

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

JANUARY, 1935.

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

CLERGY :

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

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

CHURCHWARDENS :

Rector's—Mr. John Harrison Twinem.

People's—Mr. Robert M'Clements.

The Christmas Services.

The Services in the Parish Church at Christmas were very bright. Flowers and sprigs of variegated holly decorated the Chancel, the Font and the Pulpit. Special music was sung and also a Christmas Anthem. A selection of Carols was sung at the Service on Sunday evening, Dec. 23rd. A large number of Communicants was present at the early Service on Christmas morning. During the Christmas season gifts of coal and parcels of good things were distributed by the Mothers' Union and the Men's Bible Class and were much appreciated.

The Magazine.

We regret that we have not been able to provide a newly designed cover for the Magazine this month. This is due to the fact that the special Art Paper for the cover was so much injured in transit from London that it could not be used and had to be sent back. But we hope in our February issue to have the new cover with new design. It has always been our custom to vary the design of the Magazine cover from year to year. This gives freshness and interest to the Magazine.

With this number the Magazine enters on its 30th year. It is, we are glad to say, still going strong, and all the copies of our December issue were sold within a few days of publication. The Magazine has become more than ever a centre of information of all our Parish activities and provides a monthly link with those from Seagoe Parish who are scattered over the world. Few, perhaps, of those who live at home can understand how this monthly message from the old Parish cheers and brightens those whose lot is cast in distant parts. In the lonely backwoods of Queensland, in the livelier suburbs of Brisbane, in the busy centres of the States, in the quieter orange groves of Florida, in the snowy realms of Canada, in the bracing air of Kenya, in the tropical heat of Madras and in the balmy

groves of Melbourne this little paper is read and treasured from month to month. We hope during 1935 to keep the Magazine on its former high level of interest and efficiency. We would like to pay a tribute here to the care bestowed on the printing and publishing of the Magazine by the staff of "The Portadown News." Much of the success of the Magazine has been due to its neatness of appearance and clearness of type-setting.

The Christmas Fair.

We held our Christmas Fair on Thursday and Friday, Dec. 13th and 14th. The opening ceremony on Thursday was a very pleasant occasion. Our good friend, Mrs. Callendar Bullock, most kindly came to open it. The Rector presided, and after a hymn and prayer he explained the object of the Fair. Before the opening Mrs. Callendar Bullock inspected the Seagoe C.L.B. Cadets, drawn up outside the School, under Captain Mitchell and Lieut Currie, and expressed herself greatly pleased at their smartness and efficiency. When declaring the Sale open Mrs. Bullock said how glad she was to be back in Seagoe, and hoped the Fair would be a great success. At this juncture a beautiful bouquet, most kindly presented to the Fair by Messrs. Willis, of Portadown, was handed to Mrs. Bullock by little Audrey Mitchell, daughter of Captain Mitchell. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mrs. Bullock on the motion of Mr. Scott, seconded by Mr. H. M. Gibson. Good business was done during the afternoon and evening. The sports department attracted many in the evening, and the refreshment stall was kept very busy. The Fair was re-opened on Friday evening at 7 p.m. The attendance was not so large as on the previous day, but a fair amount was realised. At a meeting of the workers held on Wednesday, Jan. 2nd, the accounts were passed and the amounts realised were found to be as follows:—Thursday—Receipts, £24 17s 4d; Friday, £7 16s 10d; Subscriptions, £3 0s 6d. Total, £35 14s 8d. Expenses—£1 13s 5d. Total nett receipts, £34 1s 3d. It was decided to distribute that amount as follows:—To C.L.B. Uniform Fund, £17 0s 7d; to Bank balance on School Renovation, £9 10s 0d; to deficit on Parochial School upkeep for 1933 and 1934, £7 10s 7d. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to all who so kindly helped to make the Fair a success. The Baking Competition attracted a fair number of entries. Mrs. Thompson, "Edenamo," Killicomaine Road, very

kindly acted as judge. Results:—Oven wheaten—Mrs. Montgomery, Mount Pleasant, Seagoe; Oven soda—Miss A. Brown, Mandeville Terrace, Portadown; Sponge sandwich—Miss E. Gracey, Drumgor; Sponge—Miss E. Gracey, Drumgor. The prizes were generously provided by Mrs. Fanning, Lynedale, Seagoe, Mrs. Forsythe, Seagoe Villa, Miss S. Montgomery, 3 Irene Terrace, Portadown, and Mrs. J. H. Twinem, Lylo.

C.L.B. Social

A very enjoyable gathering was held in Edenderry Parochial Hall on Thursday, January 3rd, at 8 p.m. It was a reunion of past and present members of Seagoe C.L.B., together with their lady friends. Over 100 guests were present. The Hall was prettily decorated, and the tables were adorned with a splendid supply of cakes and Christmas crackers. After tea, Captain Mitchell gave a very interesting record of the work done during 1934 by the Seagoe and Carne Companies, referring to their pleasant visits to Omagh, Belfast and Richmount, and their approaching visit to Tullylish. He also spoke about the future of the Company and sketched possible extension of their work in the Parish. Important promotions were also announced. Staff-Sergeant Joe Hynes has been appointed 2nd Lieut. All the promotions were loudly applauded by those present. The Rector then said a few words of congratulation to Captain Mitchell on the efficient condition of the Brigade. Two interesting presentations were then made. A handsome clock was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Greenaway on the occasion of their marriage, and a box of chocolates was presented to Miss Wilson, of Seafield, for the kindly interest she had taken in the Brigade. The Rev. W. F. Hayes also spoke and invited the lads to join the men's Bible Class, which meets in Edenderry Orange Hall on Sunday mornings at 10.15. The remainder of a pleasant evening was spent in round games and the meeting concluded with the singing of the National Anthem and the saying of the Brigade Prayer by the Rector.

Men's Bible Class.

This important class meets each Sunday morning at 10.15 in the Edenderry Orange Hall. It is conducted by the Rev. W. F. Hayes and is largely attended. We hope that many more of our young men will join the class. The study of God's Word is the privilege and duty of every member of the Church. On Thursday, January 10th, a social reunion of the members of the class will take place in the Parochial Hall at 7.30 p.m.

Seagoe Mothers' Union.

On Tuesday, January 8th, the members of the Mothers' Union will meet in Seagoe School at

7.30 p.m. The members were present in large numbers at the Advent Service in the Parish Church on Wednesday, Dec. 12. The sermon was preached by the Rev. W. F. Hayes.

Parish Register for December. Baptisms.

The following were Baptized in the Parish Church on Dec. 1st, 1934:—

Roberts—Helen Maureen, daughter of John Roberts and Mary Roberts, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Margaret Hayes, Mary Roberts.

Lavery—John George, son of John Emmanuel and Amy Louisa Lavery, of Kilvergan.

Sponsors—John Emmanuel Lavery, Amy Louisa Lavery.

Rowney—Marina Edna, daughter of Robert James and Edna Maude Rowney, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Robert James Rowney, Edna Maude Rowney.

Marriages.

Sturgeon and Abraham—Dec. 24th, 1934, Victor Russell Sturgeon, of Portadown, to Margaret Abraham, of Kilvergan.

Greenaway and Whiteside—Dec. 26th, 1934, Albert Richard Greenaway, of Edenderry, to Annie Whiteside, of Edenderry.

Lunn and Stanfield—Dec. 26th, 1934, Richard Houston Lunn, of Portadown, to Mabel Agatha Stanfield, of Levaghery.

Golden Wedding.

Anderson and Hanvey—Nov. 5th, 1884, in Seagoe Parish Church, by the Rev. Abraham Dawson, A.M., Rector, William John Anderson, of Drumgor, to Elizabeth Hanvey, of Balteagh. Witnesses—William John Hanvey, Elizabeth Anderson.

Burials.

Walker—Dec. 5th, at Kilvergan, Emma Walker, formerly of Lower Seagoe, aged 73 years.

Lyness—Dec. 5th, Thomas Lyness, of Drumgor, aged 76 years. Interred at Lurgan Cemetery.

Matchett—Dec. 23rd, John Matchett, of Ballyhannon, aged 81 years. Interred at Tartaraghan.

M'Kinney—Dec. 24th, Jane M'Kinney, of Balinacor, aged 57 years. Interred in the City Cemetery, Belfast.

Stothers—Dec. 27th, Elizabeth Stothers, of Edenderry, aged 87 years.

M'Cabe—Jan. 3rd, 1935, Mary M'Cabe, of Upper Seagoe, aged 41 years.

Levaghery Sunday School.

On Tuesday, January 8th, the distribution of prizes will take place in Levaghery School at 7.30 p.m.

Golden Wedding.

We very heartily congratulate Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Anderson, of Balteagh, on their Golden Wedding. They were married on Nov. 5th, 1884, in Seagoe Parish Church, and therefore attained to the fiftieth anniversary of their Wedding Day on the 5th November, 1934. We are glad to know they are both strong and well. We wish them many more years of health and happiness in the time to come.

Sympathy.

We have to record a long list this month of those who have passed from among us to their Eternal Rest. Miss Emma Walker, who had until some years ago resided at Seagoe Villa, passed away after a brief illness, at Kilvergan, where she had been on a visit with her old friend, Mrs. Hunniford. The fact that for many years the Curates of the Parish lodged at Seagoe Villa brought Miss Walker into very close touch with Parish life. Her quiet sympathy and kindness endeared her to all who knew her. Since leaving Seagoe she had resided with relatives at Banbury, in England. The Rector officiated at the funeral to Seagoe. Her name will be long remembered in the Parish.

Thomas Lyness, of Drumgor, passed away in his sleep with tragic suddenness. Always kind and affectionate, he will be much missed by all who knew him.

The death, after a short illness, of Mrs. M'Kinney, of Ballinacor, removes from our midst one who was most highly esteemed. Up to within a few Sundays of her death she was a most regular attendant at the Parish Church. She took a deep interest in the welfare of the Parish and was greatly interested in the work of the Mothers' Union. She was interred in the City Cemetery, Belfast. The Rector accompanied the funeral and officiated at the grave.

Mr. John Matchett was called away after a few days' illness at a ripe old age. We will miss him greatly. While strength remained he was a regular attender at the Church Services and was always interested in the welfare of the Parish. His remains were interred in Tartaraghan Churchyard. The Rev. W. F. Hayes assisted at the service.

The death at an advanced age of Mrs. Elizabeth Stothers removes from amongst us one who while years permitted was a most devoted helper in our Sunday School work and in all departments of Parochial effort. Her sterling Chris-

tian character and loyal devotion to the Church were outstanding features in her daily life. She was upright and downright, always diligent, industrious and God-fearing. Her name and work will long survive among us.

The last name on our list, that of Mrs. Mary M'Cabe, of Upper Seagoe, marks an event of much sadness. At a comparatively early age, Mrs. M'Cabe has been called away, leaving her husband and a large family of young children to mourn her loss. Always quiet and home-loving, Mrs. M'Cabe was devoted to the welfare of her husband and family. Her loss is indeed irreplaceable.

To all those in saddened homes throughout the Parish we offer our deep sympathy and pray that they may have at this season of Peace that Peace and Comfort which our Heavenly Father alone can give.

Seagoe of the Dispersion.

The Rector has received at Christmas time many very pleasant remembrances from Seagoe folk all the world over. Archdeacon Crichton writes a cheery note from Pondicherry, sending all good wishes. Mr. and Mrs. James M'Dowell send greeting from Florida. Mr. Jim Porter sends a very interesting map card from Melbourne. Captain Dobson's remembrance from Kenya is a splendid copy of the "East African Annual." Mr. and Mrs. Greenholgh send all good wishes from their home at Nepawa, in Canada. Other greetings have come from many quarters. The Rector desires to return his hearty thanks and all good wishes to all who have so kindly remembered him and the Parish.

Our Sunday Schools.

Prize distributions in our Sunday Schools will be held towards the close of this month and in February. Arrangements will be made with the Superintendents for suitable dates, which will be duly announced in each Sunday School.

Drumgor Carol Service.

On Sunday, Dec. 23rd, a largely attended Carol Service was held in Drumgor School. The Rector was present and gave the address. Mr. Wm. Hutchinson, Superintendent, said the prayers. The Carols were very nicely sung by the childrens choir. Miss Gracey presided at the harmonium. The Service was very helpful and devotional. The envelope offerings amounted to £2 3s 4d.

Our Advertisements.

In next month's issue we hope to have all our advertisements renewed and re-set. We ask all our readers who value the Magazine to remember that its existence depends on the kind financial help which we receive from those who use our columns to advertise their firms.

A Seagoe Poetess.

Miss Allen, of Market St., Portadown, has handed us a copy of the "Portadown News" for May 25th, 1901, which contains a finely written critique of a volume of poems by Miss Mary Dawson, daughter of the late Dean Dawson. The article is from the pen of the late Mr. Anthony Allen, brother of Miss Allen, who was a most competent literary critic. We quote the following passage:—

A BOOK OF POEMS BY A NEW IRISH
POETESS.

As zephyrs, rising on a Springtide day,
Breathe hope to hearts bedimmed by winter
gloom,
Touch gleefully the scanty meadow-bloom,
And stir the fresh-blown buds on wooded way;
Or as they pass o'er wealth of Summer flowers,
And raise the fragrance of the fair, wild rose,
Whispering love and Paradise to those
Who seek the grassy lanes and hedgerow
bowers:—

So if my verses rouse suggestions sweet
In one dim heart, there love and hope recall,
Though later to oblivion they may fall,
Their life-work were not wholly incomplete.

With such beautiful and modest prelude does
Miss M. L. Dawson (the gifted daughter of the
Dean of Dromore) present her first dainty
volume of poems to the reading public. If, as

Shakespeare says, "Time hath a wallet at his
back, in which he puts alms for oblivion," Miss
Dawson need have no fear but that all her efforts
are doomed to serve the eleemosynary purposes
of the Grand Monarch. For she has written
things, whose inherent qualities entitle them to
endurance; and some of the charming lyrics con-
tained in this volume must needs find a place in
future anthologies devoted to Irish verse.

At any rate, such a delightful singer appeals
to the hearts of all genuine poetry lovers, and
all true devotees of good literature.

Miss Dawson attempts no unscalable peaks
in her course of song; she does not ape the sub-
lime, but is content to sing unassumingly of
things ever choice and dear to great and lowly
minds alike. The music she strikes from her
lyre should command a large audience.

Her poems in many instances are fashioned
with a scrupulous regard to the rules governing
her art, and very few flaws of construction are
discoverable in the whole volume. I notice that
Miss Dawson models some of her stanzas on the
form which Tennyson has immortalised in "In
Memoriam"; that she has done so with great
skill, and successfully may be seen by a study of
the verses with which I commenced this article.
She is also an adept at almost every variety of
stanza conceivable; this in itself should endear
Miss Dawson's muse to hosts of readers.

Almanacs.

A few of the Parish Almanacs can still be had
at Mr. Vance's, in Bridge Street.

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, i
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 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); MARRAGE 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.