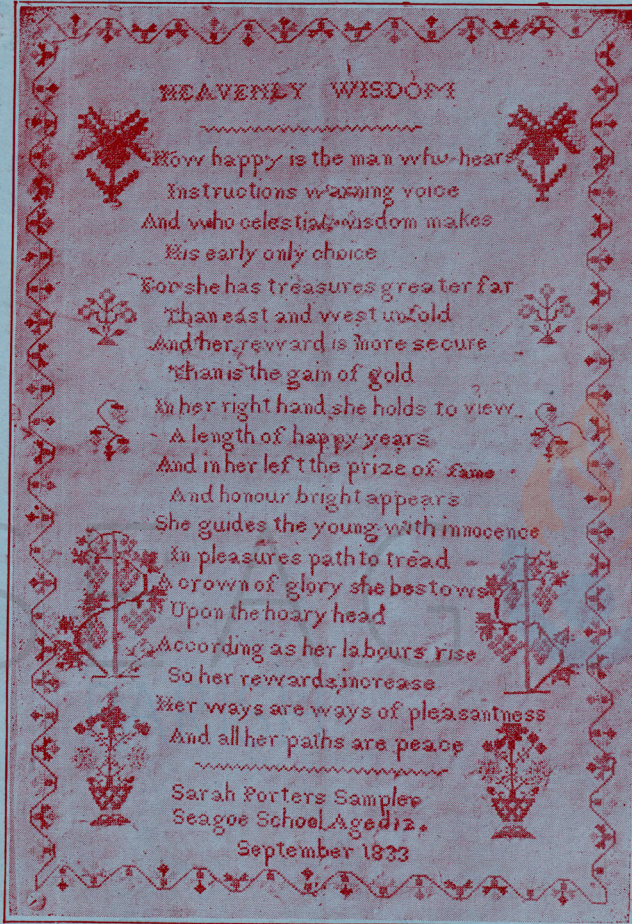


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JANUARY, 1933.

A very happy New Year to all our Readers at home and abroad.

HEAVENLY WISDOM.

[We print here the instructive and interesting verses contained in Mrs. Andrew Lutton's Sampler, a photograph of which appears on our front cover. We hope that many will learn them by heart. They speak to us from a long distant past and were taught to the children in Seagoe School 100 years ago.]

How happy is the man who hears
Instruction's warning voice,
And who celestial wisdom makes
His early only choice.

For she has treasures greater far
Than east or west unfold,
And her reward is more secure
Than is the gain of gold.

In her right hand she holds to view
A length of happy years,
And in her left the prize of fame,
And honour bright appears.

She guides the young with innocence,
In pleasure's path to tread,
A crown of glory she bestows
Upon the hoary head.

According as her labours rise
So her rewards increase,
Her ways are ways of pleasantness,
And all her paths are peace.

Sarah Porter's Sampler,
Seagoe School, aged 12.
September, 1833.

CLERGY :

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

Rev. W. F. Hayes, B.A., Edendale, Carrick-
Blacker Road, Edenderry, Portadown.

CHURCHWARDENS :

Rector's—Mr. Robert Scott.

People's—Mr. Isaac Dickson.

A Note on Samplers.

Perhaps some of our readers have got Samplers and if so they ought to take care of them and treasure them. They are getting very few in number, but it is wonderful how well some of them have been preserved. At the time when little Sarah Porter made her Sampler Seagoe School was held in the old school beside Old Seagoe Graveyard. The School was a rectangular thatched building and was situated in the plot of ground known as the School Park. It was 40 ft. long by 20 wide. It had large metal-framed windows with small panes. Some of these windows can still be seen built into neighbouring buildings. The narrow end of the

building was towards the road, and the teacher had two residence rooms in the front part of the School. The building then existing had been erected by the Rev. Arthur Fforde, Vicar of Seagoe, in the year 1740. The School was put under the Church Education Society when that Society was formed in the year 1812. A lady, expert in making Samplers, was employed by the Society to instruct the Teachers in the art of Samplering and that is how Samplers came to be made in Seagoe School. It is worth noting how very carefully the Sampler is made. There is no mistake in the lettering or spelling although there are many difficult words. The intricate border is most carefully and neatly stitched and the two pots with flowers are very well designed. The first two lines of the third verse had in Mrs. Lutton's case a prophetic and pathetic significance—

“In her right hand she holds to view
A length of happy years.”

Mrs. Lutton experienced the truth of these lines for after an honourable and well-spent life she passed into Eternity at the great age of 100 years. The photograph of the Sampler was

made by Mr. W. J. Moffett, of Edenderry. In its clearness of detail the photograph reflects the fineness of Mr. Moffett's work.

The Magazine.

We enter with this number on the 28th year of publication. All copies of the Magazine are sold each month and many copies are passed on to the ends of the earth. We would like to hear from some of our readers how their copy circulates. We know of one copy which is first read in Portadown, then sent to West Meath, and then sent to the United States, and perhaps it goes even further. Next month's issue will contain our advertisements newly set. We have carried on into this issue last year's advertisements.

New Church Ground.

A boundary wall and pillars are being erected at the new plot of ground beside the Church. The laying out of the ground will, it is hoped, be undertaken in the near future as an extension of the present Churchyard.

Concert at Carne.

Tickets, 1/- each, are now on sale for a Grand Concert in Carne Church Hall on Thursday, January 12th, at 8 p.m. The proceeds are on behalf of the repair of the Hall, which is much needed. Secure your ticket without delay.

The Parish Almanac.

Get your Parish Almanac without delay. They are on sale, price 2d, throughout the Parish, or may be had from Mr. Vance, 23 Bridge Street, Portadown.

Old Seagoe Notes.

Extract from a Sermon preached in Seagoe Parish Church by Archdeacon Saurin in 1863:—

Heb. xi., 13, "These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth."

Among the various pleas which have from time to time been urged against the necessity of believing all the doctrines of Christianity is that of the difference of opinion which has existed upon them from its first promulgation. Many men of the most eminent learning have looked

upon some of the most important doctrines of the Gospel as points of controversy. Why, then, it has been argued, why should the unlearned be expected to entertain a faith respecting these things which those who ought to understand them better do not appear to exercise? Alas! my friends, the fact is true, but the inference is not so. God is made known to us not through worldly wisdom, but by His own revelation. Canst thou, by searching find out God? was the pious truth that Zophar spake to Job, and experience has proved to us that there is as much knowledge of the human heart in the remark as of God's mysterious dealings. The pride of intellect has from age to age stood in the way of the humble, childlike spirit of faith and the words of inspiration are as applicable now as when they were uttered three thousand years ago. Vain man would be wise though man be born like a wild ass's colt. The learned Pharisee and the deep-read Scribe could not, with all their knowledge of the prophecies perceive the identity of Jesus of Nazareth with their promised Messiah; the mighty works which were done before their eyes served only to harden them in unbelief and to drive them to seek for an explanation in the supposed agency of witchcraft whilst the common people heard him gladly. And Christ magnified the wisdom of that decree by which the gracious designs of the Almighty were hidden from the wise and prudent but were revealed unto babes. In every age there has been a tendency among the learned to be wise above that which is written, forgetting the Apostle's counsel. In any man among you seemeth to be wise in the world let him become a fool that he may be wise, for the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God, for it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness, and again, the Lord knoweth the thoughts of the wise that they are vain. O! no, my friends, the doubts and controversies of the learned and worldly wise should be no stumbling block to him who is content to walk by faith and not by sight. It is written says St. Paul, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent. It was in the spirit of prophecy that the Apostle wrote, knowing that worldly knowledge untempered by Christian humility, so far from creating within us a spirit of pious faith, has in general quite a contrary effect. It suggests difficulties and speculation upon the simple records of the Scriptures; loves to start new theories, to put common received opinions into new lights without first ascertaining from the only sure authority whether the old interpretation be not the best.

Christmas in Seagoe.

The Services held on Christmas Day were well attended. The Church had been decorated with palms and evergreens. The musical portions of the Services were rendered with heart and voice by a large choir. Maunders' Christmas Anthem, "Christians awake! Salute the happy Morn" was beautifully sung and seemed to greatly impress the worshippers present. The Hosannas were sung by Mr. David Murray and Miss Montgomery. The Rector preached at Morning Prayer, and the Rev. W. F. Hayes at the Evening Service. The offerings at all the Services were on behalf of the Poor Fund of the Parish.

Playground Competition.

A well-contested playground competition was held in the School grounds last month. The game was "Scotch" or Hop-sotch, and it was well won by a junior, Nelson Hall.

Prize Distribution.

During January and February the annual Prize Distributions will be held in our Sunday Schools. There are now no less than nine Sunday Schools in the Parish, two held at 10 a.m. on Sunday mornings in Edenderry Parochial Hall and in Seagoe School, and seven held on each Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m. in the following centres—Seagoe, Edenderry, Carne, Drumrath, Levaghery, Bocoombra and Hacknahay. The dates fixed for the Prize Distributions will be announced beforehand in each Sunday School when arranged.

The New Envelopes.

The new books of Weekly Freewill Offering envelopes have arrived and are being distributed by Mr. Moses Gilpin, Hon. Sec., and by Miss Wilkinson. The books are very compact and neat and contain in print on each envelope useful advice for contributors. We regret the delay in circulating the books, which was due to the printers in England not forwarding them at the appointed time. We hope each possessor of the Envelopes will bring them to the Service in the Parish Church each Sunday when they come to worship in God's House of Prayer. It was said of Cornelius in the Book of the Acts of the Apostles "Thy prayers and thine alms have come up for a memorial before God." Giving is a part of Worship. This year, which begins on Sunday, should be a year of special Sunday Worship. Perhaps someone who reads this will determine that, God helping them, they will attend Service every Sunday during 1933 in the Parish Church.

Seagoe P.E. School.

On Thursday, Dec. 22nd, the School broke up

for the Christmas holidays. When School hours were over the children assembled in the large Schoolroom, when a most interesting programme of music and recitations was performed. It was conducted by Miss Matchett and reflected great credit on her musical teaching. Every item was well done and the sweet, clear voices of the children were listened to with great pleasure. The Rector presided and the Rev. W. F. Hayes was also present, as well as several of the parents and friends of the children. After the programme of music the children were entertained to a repast of tea and cake, which was much enjoyed. After tea, prizes were distributed to the best boy and girl in each standard. The following is a list of the prize-winners:—

Senior Seventh—Ernest Gibson.

Junior Seventh—Roland C. H. W. Scott, Peggy Brownlee.

Sixth—Willie M'Loughlin, Myrtle Caddell.

Fifth—Robert Jennings, Jean Finney.

Fourth—Robert Johnston, Eileen Jackson.

Third—Thomas M'Case, Doris Hall.

Second—Harry Girvan, Viola Morrison.

First—Nelson Hall, Phyllis Magill.

Infants—Tom Russell, Ella Hall.

We acknowledge with many thanks the receipt of 10/- from Miss Calvert towards the School Treat.

Parish Register for December.

Baptisms.

Thompson—Dec. 3rd, 1932, William, son of William and Charlotte Thompson, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—William Thompson, Charlotte Thompson.

M'Murray—Dec. 3rd, 1932, Ethlyn Selina, daughter of James Henry and Margaret M'Murray, of Lower Seagoe.

Sponsors—Mary Maria Crawford, Margaret M'Murray.

Marriages.

Magowan and Ruddell—Dec. 6th, Thomas John Magowan, of Artabracka, Portadown, to Mary Eleanor Ruddell, of Lisniskey.

Freeburn and Wilson—Dec. 26th, Thomas Freeburn, of Edenderry, to Dinah Rebecca Wilson, of Lurgan.

Burials.

Hewitt—Dec. 18th, Moses Hewitt, of Edenderry, aged 75 years.

Lewie—Dec. 23rd, Ellen Lewie, of Levaghery, aged 32 years.

Hughes—Dec. 26th, James Henry Hughes, of Knockmena, aged 75 years.

Sloan—Dec. 30th, Clara Sloan, of Edenderry, aged 35 years.

Service of Song.

An attractive "Service of Song" with lantern illustrations will be given (D.V.) in Seagoe School on Thursday, January 5th, at 8 p.m. The title of the Service is "The Message of the Angels," and the Belgravia Male Quartet have kindly consented to help in the musical portion of the story. The proceeds will be given to the Prize Fund of Seagoe Sunday School.

Scripture Examination.

During the Religious Instruction hour on Wednesday, Dec. 21st, the Rector held an examination in Seagoe School by written papers in the work done in Scripture during the preceding months. A prize was awarded to the best answerer in Senior and Junior Grades, which were won by Roland Scott (Senior) and David M'Clatchey (Junior).

Our Losses.

Death has been busy in our midst during the past month. Moses Hewitt has passed to his Eternal Rest after years of weakness. He was a member of a family long and honourably connected with the Church. We sympathise sincerely with Mrs. Hewitt and the members of his family in their bereavement. Ellen Lewie has been called away after many months of weakness. We had hoped that she would rally from it but the end came unexpectedly in the early morning of Dec. 21st. She was most closely attached to the Parish Church, where while health permitted she worshipped every Sunday. She was beloved by everybody for the

sincerity and truth of her character. Her death leaves a sad blank in a most affectionate home circle. James Henry Hughes died with tragic suddenness on the Eve of Christmas. He was always interested in the Church and Parish and was a very regular worshipper each Sunday when in health. We deeply sympathise with his bereaved relatives. The death of Mrs. Clara Sloan came after a long and most trying illness borne with great patience and resignation. She was greatly attached to Seagoe and whenever possible attended our services. Always bright and interested in everything she will be sorely missed by her bereaved husband and parents and brothers, with whom we express our sincere sympathy.

Games Gymkhana.

The Games Gymkhana held in Seagoe School on Friday, Dec. 16, proved a great success. Over 350 people paid for admission and the room was crowded. All the games were well patronised, and provoked much competition. Skittles seemed to be a great favourite, but every game was shared in by the crowd. The Tea and Cake department did very well. Everybody seemed to enjoy everything. The financial result was very satisfactory. Up to Dec. 20th the gross receipts were £26 13s 0d, and the expenses £12s 7d, but much of the ticket money had not then been handed in. It is hoped that a sum of £30 will be available. The proceeds go to the School Improvement Fund. We thank all those who so kindly helped to make the gathering such a success.

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 each 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 thankoffering. (See Book of Common Prayer.)

MORNING PRAYER—Sundays and Chief Festivals, 11.30 a.m.

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.

BIBLE CLASS FOR MEN in Edenderry on Sundays at 10 a.m.

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 at 7.30 p.m.

CHURCH LADS' BRIGADE in the Parochial Hall on Tuesdays and Fridays.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY in Seagoe School on Mondays at 8 p.m.

SEAGOE P.E. SCHOOL, 9-15 a.m. Principal—Mr R. Scott.

MARRIAGES must be performed between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Licenses are issued by Rev. Canon Hannan, Rector, Lurgan. Due notice (48 hours) must be given to the Rector of intended weddings. **FEEES**—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. **FEEES 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 3/- per annum.