

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

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Lent, 1930.

On Ash Wednesday, March 5th, we enter once again on the season of Lent. It is one of the two Mission seasons of the Church. In Advent and Lent the Church calls upon her faithful children to face with renewed faith and courage our individual and national sins. In Seagoe Parish the season will be marked by special services in the Parish Church and at various centres through the Parish. Sermons and addresses will be given by special preachers and speakers on subjects suggested by the special season.

Sunday, March 9th, will be, as in other years, "Temperance" Sunday. At both Morning and Evening Prayer sermons will be preached on "The Duty of Temperance," and collections will be made at both Services on behalf of the Diocesan Temperance Society and the Ulster Temperance Alliance. Although intemperance is not as rife as in former years there is still much need to strengthen our Temperance forces.

Ash Wednesday Services.

11.30 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Service of Penitence from Book of Common Prayer.

8 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon.

During Lent a Service will be held each Wednesday in the Parish Church at 8 p.m. The Services usually held on Wednesdays in the Parochial Hall will not be held during Lent.

Prize Distributions.

February has been a very busy month in our Sunday Schools. Prize distributions have been held in all directions and everywhere there has been much excitement and enthusiasm among the children.

Drumgor held its prize gathering on Thursday, Feb. 6th. There was a large assemblage of young people. An ample tea was provided and round games followed. Recitations were given and songs sung. The prizes were then distributed. The Rector presided, and Mrs. J. G. Gracey kindly presented the prizes to the successful pupils. A presentation of a handsome tea service was made by Miss Guy, Mr. Dermott and the teachers and children to Mr. and Mrs. Johnston Robinson, who have taken so much kindly interest in Drumgor Sunday School. Mr. Robinson replied, thanking all for their

kind gift and expressing his and Mrs. Robinson's best wishes for the success of the Sunday School.

Edenderry.—On Tuesday, Feb. 18th, the Parochial Hall was filled to overflowing by the children, teachers and parents connected with Edenderry Morning and Afternoon Sunday Schools. Plentiful supplies of tea and cake were handed round and much enjoyed. A programme of songs, dialogues and recitations followed. A sketch entitled "Nan and Dan" created much amusement. Miss Hawthorne, who had arranged the programme, was unfortunately unable to be present through illness. Miss Hilda Walker (piano) and Mr. Sidney Walker (violin) helped much to make the programme a success. The prizes numbered no less than 181 separate books. The Rector presided, and the prizes were handed to the winners by Miss Woolsey, Mr. R. Gracey, and Mr. McClements. After a hearty vote of thanks to all the helpers the meeting concluded with the singing of the Doxology and the Benediction.

Hacknahay.—Friday, Feb. 21st, was the date fixed for the distribution of prizes at Hacknahay. After a hearty tea, a programme of songs, sketches and recitations was given. The items were very well executed. Hacknahay excels in feats of memory, and it was wonderful how even the wee ones could remember very long pieces. The Rector asked Mrs. Bunbury Atkinson, of Gleneyre, to distribute the prizes. Six special prizes were kindly presented by Mrs. Atkinson to children who had not missed a Sunday during the year. Mr. T. E. Maginnis and Miss Calvert were present and by their kind help assisted much towards the success of a very pleasant evening. Mr. R. Gracey, Lay Reader, presided over the earlier part of the proceedings.

Church Army Mission.

After a very successful Mission in Carne Church Hall, Captain Crawford and the Church Army van moved into new quarters at Hacknahay last Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Mr. Gilbert Price kindly provided horses to draw the van across the Parish. Mr. and Miss Price and Mr. David Murray gave much help during the Mission, but indeed on all sides a fine spirit of sympathy was shown. The Mission began at Hacknahay on Sunday, Feb. 23rd, at 3.30 p.m.

Bible Class at Carne.

A Bible Class for men and women will be held in Carne Church Hall on each Thursday evening at 8 p.m., beginning on Feb. 27th. The class will be taken by Mr. Robert Gracey, Lay Reader. We invite the residents in the Carne end of the Parish to attend the class, and any others who may be able to come.

Miss Cherrie Dawson.

[We print with much pleasure the following letter from Miss Cherrie Dawson, giving an account of her work in South America. We hope the Parish will respond to her appeal for the support of two Indian children.]

Bangor, Co. Down.

Feb. 18th, 1930.

Dear Canon Archer,—When I saw your little paragraph in the Magazine about my travels, I thought I would like my old friends in Seagoe to know a little bit about some of the work that God has allowed me the great joy of sharing with Him in the "Sunny Land of South America." So this is a letter to all the readers of the Parish Magazine. The work of the Anglican Church (in other words—Church of England or Ireland) in South America is in three divisions. 1. Bishop's Chaplaincy Work; 2. Missions to Seamen; 3. Work under the South American Missionary Society.

It is nearly 4 years since I went out this last time to work under Bishop Every in his chaplaincy work. Shortly after arrival I was sent down a three days' journey by coast boat to Port Madryn to do Church and school work in the

Welsh Valley in Patagonia

till a Chaplain or English master could be found. About 65 years ago, on July 26th, a little band of Welsh people landed on the wild coast of Patagonia, at Port Madryn, to start out on a new and independent life in an unknown land. Many a tale the old folks have told me of their first hardships and struggles for a bare maintenance there. They said that the land was chiefly inhabited then by Indians and guanacos; the Indians at first distrusted them but soon discovered that the Welsh people were not cruel like some Spaniards whom they had met, and they proved themselves real friends, telling the Welshmen where

To get Wild Potatoes

and other eatable plants over the hills, and to cut up canals from the Chubut River to flood their land. This began the wonderful irrigation system which has made the Chubut Valley an oasis in the great stretch of wild, uncultivable land in Patagonia. Two or three times their hardly-won little homesteads were swept away by the floods, but the Welsh people battled on bravely and in spite of many reverses their faith never wavered or grew weak. Dotted all over the Valley, you may see their little Wesleyan chapels, well attended each Sunday. The majority of the Welsh folk are Wesleyans, but until a few years ago there was quite a little gathering of Church people, and our Welsh Chaplain held services in our three little churches—in Trelew, Madryn, and Dolavon. Unfortunately, the last Chaplain was obliged to go home on account of his wife's health, and the difficulty was to supply his place, as Welsh-speaking Chaplains of our Church were very difficult to get. So my work was varied and very home-like too. The Church worker has a small day school and a big

Sunday School of Wesleyans and Church together in English, a big branch of G.F.S. Bible Classes, and sick visiting amongst all who needed help and sympathy. Our great help and pleasure came with

The Bishop's Annual Visit

in February, when he gave us a week or ten days out of his two months' tour through Patagonia, hundreds of leagues, chiefly by motor car, very tiring journeys, but he loved the fresh breezes of Patagonia and brought blessing and encouragement with him wherever he went.

Some 14 months after my arrival the English master, with his wife and two boys, arrived and took up the school and Chaplaincy work, the Bishop having licensed him to take the Sunday services. A second colony arrived 20 years after the other, and now there are, I believe, about 5,000 Welsh folk in the Valley. The Welsh people were very kind and hospitable to me and often reminded me of our good old friends in Seagoe. My last two years were spent in the same sort of work but in a much busier town—

A Big Railway Centre,

where all the big trains are made for the Pacific Railway, a big Irish and English colony was there, but here again Chaplains were scarce and we could only have services once a month. We had a big day and Sunday School, and I would like to tell you that our Sunday School children brought money each Sunday to pay for the support of two little Indian children in the S.A.M. Station in the wilds whom they had adopted; their names are Felipe and Carlota, and their fathers are native converts, the Junin (pronounced Hoonéen) children also send a parcel of toys and special treasures to the Indian children each Christmas.

Felipe and Carlota

write to them in their own language. The sum required to buy books and necessities for their support is £3 a year for each child. Would it not be a lovely link between the British children in South America and the Seagoe children if each Sunday School subscribed once a month towards the support of two Indian children in Paraguay or the Argentine Chaco. If you would like to help in this way please tell me and I shall write and ask one of the missionaries to choose two children for Seagoe. Then they will send snapshots of the chosen ones, and you will get letters from them, which you must answer of course. Miss Atkinson will be delighted to help you to do this as she is such a faithful secretary for the S.A.M.S. Will you not stretch out this helping hand to teach your little dark brothers and sisters of the wonderful love of God? You have known of it always. Will you not share it with them? Above all, pray for them and for those who have gone forth to teach, and for the Christ-like Bishop whose happy life of self-sacrificing service in his huge Diocese has been a real inspiration to all his workers and amongst them the dear sister comrade gone home.—Your old friend,

CHERRIE P. DAWSON.

Seagoe C.L.B.

The Seagoe Companies of the C.L.B. have entered for the Ritchie Shield competition to be held in March in Belfast. We wish them all success. They are drilling with great energy and determination and their slogan is "Seagoe on top."

G.F.S.

The Seagoe G.F.S. meets each Thursday evening in Seagoe School at 7.30. A Bible Class is held on alternate evenings by Mrs. Scott, associate. Cookery classes are the source of much interest and Miss Jane Porter has kindly taken up the "First Aid" work.

Seagoe Mothers' Union.

The Mothers' Union will (p.v.) meet in Seagoe School on Tuesday, March 11th. Tea at 7.30. All mothers heartily invited. Mr. Scott, Principal of Seagoe P.E. School, has kindly consented to give his lecture on "The Poet Tennyson." He will reveal some of the treasures of English literature to his hearers. Last meeting of the Union was very largely attended, and Mrs. Scott gave a most useful "talk" on "The Education of the Young." Several new members were admitted by the Rector. Mrs. J. Twinem, President, and Mrs. J. Reid, Hon. Sec., were present.

The Grove Field.

The Grove Field, lying between the Rectory and the Church, was recently purchased by Seagoe Select Vestry from Col. S. W. Blacker, at a cost of £150. There is a private right of way through the field from the Rectory to the Church. The field originally formed part of the Glebe of Seagoe, but at Disestablishment was bought by the late Major Blacker. It was very necessary that the field should be in the hands of the Church and when Col. Blacker gave the Vestry the option of purchase it was felt by them that they should secure it. The Rector has rented it for some years from Col. Blacker, and the Vestry are continuing this arrangement. The purchase money has been paid over to Mr. Gilpin (Col. Blacker's solicitor) by the Vestry. This has been done partly by an overdraft on the Bank and partly by taking money from the Parochial Fund. This, of course, can only be a temporary arrangement. The Select Vestry are, therefore, issuing an appeal to the Parish for subscriptions to cover the cost of purchase. The Vestry feel that the Parishioners will respond generously to this appeal so that the overdraft may be speedily repaid to the Bank and the amount taken from the Parochial Fund be placed again to the credit of that Fund. The Secretary of the Vestry, Mr. Moses Gilpin, Drumnagooon, will be glad to give any further information. The Grove Field is 3 acres 1 rood 2 perches in extent and borders on the present Seagoe Graveyard.

Service of Song.

The Service of Song, "Paul, the little Mediator," with lantern accompaniment, will be given in Seagoe School on Thursday, March 13th, at 8 p.m. The music is very pretty and illustrates a very touching story. A strong choir has been formed and is at work three times a week in preparation for it. The tickets, one shilling each, are now on sale. The proceeds of the entertainment will be given to Seagoe Sunday School Prize Fund.

Bocombra Sunday School.

The new Sunday School at Bocombra was opened on Sunday, Feb. 2nd. The Rector was present and opened the Sunday School with the singing of a hymn and prayer. Mr. James Twinem, Superintendent, Mr. Wm. Neill, Mr. Kearns and Miss Matchett were also present and taught classes. A senior girls' Bible class is held each Sunday by Mr. Twinem. Twenty-one children attended on the first Sunday and the numbers have since then risen to fifty. Bocombra promises to be a most successful Sunday School.

Cottage Services

A Service will be held at Mr. Thomas Dickson's house in Tamnifglasson on Tuesday, March 11th, at 8 p.m.

Levaghery Sunday School

The annual distribution of prizes in connection with Levaghery Sunday School will take place in the School on Tuesday (Shrove Tuesday), March 4th, at 7.30 p.m. A Jumble Sale held by the teachers of Levaghery Sunday School in the Parochial Hall on Friday, February 14, was very successful and realised £12 for the Sunday School.

Parish Register for February Marriages.

Napier and Cox—February 5th, by the Rev. J. F. G. Magill, M.A., Curate of St. Mark's, Portadown, Henry Napier, of the Parish of Maralin, to Elizabeth Cox, of Lylo.

Magowan and Morton—Feb. 20th, William Magowan, of Portadown, to Mary Elizabeth Morton, of Edenderry.

Burials.

Gracey—Feb. 28th, William John Gracey, of Drumgor, aged 81 years.

Our Advertisers

We have in this issue almost completed our advertisement columns for the year. We ask our readers to look through them and note the goods which are offered for sale. We thank all those firms who have so kindly renewed their advertisements. All copies of last month's magazine were sold within two days after publication.

In Memorium

Mrs. Hopps has given a donation of £50 to the Co. Armagh Protestant Orphan Society in accordance with the wishes of her son, the late Robert H. Hopps.

Our Distributors

Those who act as distributors of the Magazine do a most useful work, and we thank them most sincerely. Readers of the Magazine can help the distributors greatly by being prompt in paying for the Magazine. We would also ask the distributors if they would be so kind as to settle up their 1929 accounts as early as possible. Printing and publishing bills are heavy and must be paid. The Rector would also be glad to receive any sums outstanding for the sale of this year's Almanacs.

Regret

We regret to record the death at an advanced age of William John Gracey, of Drumgor. Mr. Gracey had for some months been in failing health. He and all the members of his family have always taken a practical interest in the work of the Church in Seagoe Parish. We desire to express our sincere sympathy with the bereaved members of the family in their sorrow.

A Serious Accident

We are sorry to have to record a serious accident which occurred to William Gracey, of Balteagh, on Sunday, February 16th. He was motor cycling in Lurgan when the machine skidded and struck a post. Mr. Gracey's leg was broken in two places. We are glad to know that he is going on well, and we hope before very long to see him going about as usual. There are at the present time five cases of fractured legs under treatment in Lurgan Hospital. All of them were sustained in motor accidents.

Digging up Edenderry

Edenderry is being dug up in a wonderful way for the making of the new sewage system. Strange things have happened. A cow fell into the cutting in Bridge Street last week, and there was great trouble getting her out. A curious pocket of sand has been disclosed at the foot of James St., and quantities of fine spring water are coming from it, but if it was allowed to flow James St. might collapse, as the foundations of the houses would be undermined.

This would never do, so the pocket of sand and water is to be kept in its place by a strong concrete wall. The children are getting great enjoyment climbing over the pipes and creeping along the top of the excavated clay.

A Letter from the States

Mr. McDowell, in a recent letter, describes a wonderful motor journey which he and his daughter made from Rhode Island to Florida. He writes as follows from New Port Richey, Florida, under date Dec. 14th, 1929:—"My daughter and I are living here for the winter. They are having severe weather up North, but here we have the oranges and grape fruit on the trees. I have a vegetable garden which I take a lot of pride in, as well as furnishing us with fresh green vegetables in the winter season. We drove down here from our northern home, making frequent stops to call on friends and visit a bit. In all we covered about 2,000 miles through a beautiful country, over the Alleghany Mountains, through Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia, Tennessee, Georgia, Kentucky, and Florida, seeing many new places and points of interest. We were two weeks on the way and my daughter did most of the driving."

Bob Neill in U.S.A.

Bob Neill has arrived safely at Hartford, Conn., and writing to Mr. R. Gracey, says—"What about the Bible Class. Tell all the boys I was asking for them, and how is the Brigade? Have they had a march with the Band yet? I suppose you had a happy Christmas over there. They just get one day here at Christmas, but there are great decorations. I wish you and the Bible Class all success.—From your old member—Bob Neill, c/o Mr. Robert Sloan, 3 Judson Place, Silver Lane, E. Hartford, Conn., U.S.A."

Congratulations

We heartily congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Napier on their marriage. Mrs. Napier (Miss Cox) has been a willing and efficient worker in the Parish, both in Seagoe and Edenderry.

Mission in Levaghery

The Church Army Mission in Hacknahay will conclude on Tuesday, March 4th, and on Thursday, March 6th, the Captain and Cadet will begin an eight days' mission in Levaghery School.

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); **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 3s per annum.