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This is a photograph of the old Bell of Seagoe, now in the Royal Irish Academy Collection in Kildare Place, Dublin. It bears an inscription in Irish which enables the date to be proved. It was made in A.D. 919. It was bought from the Hennon family in 1840 by Archdeacon Saurin, then Rector of Seagoe. It is one of the most interesting of the ancient Irish Bells. It is 12 inches in height and 9 inches broad.

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Seagoe Parish Magazine.

JANUARY, 1934.

We wish all our Readers at home and abroad a very
Happy and Prosperous New Year.

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Seagoe.

Rev. W. F. Hayes, B.A., The Bungalow, Lower
Seagoe, Portadown.

CHURCHWARDENS :

Rector's—Mr. James Twinem.

People's—Mr. Wm. White.

The Magazine.

With this issue of the Magazine we enter on our 29th year of publication. Our first number was issued in January, 1906, and it is satisfactory to think that no issue has been missed from that to the present day. The Magazine circulates as freely as ever and carries the news of the Parish each month to the ends of the earth: It forms a useful link between Seagoe parishioners scattered far and wide throughout and beyond the Empire. In the Parish itself it proves useful in keeping the Parishioners in our 29 townlands informed of the various parochial activities. As is our custom, we change the cover of the Magazine each year. We hope our readers will like the new amber-coloured cover. The paper is the famous "Academy Art" paper, tough, and with a fine surface. We change our advertisements in February, so that next month in addition to the new cover the new advertisement sheets will appear. The centre of the Magazine, which is always interesting and up-to-date, is issued by "Home Words," Ltd., of London. Our readers enjoy very much the serial stories and the Domestic Hints. If you have a Seagoe friend who is now in a distant land be sure to send them a copy of the Magazine each month. There is nothing that will please them more than to read of what is happening in the old Parish at home.

The Christmas Services.

The Services on Christmas Eve and on Christmas Day and New Year's Eve were very bright and hearty. On Christmas Eve a special Anthem was sung, and at Evening Prayer some very pretty Christmas Carols were sung. Mrs. Casey kindly presided at the organ. On Christmas Day there were many Communicants, especially at the early celebration. New Year's Eve being Sunday, congregations were large. At the Christmas Service the Church was decorated with palms and some holly and white flowers.

Seagoe School Fete.

At the break-up for the holidays on Friday, Dec. 22nd, the children attending Seagoe P.E. School had a very enjoyable gathering. Miss Matchett conducted a very nice programme of recitations, sketches and songs. The Rector presided, and the Rev. W. F. Hayes was also present, as well as some of the parents of the children. A splendid tea followed the musical programme, and after tea there was an exciting display of splendid crackers. Each child got one and in each cracker there was a Christmas gift. Miss Calvert, the Rev. Chancellor Archer, Mr. Scott, Miss Reid and Miss Matchett provided the entertainment for the children. The School re-opened after the holidays on Wednesday, January 3rd.

South Manchester, U.S.A.

We have received a copy of the Manchester (Connecticut) "Evening Herald" for Nov. 15th, 1933. It contains an account of a concert given in St. Mary's Parish House, which was filled to capacity. A Travel Talk was given by the Rev. Robert Bell, of the Church of the Epiphany, New Haven. Previous to the lecture, Mrs. Bert Judd sang "Sweet Rose of Portadown." The singer was accompanied by Dorothy Russell on the pianoforte. The entertainment was under the auspices of the Men's Bible Class, and the Rev. J. Stuart Neill, Rector of St. Mary's, presided.

The Mothers' Union.

The annual Social will be held in Seagoe School on Tuesday, Jan. 9th, at 7.30 p.m. Tea will be provided for all and the annual election of officers and committee for the ensuing year will take place. The Mother's Union has had a most successful and enjoyable year. All the meetings have been well attended. We congratulate Mrs. James Twinem and the committee on the success of their efforts.

Seagoe in Melbourne.

Mr. Jim Porter, a former member of Seagoe choir, now residing at Officer, Melbourne, Australia, has sent us a very fine number of "The Table Talk" Annual, published in Melbourne. It is beautifully illustrated in colours. One picture shows us Brouin, on the Prince's Highway, where Mr. Porter is at present working. We thank Mr. Porter for his kind greeting and good wishes and are glad to know that he is "in the pink."

Parish Register for December Baptisms.

The following were Baptized in Seagoe Parish Church on 2nd December, 1933:—

Simpson—Robert, son of David William and Hannah Jane Simpson, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Hannah Jane Magee, Hannah Jane Simpson.

Bonis—Robert John, son of Robert John and Elizabeth Bonis, of Kernan.

Sponsors—Elizabeth Bonis, Anne Wilson.

Trainor—Desmond, son of James and Violet Constance Trainor, of Drumnagoo.

Sponsors—Beatrice Helena Trainor, Violet Constance Trainor.

M'Crory—Emily, daughter of Joseph Alexander and Margaret M'Crory, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Frances Hunter, Margaret M'Crory.

PRIVATE BAPTISM.

Lynass—Dec. 28th, 1933, Hampton, son of John and Alicia Lynass, of Carne.

Marriages.

Baxendine and Sherman—Dec. 2nd, 1933, at St. Anne's Cathedral, Belfast, Robert Frs. Riley Baxendine, of Edinburgh, to Margaret Anna Sherman, of Edenderry.

M'Clatchey and M'Clelland—Dec. 14th, 1933, Thomas Herbert M'Clatchey, of Drumnakelly, Portadown, to Elizabeth M'Clelland, of Knockmena.

M'Canr and Boyce—Dec. 22nd, 1933, George M'Canr, of Edenderry, to Mary Elizabeth Boyce, of Ballydougan, Parish of Knocknamuckley.

Brown and Fiddes—Jan. 4th, 1934, William James Brown, of Edenderry, to Margaret Robina Fiddes, of Edenderry.

Burials.

Thornbury—Dec. 17th, William Thornbury, of Kernan, aged 40 years.

Hall—Dec. 24th, William Hall, of Drumgor, aged 39 years. Interred in Old Shankill graveyard.

Smith—Dec. 31st, Joseph Smith, of Legacurry, Shankill, aged 75 years.

Lynass—Dec. 31st, Hampton Lynass, of Carne, aged 17 days.

M'Mullan—Jan. 3rd, Caroline Webb M'Mullan, of Lylo, aged 4 months.

Wallace—Jan. 5th, Ellen Wallace, of Edenderry, aged 20 years.

Russell—Jan. 6th, John Russell, of Drumgor, aged 86 years.

Wilson—Jan. 7th, Margaret Wilson, of Edenderry, aged 28 years.

Our Losses.

We desire to express our deep sympathy with the many households in the Parish upon which the dark shadow of death has fallen since our last

issue. Some at a great age and some just entering upon life have been called away, but "we sorrow not as those without Hope for them that sleep in Him." Jesus said "I am the Resurrection and the Life."

An Old Friend.

Mrs. Annie Wolseley, widow of Major Wolseley and daughter of the Rev. Capel Wolseley, who was Curate of Seagoe Parish from March, 1847, to March, 1859, has written to us conveying her best wishes for Christmas and the New Year. Mrs. Wolseley was born in Seagoe Cottage (where her father lived) 85 years ago. She gets the Magazine regularly and says she does enjoy seeing what is going on in the old Parish. She keeps fairly well in health. We published a photograph of her father, the Rev. Capel Wolseley, in our issue of April, 1909. Mrs. Wolseley has resided in London for many years past. On behalf of the Parishioners of Seagoe we offer our best wishes for the New Year to Mrs. Wolseley.

Wedding Bells.

On Saturday, Dec. 2nd, a very pretty wedding took place in Belfast Cathedral, when Miss Rita Sherman was married to Mr. Robert F. R. Baxendine, of Edinburgh. There was a large gathering in the Cathedral. The Rev. Chancellor Archer officiated. Capt. Brennan, F.R.C.O., presided at the great organ. Mr. William Flannigan, the Cathedral Verger, was also present. After the ceremony a large number of guests assembled for dinner at the Grand Central Hotel. We wish Mr. and Mrs. Baxendine much happiness and prosperity in their future life. Mrs. Baxendine had hosts of friends in Edenderry, and she carries with her to her new home their heartiest good wishes.

Electricity in Seagoe.

The Electricity Board for Northern Ireland are about to erect poles to carry current along the Seagoe Road. One pole will be placed at the School gate and will carry a light which will be very useful. It can only be a matter of a short time before Seagoe Church will be lighted by electricity.

Sympathy.

We sympathise much with Mr. and Mrs. John Montgomery, of Lyndale, Seagoe Lower, on the death of Mr. Montgomery's brother, the Rev. G. R. Montgomery, Rector of Mullavilly, who passed away after a long and painful illness borne with great courage and patience.

Seagoe Parish Almanac.

A few copies of the Parish Almanac still remain and can be had at Mr. Vance's, in Bridge Street, price twopence. Secure a copy without delay.

Protestant Orphan Society.

During the last month our collectors have been busy getting in subscriptions for the Co. Armagh Protestant Orphan Society. We have received the following sums, per Miss Agnes Guy:—Miss May Simpson, £1 8s 4d; Miss Edna Grey, £1 5s 6d; Miss Emma Walker, £1 4s; Fred M'Knight, 7/-; Evelyn M'Dowell, 5/6; Peggy Brownlee, 3/2. Collectors for the half mile of pennies brought in £1 10s 4d. The Edenderry Men's Bible Class gave a generous subscription of £2.

Prize Distribution.

The Superintendents of our Sunday Schools are asked to arrange suitable dates for the local Prize Distributions and to communicate with the Rector before making final arrangements. The dates, when finally arranged, will be announced in each Sunday School.

Seagoe Abroad.

We acknowledge with hearty thanks good wishes received from parishioners living abroad but whose thoughts turn, especially at Christmas time, to the old Parish in the Homeland. We thank Mr. and Mrs. M'Dowell, now in Florida, The Venerable W. R. and Mrs. Crichton, in Madras, India, Mr. Jim Porter, at Officer, Melbourne, Australia, Mrs. Nesbitt, of "Morvan," Dean St., Toowong, Brisbane, Australia (thanks for kind enclosure), Captain J. J. and Mrs. Dobson, of Nairobi, Kenya (for splendid East African annual), Mrs. L. C. B. M'Avoy, of 1809 Jerome Avenue, Schenectady, New York, Mr. and Mrs. Greenhalgh, of Neepawa, Canada, Rev. J. F. Neill, St. Mary's Rectory, South Manchester, U.S.A.

Seagoe at Sea.

Two of our young Seagoe lads have joined up with the Naval and Mercantile Marine Service. Jack Killow, having finished his six months' training at the Prince of Wales' Hostel, at Limehouse, London, sailed as deck-hand on the P. & O. Mail Steamer "Ballarat" on Dec. 22nd. Wesley Porter is now in the same Hostel and sends an interesting letter and photo. He says—We had a merry Christmas here at the Hostel. We all got presents from the Prince of Wales. We attend the services in Church on Sundays, morning and evening, and on Wednesdays. We get up at half-six of the clock and scrub decks till 8 o'clock and then wash and breakfast. We have boxing every Friday morning to help to make us fit and hard. If you are caught smoking under sixteen you get three days' bread and water. From Wesley to all.

Twenty-five Years Ago.**DECEMBER, 1908.**

Continuing from our November issue, we record entries from our issue of December, 1908.

Three Baptisms, two Marriages and two Burials are recorded. The Rev. T. W. E. Drury, of Ros-trevor, Rev. R. B. Cooke, Rev. F. J. Hackett and the Rev. F. W. Hogan are announced as Advent Preachers. The Bishop has accepted an invitation to a Parish Social on Dec 10th. Recitations at a Band of Hope meeting were given by Hettie Wright, Sarah Martin, Bella Magee, Mary Livingston, Flora Wright, Sarah Dawson, and Charlie Killow. Miss Georgie Atkinson has designed a handsome border for the Magazine cover. Members of the Belfast Theological Society have begun to conduct services in outlying districts.

JANUARY, 1909.

A long account is given of Bishop Crozier's pleasant visit to the Parish Social on Dec. 10th. The tea was excellent, being Montgomery's Gold Medal blend, a generous gift from the firm. An address of Welcome was read by Mr. Wolsey Atkinson. The Select Vestry kindly defrayed the expenses of the Social. Two Baptisms are recorded, seven Marriages and six Burials. On the new cover there is a photograph of the interior of Seagoe Church taken by "that well-known Seagoe firm, Messrs. Moffett of Edenderry." A School Concert has been arranged by Mr. Chambers and his assistant teachers for Friday, Jan. 15th.

Another "Seagoe."

Mrs. Forrest (formerly Miss M'Cully, of Upper Seagoe), is now living in Nendrum Street, Bloomfield, Belfast, and has called her house "Seagoe." The name is in large letters on the garden gate.

Seagoe School Concert.

On Thursday, Dec. 7th, a very enjoyable concert was given in Seagoe School by the pupils attending the Day School. The Rector presided. The programme consisted of songs, verse-speaking, recitations and sketches. Some of the items, especially the "Rabbits" were very clever and amusing. The audience thoroughly enjoyed the evening and at the close the Rector, who is Manager of the School, thanked all who had helped in the concert, and especially Miss Matchett, who had conducted the various items. The proceeds are on behalf of the School Upkeep and Improvement Fund.

Old Seagoe Notes.

The Rebuilding of Seagoe Church in 1890.—The following architectural notes by Sir Thomas Drew supply a graphic description of the present Church:—"The Parish Church of Seagoe, built in 1814 to take the place of an older one, was not of an architectural character. It was simply in the manner of that day—an ugly, plain, four-square room of large dimensions, 70 ft. long by 30½ feet wide, and having a flat ceiling concealing an ordinary roof of low pitch; and it has a gallery

of the usual plain and unsightly sort. A more unpromising building to be recast into architectural form, according to more modern standard of taste, could not well be conceived. It was too short, too wide, and too low in its proportions, and there was not even sufficient room at the east end to lengthen it by extending a chancel. With generous expenditure, however, much is possible; and it is somewhat satisfactory that the substantial old church, built with much courage and churchmanlike spirit in a depressing time, seventy-six years ago, and which has known three generations of worshippers, is not to be entirely done away with. Seagoe Church will best illustrate forcibly the advance that has been made from 1814 to 1890, in good architecture, in wealth, and the facilities for its production; in the better ordering of Church services, and the latter-day feeling among Churchmen that in the adornment and furnishing of the house of God, and thoughtful care for the decency and convenience of worship, even the best that can be offered, is but unworthy.

"The first care in the improved church has been to provide a worthy chancel. It has been devised by extending its eastern wall as far as the churchyard boundary would permit, and by taking some length from the nave. The plans provide thus for a well-proportioned chancel, 25 ft. long by 17½ ft. wide, opening to the nave with a lofty chancel-arch, and on the north and south sides with like arches to the organ chamber and vestry, and a lateral aisle respectively. The chancel is a memorial, and the last-named fea-

ture, while it gives additional seating room, would be specially suitable as a kind of chantry for monuments or memorials of the founders.

"The parishioners' addition to the church consists of a southern aisle, 37½ ft. long by 21 ft. wide, and giving 200 additional seats. It opens into the nave with three lofty pointed arches, and gives additional architectural character and interest to the heretofore four-square building. There remains the nave of the somewhat unusual proportion of 65 ft. of length to 30½ ft in breadth to be brought into architectural character, with a low-pitched roof, which it would not be desirable to raise higher. It was at first proposed merely to remove the ceiling and case up the old roof and make it as fairly presentable as possible. By the additional generosity of the Baroness Von Stieglitz, however, a new roof, and a handsome one, is found; and the architect has met the difficulties of proportions by adopting a treatment in the manner of 15th century architecture, which lends itself to lower-pitched roofs and wider spans. The roofs of the nave, aisle, and chancel are accordingly of a design not usual in other churches in the diocese—a four-centred arched framing, springing from hammer-beams, and all richly moulded and peculiarly massive, and bearing the character of old examples of the 15th century English roofs. They will be of pitch pine, let untouched after the carpenter's tools, without varnishing, it being found that pitch pine treated in this way assumes in time an appearance as pleasing as that of old oak.

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 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, 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 3/- per annum.