

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

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The Political Situation.

THE serious crisis which has so suddenly developed in the political world must be the cause of considerable unrest and anxiety in many minds. It would be a great mistake to allow any feeling of panic to overcome us. The questions at issue are of such a far-reaching and momentous character that they cannot by any chance be decided by the hasty action of the party in power. English history teaches us that there are many things which even the Sovereign himself cannot accomplish, and we would recommend our people to face the future with a calm and determined spirit. It is fortunate that at the present moment we possess capable, experienced and unflinching leaders, and it is the duty and privilege of the people to follow where they point the way. It is quite possible that the present crisis may shatter for ever the sentimental figment of Home Rule which has for the past forty years exercised such a baneful influence in British politics.

Every such occasion of public anxiety through which the nation is called upon to pass should drive us to the footstool of the Throne of Grace where dwells the King of kings and Lord of lords. Our Faith will be strengthened, our Hope enlarged, and our Love deepened by frequent recourse to Him unto Whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from Whom no secrets are hid.

New School at Hacknahay.

We are glad to be able to announce that the Commissioners of National Education have decided to open a new school in Hacknahay district. The School will be under a Committee of Patronage, consisting of seven members, four of whom are to be members of the Church of Ireland. The following are the names of the members approved of by the National Board:—Rev J. E. Archer, Rev. G. H. Daunt, Major Blacker, J.P.; Messrs. W. H. Atkinson, W. Richardson, J. Spence, and another. The new school will confer a great benefit on the district, and the children, instead of having, as formerly, to go a long distance to school, will have a finely equipped school at their very doors. The credit for this desirable result is due to the loyal way in which the people of Hacknahay supported by their contributions the opening of the day school in Hacknahay in August, 1908. During the past three years the school has been kept open, and has reached a very efficient condition. The number of children on the roll has averaged between 60 and 70, and the attendance has been proportionately good. We desire to thank very heartily all who helped us in the effort

to obtain a school for the district. Mr. George Calvert has acted as hon. treasurer, and in every possible way furthered our efforts; and our special thanks are due to Dr. Traill, the Provost of Trinity College, Dublin, and a Commissioner of National Education, who with great ability and constant perseverance pressed the needs of the district on the notice of the National Board. It must be a source of gratification to all concerned that so satisfactory a result has been accomplished, and we look forward in the near future to seeing this important district enjoying the advantages of a first-rate National School.

The following is the letter received by the Rector from the Commissioners of National Education:—

HACKNAHAY APPLICANT SCHOOL AND CENTRAL SCHOOL CASE.

OFFICE OF NATIONAL EDUCATION,
DUBLIN, 18th JULY, 1911.

Reverend Sir,

Referring to previous correspondence, I am directed by the Commissioners of National Education to inform you that, having considered the application for aid to a school at Hacknahay and the question of the establishment of a central school for the district, they ordered that yourself, Major Blacker, Rev. Mr. Daunt, Mr. Atkinson, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Spence, and a Presbyterian representative, be constituted a committee of Patronage with a view to establishing a central national school to provide for the requirements of the pupils of the locality.

A communication regarding the order of the Commissioners has been addressed to the Board's Senior Inspector, who will communicate with you on this matter.

I am, Reverend Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

D. E. LEMASS,

Secretary.

REVEREND J. E. ARCHER,

Seagoe Rectory, Portadown.

Nature Notes.

The very hot Summer has had the effect of forcing on many of our garden flowers, so that some which we are accustomed to see in bloom quite late in the Autumn are in full bloom at present. The heat of the Summer will, no doubt, have the effect also of causing an early fall of the leaf. The lack of moisture will dry up the sap, and leaf stems will become so brittle that the first sharp blast of wind will cause the leaves to fall. In many places the heat has caused the trees to wither. The Rhododendrons especially have suffered in this way. It is a pity that our cottagers do not plant Rhododendrons in their gardens. They are cheap to buy, and make a magnificent show when in bloom. They grow very well in this neighbourhood.

The Anniversary Services.

On Sunday, July 9th, the annual collections were made in Seagoe Church on behalf of the Orphan Societies. The congregations were large, and the offerings of the worshippers reached a larger sum than in former years. The evening service took the form of a special Anniversary Service, and was attended by over 200 Orangemen belonging to the various lodges in the neighbourhood. The Rector preached on the subject of "A Day of Remembrance," especially emphasising God's providence, as shown in the development of a nation's life and the working out of its destiny. Hymn sheets were supplied to all present, and the singing was very hearty. At the close of the service a verse of the National Anthem was sung. The offerings at the evening service were equally divided between the Protestant Orphan Society and the Enniskillen Orphan Fund. The congregation was so large in the evening that many were unable to gain admission to the Church.

Our Sunday Schools.

The attendance at all the Parish Sunday Schools during the past month has been very good, the fine weather has no doubt contributed to this result. The need of increasing our staff of teachers is becoming more pressing every day. Some of the classes are much too large. We would recommend the teachers to study the lessons very carefully beforehand. By becoming quite familiar with the subjects for each Sunday they will be able to teach the children with far greater ease and quickness. A most important thing for each teacher to aim at is to hold the attention of the children. This can only be done by the teacher mastering the lesson completely. We sometimes notice towards the close of the Sunday School that the teacher seems to have exhausted the subject, and the attention of the children then of course ceases. The matter provided in the Sunday School Magazine, with which each teacher is provided, should be quite sufficient to cover the allotted time for teaching. Teachers of infant classes will find the lessons for junior classes in the Sunday School Magazine very useful and well arranged.

The Annual Report.

The Annual Report and Statement of Accounts will be issued shortly. It will be more full and detailed than the Reports of former years. The finances of so large a Parish as Seagoe are very complicated, but in the hands of our capable and experienced Treasurer, Mr. Wolsey Atkinson, they are presented each year in a clear and concise manner, so that every Parishioner can understand them. We hope the Report will be carefully read by all who are interested in the welfare of the Parish.

Baptisms.

"Thy vows are upon me."

- July 1st—Samuel George, son of Samuel George and Elizabeth McNeill.
 " " Ivy Emily Margaret, daughter of Richard and Margaret Best.
 " " William, son of Ephraim and Ellen Macaulay.
 " " Myrtle, daughter of Samuel James and Mary Loney.
 " " Mary, daughter of Joseph and Sarah Anne Mahaffy.
 " " William James, son of Robert and Mary Anne Dobbin.
 " " George, son of George and Mary Steenson.

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Marriages.

"God, our Home."

- July 18th—William Wilson, Lisniskey, to Rebecca Moffett, Gilford.
 " 21st—William James Fryers, Knocknamuckley, to Sarah Mary McKane, Hacknahay.
 " 29th—James McKerr, Annagh, to Sarah Anne Neill, Ballymacrandle.

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Burial.

"I give unto them Eternal Life."

- July 26—Sarah Jane Guy, Derryvore, aged 24 years.

Offertories during July.

Morning, £8 18s 4d; evening, £6 1s 4d; weekdays, 7s 1d.

Quarterly Church Attendance and Efficiency Cards.

FULL MARKS (65 POINTS).

Mary J. Best, Minnie Allen, Maggie Magee, Dinah McNally, Annie Best.

FIRST CLASS (55 POINTS AND OVER).

Emma Best, 64; Mary Best, 61; Jennie England, 61; Thomas H. Boyce, 58; Edith Haire, 57; Christina Flannigan, 56; Jennie Dawson, 55; Joseph Allen, 55.

SECOND CLASS (50 POINTS AND OVER)

Sophia Bradshaw, 54; Jemima Allen, 54; Mary Crawford, 53; Arthur Allen, 52; John Atkinson, 52; Emma Reid, 52; Mollie Cox, 51; Robt. Henry Wilson, 51; Florrie Templeton, 51; William H. Best, 50.

THIRD CLASS (45 POINTS AND OVER).

Jane Forde, 49; Samuel Roney, 49; George Watson, 49; James McKeown, 48; William J. McLoughlin, 47; Willie Cox, 47; Sarah Coulter, 46; Minnie Watson, 45; Willie Coulter, 45; Maggie Rainey, 45.

Our Day Schools.

Hacknahay School re-opens after the Summer holidays on Monday, August 7th, at 9-30 a.m., when a punctual attendance of all the pupils is requested. The new School cannot be opened for some time. Building operations will be necessary, and a great many details have to be settled. Mr. O'Riordan, the Chief Inspector under the National Board, has taken great trouble in connection with the School at Hacknahay, and the late Inspector, Mr. Worsley, whose death was so much regretted, also took infinite pains in making up his Report to the Board on Hacknahay School.

Seagoe School re-opens after the holidays on Monday, August 14th, at 9-30 a.m. The recent improvements which have been effected in the School have made it one of the healthiest and best equipped in the district. Further improvements are in contemplation, including the erection of a new class room and the insertion of a large window in the end wall of the Girls' School.

Parents are requested to see that their children attend punctually on the day when the School re-opens. An extra week's holiday has been given to the children this year owing to the King's Coronation. Two pupils of Seagoe School took first and second prizes in the Boys' Coronation Race, open to all Portadown boys under 14. The names of the prize-winners are:—Thos. Johnston, winner of the First Prize, and Jack Stoops, winner of the Second Prize.

Items.

The Rev. Manning Bennett, Rector of South Manchester, U.S.A., is anxious to know of any Seagoe people who emigrate to South Manchester, and will be glad to visit them and have them as worshippers in St. Mary's Church.

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We hear rumours of a revival of Seagoe Harriers this season. Our boys should get into training without delay.

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This has been the driest and hottest Summer on record.

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We regret to announce the serious illness of Mr. Atkinson Costello, of Carne. Several other parishioners have been seriously ill. Bessie Dawson is recovering from a severe attack of Rheumatic Fever.

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The Rector has returned from a holiday in the South of England.

A Parochial Soiree.

It has been suggested by the Ladies' Committee connected with Seagoe School Improvement Fund that a Parochial Soiree should be held. Tuesday, October 10th, has been fixed on as a provisional date. We hope it may be possible for our new Bishop (Right Rev. Dr. D'Arcy) to be present. Further particulars in our next issue.

Hymns For August.

8th Sun. aft. Trin., Morn.—	39, 630, 400, 357.
”	” Evg.— 48, 16, 461, 562, 17.
9th Sun. aft. Trin., Morn.—	9, 285, 249, 577.
”	” Evg.— 244, 11, 237, 318, 12.
10th Sun. aft. Trin., Morn.—	53, 310, 284, 335.
”	” Evg.— 346, 352, 44, 467, 332.
11th Sun. aft. Trin., Morn.—	2, 315, 300, 43.
”	” Evg.— 482, 550, 579, 631, 635.

Improvements in Seagoe Church.

During the month of August it is hoped to begin work on the new Heating Apparatus for the Church, so that everything may be in readiness when the cold weather comes to have the Church well and comfortably heated. The contract for the work has been given to the well-known firm of Messrs. Musgrave, Belfast, whose system of heating by narrow-bore pipes is known and approved of everywhere. A guarantee is given by the contractors that the Church will be sufficiently heated even in the coldest weather. The new system will mean a considerable saving each year. The present system of heating by hot air is very costly as regards consumption of coal—it requires nearly half a ton of coal to be consumed each Sunday if the Church is to be sufficiently heated. In the new system the fuel used is coke, and a much smaller quantity is needed to heat the furnace and the water in the pipes.

Old Seagoe Notes.

The Old Manor of Kernan.—An interesting bill has survived the ravages of time. It is an old poster of the year 1842, and gives some details regarding the constitution of the Court-Leet and Leet-Jury for the Manor at that date. The following are the names of the Leet-Jury and the method of their appointment:—

At a Court-Leet, held for this Manor, on Thursday, the 13th day of May, 1842, at the house of Mr.

James Tuft, situate at Drumnagoon, within said Manor, before Charles Hunt, Esq., J.P., Seneschal, the following Leet Jury were called and sworn, viz.: 1, Wilson Irwin; 2, David Ruddell; 3, James Tuft; 4, Thos. Malcolmson; 5, William Robinson; 6, John Harrison; 7, Samuel Ruddell; 8, John Ruddell; 9, John Gilpin; 10, Joseph Gibson; 11, John M'Cown; 12, John Malcolmson; 13, William Rush; 14, Robt. Calvert; 15, John Bullick; 16, John Walker; 17, Thos. Atkinson, 18, George Armstrong; 19, George Greer; 20, Francis Johnston; 21, Richard Best; 22, John Harrison; 23, William Medcalf.

Inspectors of Fences for Kernan.—The following is an interesting list of Townland Representatives in the Manor of Kernan in 1842:—

Kernon, John Walker (Clerk of the Church), John Bullick; Crossmacaghely, John Rusk, Robert Calvert, jun.; Moyraverty, William Twynam, George Green; Drumgor, John Russell, Edward Gragston; Balteagh, John Gilpin, John Best; Tamnaficarbet, Dawson Robinson, John Flood; Lisniskey, Leonard Wilson, John Malcolmson; Bocomra, Richard Best, David Best; Tamnafiglassan, John M'Keown, John Ruddell; Ballinacorr, David Ruddell, Wm. M'Kinstry; Karn, Edward M'Ilernan, Daniel M'Areavy; Lisnaminty, William Tuft, John Harrison; Drumnagoon, James Tufts, John Malcolmson; Clanrole, James Johnston, Robert Dilworth; Tarson, Thos. Atkinson, William Medcalf; Seagoe, John Woolsey, R. Metcalf; Lylo, John Harrison, W. Robinson; Knockmena, F. Johnston, C. Twynam; Knock, R. Wilson, W. Hunter, jun.

Fines for Trespass.—If Cattle, or Ducks, or Geese trespassed fines were levied on their owners. We add a list of fines:—

That Joseph Malcolmson be appointed Pound-keeper; and we present the sum of Fourpence, to be paid to the Pound-keeper, for every pounding of Horses, Black Cattle, Sheep, Pigs, or other animals.

That a sum of One Shilling be presented as a Grass Trespass, but not to be allowed in any case where it shall appear that the Fences of the party Impounding are insufficient—and in case the party impounding claim damages they are to be viewed by the Appraisers above-mentioned (of the Townland in which the damage shall occur), who shall each of them receive the sum of Tenpence from the party Trespassing—and if the said party shall require the Appraisers to swear to their Bill, then each of them so swearing before the Seneschal or Magistrate, shall be entitled to a Fee of Two Shillings and Sixpence. And we present that Half Trespass be awarded for any Cattle that break in off the highway, although gaps may be insufficient.

That a sum of One Penny per head, be presented for all Ducks, Geese, and Fowl found trespassing in the Manor.

That Mr. David Ruddell be appointed Inspector of Weights and Measures within this

Manor; and that a fine of Two Shillings and Sixpence be levied off any Person or Persons using false, deficient Weights or Measures.

We present a fine of One Pound, to be levied off any Person who shall bring Fire into any Turf Bog within this Manor, whereby any damage may be done.

Presentments made at Court-Leet.—The Presentments made at the Court-Leet are useful as giving us particulars regarding the ownership of land and the boundaries of farms some seventy years ago. The reference to the "Rails" is curious. People were as yet unused to the Railway.

We present the Road leading from the Old Moss Bridge to Crossmacaghely Bog to the "Rails," to be completed; and we appoint Mark M'Murry, and John Russell, Overseers, to get same completed.

The River Course from Gullery's holding in Clanrole to the Dam-head, to be scoured out; the expense to be borne by the parties through whose land it passes.

The River Course that divides Leggacurry and Drumgorr, at Williamson's Bridge, to the Dam-head, to be scoured out so as to carry off the water; Mr. Atkinson to get J. Munroe to join.

The Road leading from the Broad Road in Drumnagoon to James Bickett's cottier-houses, to be repaired by the parties using same; and we appoint James Bickett, Overseer, to get same done. This Road is about 20 perches.

The Road commencing at Thomas Wilson's, at the new Road in Lisniskey, to John Bulla's in same Townland, to be repaired by the parties using same; and we appoint Leonard Wilson, Overseer of same. A very bad Road.

How Seagoe School was Built.—The printed statement of accounts for the building of Seagoe School has recently come into our possession. The actual cost of building the School was £366 4s 8d; that sum was paid to the builder on July 10th, 1863, and an additional sum of £5 was incurred for flooring the School. The money was raised by means of bazaar and private subscriptions, which realised £309 0s 8d. A subscription of £10 was received from James Blacker, Esq., and a balance remained due to Archdeacon Saurin of £52 4s (d).

Repairing Seagoe Church, 1860.—Extensive repairs seem to have been carried out on Seagoe Church in 1860, entailing an expense of £47 2s 6d. A balance of £16 11s 1d was paid on the "New Bell." The sum of £4 10s was spent on Kneeling Boards. Two other items are interesting—"a bottle of blacking" at 10d, and "hat pins" 15s; of course the latter were pegs for hanging hats on. The collection at the opening service, after the renovation of the Church, amounted to £20 5s 8d. The statement of accounts is extremely neatly printed, and bears testimony to the good work done by the "Portadown News" more than half a century since.