

# Seagoe Parish Magazine.

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## SEAGOE HARVEST CAKE.

We are sure our readers will like to see the Seagoe Harvest Cake once again, and so we present them with a fine picture of it taken from a photograph by Messrs. Moffett of Bridge Street. The Cake measured  $2\frac{1}{2}$  feet in diameter, 1 ft. in depth, and  $7\frac{1}{2}$  ft. in circumference. The total weight was 103 lbs. On the top of it were written in coloured sugar lettering the names of the 28 Townlands of the Parish, and in the centre there was a picture of the Church with the name Seagoe in large letters. The Cake was surrounded by Harvest emblems of Corn, Fruit, and Flowers, It was baked by Messrs. Davison Bros., at the Alexandra Bakery, and in every way reflected much credit on that establishment. The Cake when on exhibition in Messrs. Davison's window attracted crowds of sightseers. The Cake should serve a useful purpose from a Parochial point of view. It will teach us the lesson of unity and the fact that the Church is the centre of spiritual life just as on the Cake the various townlands are grouped round the Church as a centre.

Postcards with pictures of the Cake as above, will be ready in a few days price 1d each. They will be

on sale at Mrs. Metcalfe's, Bridge Street. They will make appropriate Christmas Cards.

### ADVENT.

The season of Advent is with us again, bearing its message to every heart to prepare for the second coming of our Lord. We hope to mark it this year by a series of Missionary Addresses which will we trust kindle amongst us a more earnest desire to spread Christ's Kingdom throughout the world. The collections on next Sunday, December 1st, will be devoted to Foreign Missions both at Morning and Evening Prayer. We ask our people to give liberally to this best-of-all objects.

**Dec. 1st—1st Sunday in Advent.**—11-30 Morning Prayer and Holy Communion. Preacher—The Rector. Subject—"The Progress of Missions."

**7—Evening Prayer.** Preacher—Rev. Edward Hayden, LL.D., Curate of St. George's Church, Belfast. Subject, "The Claim of Missions."

**Dec. 8th—2nd Sunday in Advent.**—11-30 Morning Prayer and Litany. Preacher The Rev. W.

R. Crichton, B.A. Subject—"St. Andrew, Apostle and Missionary."

7—**Evening Prayer.** Preacher—Rev. T. W. Clarendon, B.D., Rector, Maralin. Subject—"The Martyr Bishop Patteson of Melanesia."

**Dec. 15th—3rd Sunday in Advent.**—8 a.m. Holy Communion. 11-30 Morning Prayer. Preacher—The Rector. Subject—"Early Irish Missionaries."

7—**Evening Prayer.** Preacher—The Ven. E. D. Atkinson, LL.B., Archdeacon of Dromore, Rector of Waringstown. Subject—"The Pan-Anglican Conference of 1908."

**Dec. 22nd—4th Sunday in Advent.**—11 30 Morning Prayer and Litany. Preacher—The Rector. Subject—"The Christmas Festival."

7 **Evening Prayer.** Preacher—Very Rev R. S. O'Loughlin, D.D., Dean of Dromore, Rector of Lurgan. Subject—"The World for Christ."

**Christmas Day.**—8 a.m. Holy Communion. 11-30 a.m. Morning Prayer and Holy Communion. Preacher—The Rector. Subject—"The Message of Christmas."

#### HARVEST THANKSGIVING AT SEAGOE.

The annual services of Thanksgiving for the Blessings of Harvest were held in Seagoe Parish Church on Thursday, November 7th, and Sunday, November 10th. The preacher at the service on Thursday evening was the Rev. T. G. G. Collins, B.D., Rector of Warrenpoint, who took as his subject "The Rainbow," and preached an eloquent sermon on the covenant mercies of God. On Sunday the special preacher was the Rev. F. M. Moeran, M.A., Rector of Cookstown. At morning prayer a most interesting description was given by the preacher of an Eastern harvest, and useful spiritual lessons were drawn from it. At the afternoon service the children of the various parish Sunday schools assembled in the church, and an address was given on "The Sower and the Seed." In the evening the preacher chose as his subject "The Harvest of Life." At all the services the church was crowded. The musical portions of the service reflected great credit on the talented and popular organist, Mr. T. H. Wilson. The anthem, "Praise the Lord O Jerusalem," was sung with much expression, the solo being taken by Miss Amy Walker, who sang with great taste and sweetness. The quartette was sung by Mrs. Stephenson, Miss Walker, and Messrs. Crookes and D. Murray. The church was prettily decorated with the emblems of the season. On Monday, 11th inst., a harvest tea was held in Seagoe schools. The large rooms were crowded with representatives from every townland in the parish. A feature of the entertainment was a large harvest cake, the first cut in which was made, at the request of the rector, by Mrs. Atkinson, of Eden Villa. A programme of music and selections on the gramophone followed. The cake, which was made at Mr John Davison's Bakery, was of fine quality, and did the utmost credit to that

well-known establishment. During the evening pleasant programme of music was performed by Miss Armstrong, Miss Amy Walker, and Messrs D. Murray, and Sam Currie. Mr. Smith delighted the audience with his gramophone. We owe our hearty thanks to our good friend Mr. Ruck, who presented a giant loaf for our Harvest Festival. On the invitation of the Rector Mrs. Ruck made the first cut in the loaf. Altogether our first Harvest Tea was a great success.

Harvest Thanksgiving Services have also been held at various centres through the Parish. At Carne Church Hall, a service was held on Sunday, November 17th, at 3-30. The room had been tastefully decorated and the words Harvest Thanksgiving were put up in large letters on the end wall surrounded with flowers and foliage. The congregations both on Sunday and Tuesday were large, and the services were most hearty. The special preacher on Sunday was the Rev. P. Marks, B.D., rector of Annaghmore, and on Tuesday Captain Gaskell spoke eloquently of Harvest Blessings. The collections were in aid of Carne Sunday School.

On Sunday, November 24th, Harvest Services were held in Drumgor Church Hall. The room was crowded. The decorations were very nice, the walls being quite covered with the fruits of Harvest. The service was read by the Rev. W. R. Crichton, assisted by Captain Gaskell, and the sermon on the 'Harvest of Life' was preached by the Rector. The services were continued on Monday 25th, when Captain Gaskell spoke on the subject of "Our Father." The offertories amounted to £1 18s 4d. We have to thank Miss Macoun, an old friend of Drumgor, for a kind subscription towards the Local Sunday Schools.

Both at Carne and Drumgor Mr. T. H. Wilson kindly assisted at the Harmonium.

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#### BAPTISMS.

"They brought young children to Christ."

Nov. 2nd—Lily, daughter of Leonard and Sarah Jane Mayes.

" " —John, son of Robert and Sarah McKerr.

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#### MARRIAGE.

"The Lord bless thee and keep thee."

Nov. 15th.—Robert Jones, Irish-St., Dungannon, to Margaret Jane Armstrong, Ardville, Stewart Avenue, Edenderry.

#### BURIALS.

"In sure and certain hope."

Nov. 10th—George Brown, Ballinacor, aged 78.

Nov. 26th—Sarah Jane McLaughlin, Levaghery, aged 78.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL QUESTIONS.**

**DECEMBER 8th.**

MORNING—Judges, i.—vi.—

1. What was the old name of Bethel? 2. Who was Othniel? 3. What judge was left handed? 4. Who was 'a mother in Israel'?

AFTERNOON—Husbandmen—S. Matt., xxi., 33—45—(Central Thought—God speaks to us)—1. Whom did the householder send last? 2. What was his fate? 3. Against whom was the Parable spoken? 4. Why was Christ not seized?

**DECEMBER 15th.**

MORNING—Judges, vii—ix.—

1. How was Gideon's army reduced? 2. What was Gideon's War-cry? 3. Who was Jether? 4. How was Abimelech killed?

AFTERNOON—Marriage—S. Matt., xxii., 1-14—(Central Thought—Do not let opportunities pass).—1. How was the king's invitation received? 2. How were the second messengers treated? 3. What sort of guests did the servants 'gather together'? 4. Who was cast out?

**DECEMBER 22nd.**

MORNING—Judges, x—xiv.—

1. Who had thirty sons? 2. How did the Gileadites know the Ephraimites? 3. Who was Manoah? 4. What was Samson's riddle?

AFTERNOON—Perseverance—S. Luke, xviii., 1-8—(Central Thought—Try Again).—1. What was the object of the Parable? 2. What was the character of the judge? 3. Why did he avenge the widow? 4. What did he say?

**DECEMBER 29th.**

MORNING—Judges, xv.—xviii.—

1. What does 'En-hakkore' mean? 2. Who was Delilah? 3. How did Samson die? 4. With what is Micah connected?

AFTERNOON—The Bridegroom—S. Matt. xxv., 1-13. (Central Thought—The Need of being Watchful).—1. What two classes are here described? 2. Wherein was the wisdom of the five? 3. How did they wait? 4. What answer did the Lord make to the foolish virgins?

**MENS' RECREATION ROOM.**

As we go to press we hear of important new developments. The Rector has secured the Wooden Hall on Carrickblacker Road, as a new Recreation Room. The fine Bagatelle Table and fittings are also being purchased from the Committee formerly in charge of the Wooden Hall so that we will now have a chance of offering the men of Edenderry opportunities of recreation which should enable them to pass pleasant hours together. The total cost entailed in the purchase of the Table and fittings of the Hall will amount to £20, and the Rector hopes that those who see the need of providing recreation for the men will assist him in raising that sum before January. Subscriptions will be acknowledged in our January number.

**SUSTENTATION FUND.**

There are three questions which our people should ask themselves when they are thinking how much they will give to this, the most important Fund in the Parish.

1. How much **can** I give?
2. How much **ought** I to give?
3. How much **will** I give?

Let Questions 1 and 2 decide Question 3 and we will see a large increase in the Fund this year.

**OFFERTORIES FOR NOVEMBER.**

"Of Thine own have we given Thee."

	Morning.			Evening.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Nov.. 3—23rd S. after Trinity	1	13	1½	0	11	0
" 10—24th "	"	3	15	0	3	1
" 17—25th "	"	1	0	9	0	13
" 24—S. next before Advent	1	0	3	0	10	8
Children's Service (Nov. 20th),				0	14	3
Church Army,				1	19	9
Harvest Service (Nov. 7th)				3	12	6
Week Days,				0	8	5
	£7	9	1½	£11	10	7

**GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.**

The G.F.S. session opened appropriately with a service in the Parish Church on Friday evg, November 15. The Rector preached on the text, "Consider the Lilies," urging those present to centre their thoughts upon the pure and white things of life.

We are glad to hear of renewed interest in the work of G.F.S. in the Parish. All work amongst girls should gather round the G.F.S. and our aim is to enlist the sympathy of every girl in the Parish on behalf of its excellent work. Miss Armstrong, of Eden Hall, has been appointed Branch Secretary, and we feel confident that her unflagging energy and enthusiasm will make the G.F.S. a splendid influence for good in the Parish. New associates are about to be enrolled, and we are glad to hear that the list of Honorary Associates has been greatly increased. The Society has centres at Edenderry, Hacknahay, Drumgor and Carne.

**A HAPPY CHRISTMAS!**

We wish all our Readers at Home or Abroad a very happy Christmas and bright New Year. We hope in the New Year to publish a list of Friends abroad who regularly receive the Parish Magazine, and we would recommend our Parishioners beginning with the New Year to purchase extra copies for their friends in America, and elsewhere.

**OUR JANUARY NUMBER.**

A beautiful coloured Picture, "Sweethearts" will be given away with the January number of this Magazine and a companion Picture "Sweethearts Still" may be had (price 3d), at Mrs. Metcalfe's early in January.

## OLD SEAGOE NOTES.

The contract with Messrs Collen Bros. for the restoration of Seagoe Church was signed on February 10th, 1890, and amounted to £2832. A period of eighteen months was allowed for the completion of the work.

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On Friday, April 11th, 1890, the Foundation-stone of the new Chancel was laid by the Baroness Von Stieglitz. There were 400 persons present. The day was one of the finest of the season, bright and warm

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The first signature of Archdeacon Saurin in the Seagoe Vestry Books was made on April 17th, 1873, and the following were present:—John Beatty, Curate, W. Blacker, John Wilson, and Robert Calvert (Churchwardens), Robert Mays, George McKaughley, Vestry Clerk, Tolerton Lutton, and John Magee.

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The last signature of Archdeacon Saurin in the Seagoe Vestry Books was made on April 29th, 1873, and the following were present:—Messrs. T. Armstrong, and Leonard Jennett (Churchwardens), Robt. Best, Joseph McCune, Wm. Dixon, Jas. Atkinson, Wm. Armstrong.

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The following is a description of the first church ever built in Seagoe. The framework consisted of studs or rude posts and the roof of rough beams covered with coarse thatch. The walls were formed by an interlacing of ropes of hay wound in and out through the studs, and over this both inside and out was a thick covering of yellow clay. The windows were merely small openings in the walls and without the protection of glass which at the time was not used for such purposes and was very expensive.

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Some of our older Parishioners remember the time when the singing in Seagoe Church was led by a flute played by Mr William Chace, who lived in Edenderry. The Clerk, Mr. Walker, also performed this duty from time to time.

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In Kernan on the farm owned by Mr. Collins there is a remarkable sand-bed which bears all appearance of having been formed at a very distant date by the action of water. The stones which mingle with the sand have evidently been swept down from a great distance by a flood. Flints and fragments of Basalt (Lava or molten stone) are frequently met with.

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The picture of the Rev. John Campbell, Rector of Seagoe, from 1689-1730, which the Rector recently obtained, has been carefully cleaned and renovated and the features are almost as clear as when first they were painted. It is hoped to insert a reproduction of the portrait in the Magazine at an early date.

## ITEMS.

There were 300 present at the Harvest Tea.

A special Certificate in the Vere Foster Writing Competition has been awarded to Annie Russell of Drumgor.

Four Lectures on "Temperance" are being delivered in Seagoe Day School this week by Mr E. Atkinson, Lecturer to the Irish Temperance League.

The Men's Bible Classes in Hacknahay, Carne, and Drumgor, are now at work each week, and are very successful.

A Christmas Shooting Competition with valuable prizes is being organised in connection with Seagoe Men's Recreation Room.

A most successful Shooting Competition took place in the Rooms last month. The Prize was a Melodeon kindly presented by Mr. Maxwell Stoops.

The new Bible Class Programmes for 1908 will shortly be issued.

Superintendents of Sunday Schools are requested to send in their annual returns at the earliest convenient date.

The Annual Collection for the Sustentation Fund is now taking place. We want many new subscribers and larger subscriptions from the old ones.

Yellow envelopes for 'The Earner's Fund' are now in circulation.

Some of our young people brought home pieces of Seagoe Cake to dream on! We are sure they had pleasant dreams.

Miss Armstrong is to read a paper on 'A Model Sunday School' at the Teachers' Meeting in Seagoe School on Monday at 8.

The widening of the road at Seagoe is a great improvement.

A Box will be placed in the Church Porch each Sunday. Drop your Sustentation Envelopes into it and save the Collectors trouble.

We hear that a grand Concert is to take place in Edenderry Parochial Hall on Monday, December 16th. Tickets now on sale 6d each.

A Christmas Party will be held at Hacknahay on Thursday, December 19th, at 7.30. Tickets 9d each.

Mr. Worsley, Government Inspector under the National Board, examined the Day School in November, and gave a most favourable report. Needlework and Music were characterised as excellent.