Seagoe Harriers to have their weekly run at Carrick-Blacker. Miss I Atkinson had been appointed superintendent of Levaghery Sunday School. A portrait of Dean Dawson had been published in the Magazine for November, 1906. The usual good wishes to readers at home and abroad were given.

Sunday School Prizes

The Sunday School Prize Distributions will take place at an early date. It has not been possible to fix the date for each Sunday School, but they will be made known by the Superintendent in each School.

Seagoe Sunday School

The annual Distribution of Prizes for the children attending Seagoe Sunday School, morning and afternoon, was held in Seagoe School on Tuesday, Dec. 29th, at 7 p.m. There was a large attendance and the Rector presided. A splendid tea was provided and a programme of music and recitations followed kindly arranged by Miss Isa Best. Every item was good. The Prizes were then distributed by Mrs. Ballentine, of Lower Seagoe. A Christmas Tree created great excitement and every child got a prize off it. A vote of thanks to all who had helped was heartily passed. Mr. Scott and Miss Guy, the Superintendents, gave great help during the evening, and Mr. Hewitt made a splendid "Father Christmas."

The Bazaar Receipts

It has not been found possible to print in this issue a full statement of the Bazaar Accounts. We hope to do so in our next issue. At a meeting of the Bazaar Workers held on Tuesday, Dec. 15th, in Seagoe School the Treasurer announced that after paying all expenses a sum of £290 had been lodged in the bank.

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.

DISTRICT SERVICES.

Hacknahay—Last Sunday of Month at 3.30 p.m.

Drumgor—Second Sunday of Month at 4 p.m.

Edenderry—Wednesdays at 8 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, Bocombra.

Mothers' Union—2nd Tuesday of each month.

DAY SCHOOL—Seagoe, 9-30 a.m. Principal—Mr. R. Scott.