

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

NOVEMBER, 1936

CLERGY :

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

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

CHURCHWARDENS :

Rector's— Mr. ROBERT SCOTT.

People's—Mr. THOS. E. MAGINNIS.

The Harvest Services.

The Harvest Thanksgiving Services this year were very devotional and hearty and were attended by very large numbers. On Thursday, October 22nd, the first Service was held in the Parish Church. The Church never looked nicer than it did this year. The recent renovation had brightened it up, and the new electric lighting was very effective. The decorations also were fine, and we thank heartily all those who so kindly sent gifts of flowers, fruits and evergreens. The chancel looked especially well. The unseen flood-lights made the flowers and the wood carving stand out in splendid style. The Service began at 8 o'clock. At that hour, notwithstanding the very rough weather, with rain and wind, the Church was quite full. Mrs. Casey presided at the organ, and there was a large choir. The Rector was present and began the Service. A Harvest Hymn, "Come, ye thankful people, come," was the opening hymn. The Anthem "Sing unto God with Thanksgiving," was taken from the 147th Psalm. It was splendidly sung, the various voices being well represented. The Rev. W. F. Hayes conducted the Service. The Preacher was the Rev. Canon Moeran, Rector of St. Mark's, Armagh. He dwelt on the need of Christianity to solve our social and national problems, and spoke of the vast mass movements toward Christianity now taking place in the mission field. On Sunday the Services were continued. The preacher at Morning Prayer was the Rev. E. Burns, Rector of Loughbrickland. There was a very large congregation, and the Service was very bright and hearty. The Harvest Hymns were joined in by the congregation, and the Harvest Anthem was splendidly rendered by the choir. Mrs. Casey was at the organ. The bright lights from the choir roof made the chancel look very nice. The offerings were on behalf of the General Parochial Fund. At the evening Service the preacher was the Rev. G. W. Millington, Rec-

tor of St. Mark's, Portadown. His subject was "The thorns that choke the good seed." There was again a crowded congregation. Altogether the Services this year seemed brighter and more hearty than usual.

Death of Mrs. Jennett.

We record with great regret the death of Mrs. Caroline Jennett, of Breagh, after a very brief illness. She had been preparing to come to the Thursday evening Harvest Service, but on the previous Wednesday got a sudden and severe stroke and passed away the next morning. Mrs. Jennett was very popular with all her neighbours and friends. She took a great interest in all our Parish work. We will miss her much from our social gatherings. Our deep sympathy goes out to her bereaved family. Her funeral to Seagoe was largely attended, notwithstanding the very inclement weather.

H. B. S.

These letters stand for the Hibernian Bible Society. On Sunday, November 22nd, a special collection will be made on behalf of the Society. A great Missionary work is done by the Society in providing Bibles in many languages for the Missionary Societies, and in this Parish the Society makes cheap grants of beautiful Bibles for prizes in our Sunday Schools. Look on the shelves in your house and see there the beautiful Bibles which your children have won in our Sunday Schools and which have been graciously presented at a reduced rate through our Sunday Schools. The recently observed Tindale Centenary reminds us of the treasure we possess in our English Bible and his cruel Martyrdom should remind us of the sufferings which the first translators of the Bible had to endure. Let your offering be more generous in memory of the Martyr, William Tindale, who gave his all, even to life itself, that we might have the Book of Books.

The Lighting of the Church.

Before very long we must get an improvement in the lighting of the Church. The gas lighting looks very dim when contrasted with the flood-lighting of the chancel. When gas was first introduced into Seagoe Church to replace the paraffin lamps everyone noticed the great improvement, but now the new electric light seems to make the gaslight quite dim. The electric lights installed at the entrance doors of the Church are a great improvement.

Choir Social.

On Wednesday, Oct. 28th, a very pleasant choir social was held in Seagoe School at 8 o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. and Mr. George Wilson met the guests as they arrived. The rooms looked very nice and bright, and there was a large attendance of choir members. The Rector was present. Before tea the grace was sung. A hearty tea followed. After tea, round games were played. During an interval a presentation was made to Mr. Tom Leake, a member of the choir who had been married in Drumree Church that morning. Mr. Leake has just been appointed Postmaster at Toomebridge, Co. Antrim. He has been a most useful and popular member of the choir. In making the presentation the Rector expressed the congratulations and good wishes of all present to Mr. and Mrs. Leake in their future life. He also expressed their pleasure at the presence of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Wilson, and their gratitude to Mrs. Casey for the kind help she gave from time to time. Referring to the recent Harvest Services, the Rector said that the musical parts of the services were the best he had remembered.

Armistice Day.

On Wednesday, Nov. 11th, the two minutes' silence will be observed at Seagoe Memorial Gates at 11 a.m. If the weather is inclement the Church will be open for a brief service, during which the "silence" will be observed.

On Sunday, Nov. 8th, the Services in the Parish Church at 11.30 and 7 will have reference to the Armistice celebrations. The offerings at the morning service will be on behalf of Earl Haig's Fund for ex-servicemen. Although many years have passed since the Great War came to an end yet we must never let the names of those who made the great sacrifice and of those who served be allowed to pass from our memories.

Drumgor Harvest Services.

The annual Harvest Thanksgiving Services were held in Drumgor Church Hall on Sunday afternoon and Monday evening, October 11th and 12th respectively. In the matter of decorations it would appear that the teachers compete with one another in an attempt to make the Hall more beautiful than the year before. On Sunday afternoon the special preacher was the Rev. Canon Marks, B.D., Rector of Tandragee, and he delivered a forcible address on the text: "I have planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase." There was a crowded congregation present. The services were continued on Monday evening, when Mr. Wm. Hutchinson gave an impressive address on the sub-

ject of "Sowing and Reaping." Both Services were conducted by the Rev. W. F. Hayes, B.A., and Mr. Wm. Hutchinson. The offering on Sunday was devoted to the work of the Sunday School, and on Monday the cause of Foreign Missions was subscribed to. Both objects received generous support from the congregations present.

Carne Harvest Services.

Harvest Services were held in Carne Church Hall on Sunday, Oct. 18th, at 3.30, and on the following Monday at 8 p.m. The Hall was very nicely decorated with splendid samples of fruit, flowers and other local products. At each service the building was filled with people. Mr. T. H. Wilson was at the harmonium. The congregation joined heartily in the service, especially in the singing of the Hymns. The Service on the Sunday was taken by the Rev. W. F. Hayes. He preached from the text "It is more blessed to give than to receive." The collection was on behalf of the Sunday School Funds. On Monday evening the Rev. J. Haddock, Rector of Donacloy, Waringstown, gave a very impressive address based on the Parable of the Sower. The collection was given to the cause of Foreign Missions.

Levaghery Harvest

A service of Thanksgiving for the Harvest was held in Levaghery on Sunday, Oct. 4th, at 3.30 p.m. The Hall was artistically decorated. The art of using material to advantage was striking in the arrangement of the flowers, grain and fruits used for the purpose. Miss Essie Maye was at the harmonium and supervised the musical portion of the service. The singing was led by a large choir. The Rev. W. F. Hayes preached. His subject was "Reaping." The collection was for the Sunday School Funds. The Services were continued on Monday at 8 p.m. The Rev. A. N. Parkinson, curate of St. Mark's Portadown, was the preacher. The offerings were for Foreign Missions. Both Services were remarkably well attended.

Renovation.

The interior of the Levaghery School has been made very bright and attractive. The walls have been distempered, the wainscoating and woodwork have been varnished, and the windows have been painted. This freshness has added greatly to the appearance of that spacious room. The improvements were generously undertaken and carried out during the bright evenings by some of the young men connected with the Sunday School. Their work has been greatly appreciated.

Presentation to Mrs Maurice Adams

A very pleasant function took place in Drumgor Church Hall on Wednesday evening, 7th October, when the teachers and pupils attached to the Sunday School met in a social gathering to pay a tribute of affection and esteem to Mrs. Maurice Adams, formerly Miss Winnie Gracey, and to congratulate her on her recent marriage. A splendid tea was served to the company presented by the teachers, after which games were indulged in under the guidance of the Superintendent. At a later stage in the proceedings Mr. Wm. Hutchinson, on behalf of the School, presented to Mr. and Mrs. Adams a beautiful dinner service, to commemorate the occasion of their marriage. In handing over the gift the Superintendent referred to the fact of how much the School owed to the members of the Gracey family; it was a name that would ever be associated with the School. Mrs. Adams in particular had always been in the forefront of any effort to promote the welfare of the School, and her splendid class of boys were an example of her diligent care and attendance. They wished them both every happiness in their new home in Belfast. Mr. and Mrs. Adams suitably replied, the latter remarking that any little work she ever done for the School was always a labour of love. A further period of games having been indulged in, a very pleasant evening was brought to a close with the singing of Auld Lang Syne.

Parish Register for October.**Baptism**

Walker—Oct. 3rd, John Gordon, son of Norman and Rachel Walker, of Seagoe Lower.
Sponsors—Norman Walker, Rachel Walker.

"Received into the Congregation."

Robinson—Alan, son of Thomas John and Anne Robinson, of Edenderry.
Sponsors—Margaret Watson, Elizabeth Watson.

Marriages

Donaldson and Thompson—Oct. 13th, Israel Donaldson, of Lurgan, to Charlotte Thompson, of Drumgor.
Forbes and M'Coo—Oct. 29th John Forbes, of Drumlillum, Parish of Tartaraghan, to Jean Florence M'Coo, of Kernan.

Burials.

Dickson—Oct. 3rd, Mary Dickson, of Killicormaine, aged 45 years.
Jennett—Oct. 24th, Caroline Jennett, of Breagh, aged 57 years.

Brick Cards.

Final list of Brick Cards:—

Amount already acknowledged	£64	17	9
Misses R. and W. Gracey	...	0	7 0
Mrs. David Johnston, Thompson, Thompsonville, U.S.A.	...	1	0 0
Mrs. Kirk	...	0	7 0
Subscription	...	0	5 0
Mr. H. Kane	...	0	3 0
Mrs. Guy, U.S.A.	...	1	4 0
Mrs. Thompson	...	0	4 0
Miss M. Gracey	...	0	5 0
		£68	12 9

The committee of the Mothers' Union wish to thank all those both at home and overseas who so willingly helped with the Brick Cards to make their appeal such a splendid success.

Visit of Mr. S. Johnston.

Mr. Samuel Johnston, of Thompson Ville, U.S.A., paid a short visit to Seagoe recently. His arrival, which was altogether unexpected, was a pleasant surprise for his many friends in Edenderry. He has always maintained a close connection with Seagoe. He was greatly impressed by the recent improvements to the Parish Church, and by the general developments that have taken place in the neighbourhood since his emigration. This week Mr. Johnston returns to the States on the Queen Mary. We wish him a pleasant voyage.

Old Seagoe Notes.

The Big Frost of 1739-40 in Seagoe.—"Funerals: 1773, Feb. 13—William Whiteside, a cripple since the big frost, 1739"—Seagoe Register.

"In January, 1740, people dwelt in tents on the Thames for weeks"—Chambers Book of Days: Vol. 1., p 110.

"As the severe season of 1708-9 was called the 'Great Winter' so that of 1740 went by the name of the 'Hard Winter.' The frost began on Christmas Day and lasted nine weeks. During its continuance persons who had lived near Hudson's Bay, said they had never felt it colder there than it was in England at this time. Very soon floating blocks of ice were seen in the Thames, and some artists seized the opportunity of painting the unusual scene. Then the river became so solidly frozen over that, as in 1683,

tents were erected on it, a huge kitchen set up, and an ox roasted.

"From a printing booth on the Thames were issued numerous pamphlets, one of which contained 'An account of the principal Frosts for a hundred years.' Another was entitled 'The humble Petition of the River Thames to the Venerable Sages of Westminster Hall,' saying 'that ministers of punishment have treated him with the utmost contempt and insolence, have even made a public shew of him, have called in heaps of ragamuffins to trample upon him, and, what is worst of all, have forced a numerous family which he used to provide for to beg in the streets.'

"This last sentence was an allusion to the distress caused among the families of the watermen and fishermen, who were entirely disabled by the frost from earning a living, and for whose aid large collections were made in most of the parishes in London.

"A few days after the frost set in a high wind arose, which did much damage to the shipping in the Thames. Some vessels had holes beaten in their sides by falling on their anchors, and others became embedded and sunk in the ice.

"During this winter the inhabitants of St. Petersburg built a palace of ice, around which they placed six cannons, also made of ice, and loaded with ice shot.

"A gentleman staying at Leyden wrote thus to a friend in London, January 1st, 1740:— 'Books being now laid aside, our chief study and care is how to thaw our eatables. My wine

freezes into a solid mass; bread cannot be cut without being first set by the fire near an hour. In the same manner we serve our butter, and also our oranges, which are otherwise as hard as stones. Water poured into a glass froze and stood up in the tumbler like an icicle.' In France great numbers of persons died, and as late as April the swallows which visited that country perished from the cold."—E. Neville Johns, in "Sunday Magazine" for February, 1884.

In the Parish Register, Vol. II. the Burials, which were 35 in 1738, and 31 in 1739, rose to 76 in 1740, and to 88 in 1741. In 1742 they fell to 47, rising again to 75 in 1743, and falling to 50 in 1744. Of the 76 burials in 1740, 52 were those of children, and of the 88 in 1741, 47 were children; of the 75 in 1743, 45 were children.

W. Shaw Mason's Survey of Ireland (1816): Statistical Accounts of Glenavy, Camlin and Tullyrusk:—Lough Neagh has been frozen three times in the memory of man; once in the memorable frost of 1739; again in January, 1784, when the ice was of such strength that many persons passed over it to Ram's Island; and again in January of the present year (1814) when such was the intensity of the frost, that Lt.-Col. Heyland undertook and accomplished the hazardous expedition of riding his horse from Crumlin Water-pool to Ram's Island; and the singular novelty was exhibited of a drag chase on the ice, round the island, with Mr. Stafford Whittle's pack of hounds."

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, 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.

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 3/- per annum.

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.