

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

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Christmas.



We wish all our readers a very Happy Christmas and every blessing in the New Year. With this number we close the fourth and most successful year of the

Seagoe Parish Magazine, which has done a great deal to bring together all friends of Seagoe, whether at home or abroad. We hope in the New Year to improve even on our past record.

Christmas Services.

On Christmas Day Holy Communion will be administered in the Parish Church at 8 a.m. and after the 11-30 a.m. service.

Christmas Carols will be sung by the Choir at the Sunday evening service preceding Christmas Day.

The collections on Christmas Day at all services will be in aid of Gifts of Clothing for the poor of the Parish.

Advent.

We are now passing through the Season of Advent, when the Church dwells upon the Second Coming of our Lord. It is a season of special prayer and preparation. On Wednesday evening, December 15th, the Rev. M. H. F. Collis, B.D., Rector of Antrim, will preach in the Parish Church on the subject of Advent.

Thanks.

We offer sincere thanks to Messrs. Moses M'Kerr and John Gordon for their gift of a Prayer Desk for use at the Sunday evening Services in the Hall at Tamnificarbet; also to Master Gilbert Price for the gift of a Kneeling Stool. We value these gifts all the more in that they were made by the donors. Who will present us with a large Bible and Prayer Book and Hymnal for use at the Services?

Offertories.

	Morning.		Evening	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Nov. 7th—22nd S. after Trinity	1	17 8	0	11 4
„ 14th—23rd S. after Trinity	1	3 5	0	13 7
„ 21st—S. next before Advent	1	1 9	0	10 10
„ 28th—Advent Sunday	1	7 8	0	12 0
Week Days			0	8 8
Total	£5	10 6	£2	16 5

Baptisms.

“They brought young children to Christ.”

- Oct. 31st—Ruby Harte, daughter of William and Sarah Ferguson.
 Nov. 6th—Eveline Jane, daughter of William and Mary Shanks.
 „ „ —Sarah Elizabeth, daughter of William James and Anna Maria M'Donnell.
 „ „ —Hannah Jane, daughter of George and Hannah Jane Magee.
 „ „ —David, son of John George and Margaret Thompson.
 „ „ —Edna Maud, daughter of George and Jane Anne Tate.
 „ „ —Emily, daughter of Thomas and Mary Jane Major.

Marriages.

“The Lord bless thee and keep thee.”

- Nov. 20th—Robert Henry Brown, Edenderry, to Mary Elizabeth Hewitt, Edenderry.

Death.

“In sure and certain hope.”

- Nov. 6th—John Rainey, Edenderry, aged 37 years.

Sustentation Fund.

The Annual Collection for the Sustentation Fund is now being made through the Parish.

We believe a really generous spirit is growing up among our people and that they are more willing than ever to give liberally to the support of the Church. The sum hitherto contributed by Church people in the Parish to the Sustentation Fund will, we are confident, be doubled this year. This can be done if our people will remember that it is a religious duty to give a fixed proportion of our means to the service of God. Under the Jewish dispensation it was a tithe or $\frac{1}{10}$ th part of the produce of field and flock, and certainly under the Christian dispensation it should not be less. We hope, also, that the sons and daughters of our households who are earning for themselves will subscribe to this Fund. A box is placed in the Church porch and any subscriptions placed in it with name, address, and amount will be acknowledged.

We hope also for the sake of the collectors that subscribers will have their subscriptions ready to hand to the collectors when they call and so save them the trouble of making another call. The Sustentation Fund Collectors do a splendid work for the Church and ought to be encouraged in every possible way.

Harvest Services.

The annual services of Harvest Thanksgiving were held in the Parish Church on Friday, October 29th, and on Sunday, October 31st. At all the services the congregations were very large. The decorations were much admired and notwithstanding the lateness of the season a quantity of beautiful flowers were forthcoming. The School children very kindly brought bunches of flowers which added much to the brightness of the Church, and many other kind friends sent gifts of flowers and fruit. Our special preacher on Friday was the Rev. T. J. M'Endoo, Rector of Dungannon, and on Sunday the Rev. Bedell Stanford, Rector of Holy Trinity Church, Belfast. The musical portions of the service were well rendered and the anthem was specially good, the solos being taken by Mrs. Stephenson and her sister and Mr. David Murray who acquitted themselves well. The offerings were liberal, and a true note of hearty thanksgiving to the Lord of the Harvest pervaded all the services.

District Harvest Services.

The custom which has grown up in recent years of holding Thanksgiving Services in the outlying Districts of the Parish has been much appreciated by the people. This year such services were held in Hacknahay, Drumgor, Carne, and Tamnificarbet.

HACKNAHAY.—The school was beautifully decorated and a very large gathering assembled both on Sunday, October 31st, and on Monday, November 1st. The preacher on Sunday was the Rev. B. Stanford, and on Monday the Rev. F. J. Halahan, Rector of Drumcree. Miss Wilson presided at the organ and had brought the choir to a high state of efficiency. A very pretty harvest anthem was sung, the solos being taken by Mr. and Miss Chambers. The collections were in aid of the local Sunday School.

A Harvest Service was held in DRUMGOR on Sunday, November 7th, and on the following Monday. The addresses were given by Mr. M'Kenzie and by the Rector. The Hall, which has recently been so much improved, was tastefully adorned with fruit and flowers. The congregations were very large. Mr. T. H. Wilson kindly presided at the Harmonium and the Hymn singing was very hearty. The people gave liberal offerings in aid of the local Sunday Schools.

On Sunday, November 14th, CARNE held its Harvest Services which were largely attended, and on Monday, 15th, the services were continued. A band of workers, under the supervision of Mr. David Murray, the popular and energetic superintendent of Carne Sunday School, had decorated the hall with good effect and there was a crowded congregation. The Rev. H. Gordon, Honorary Curate of St. Mary's Church, Belfast, preached the sermon, and on Monday evening our preacher was the Rev. W. H. Shire, Curate of Aghalee. The singing was congregational and hearty and the offerings liberal.

This year, for the first time, a Harvest Service was held in TAMNIFICARBET Hall. This is a new and most encouraging centre of Parochial life, and much interest was shown by the men of the District and others in the Services. The room was nicely decorated, but the best decoration of all was the overflowing congregation which joined in the Thanksgiving Services. Mr. M'Kenzie, who has given us so much kind help recently, preached the sermon on Sunday evening, November 21st, and the Rev. J. W. Johnston, Curate of Drumcree, on the Monday following. The services were very hearty and devout, and liberal offerings were given on behalf of the local Sunday Evening Services.

We trust the result of our round of Harvest Thanksgiving Services will be to instil into the hearts and minds of our people a real conviction of the truth, so often lost sight of, that the produce of the fields and the fruits of industry whether in factory, wareroom or office are gifts from the bounteous hand of our Heavenly Father.

Items.

The handsome new Parish Almanac is now on sale, price 1d. Copies at Mrs. Metcalfe's, Bridge Street, and through the Parish. Secure one at once.

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We hear rumours of a Sale of Work for the enlargement and heating of Edenderry Parochial Hall. The sooner it is done the better.

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We are dependent on outside accommodation for our Edenderry Bible Classes and Infant School. If two annexes were made to Edenderry Hall and Infant Class Rooms built at the mere it would be a great advantage. We also want a building which could accommodate 700 or 800 of our Parishioners. Such an enlarged Hall would suffice for this.

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We congratulate the Rev. R. D. Patterson, Lurgan, on his appointment to the Parish of Ardmore. The Moyntiagh's up to about 1750 formed part of this Parish.

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Those who have Missionary Boxes and Collecting Cards should make an effort to complete their collections without delay.

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Mr. Wolsey Atkinson and Mr. George Calvert have created a record by visiting the whole Parish in a fortnight on behalf of the R.P.S.

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Miss Wilson, of Hacknahay, has formed a Saturday Class for G.F.S. Candidates in Hacknahay School.

Mr. Willie Reid has returned safely to the United States after his brief visit to Seagoe.

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The Rector has received an interesting letter expressing good wishes for the Parish from Mrs. Wolseley, daughter of the Rev. Capel Wolseley.

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* * * The January number of this Magazine will contain a Coloured Presentation Plate.

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The Seagoe Harriers have arranged for a great Marathon Race, from Lurgan to Portadown, on December 27th.

We are glad they are not holding it on Christmas Day, which is a religious as well as a social Festival. The holding of great sporting events on such a day must distract the minds of our people from the religious observance of the day commemorating our Saviour's Birth.

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Seagoe is well represented on the Diocesan Lists this year. At the recent Synod Major Blacker and Mr. Wolsey Atkinson were elected Supplemental Members of the Diocesan Council, and the Rector's name appears in the Supplemental Lists of Council and General Synod.

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The programme of the School Concert will be well worth keeping. It is of a novel character.

Presentation.

On Friday evening, November 12th, in Edenderry Men's Recreation Rooms, a Presentation, consisting of a handsomely furnished dressing-case, was made to Mr. Ernest Holland on the eve of his departure for the United States. The Rector presided, and in a short speech expressed his regret at the fact that Mr. Holland was about to sever his connection with Seagoe Parish, and on behalf of those present and many others he wished Mr. Holland God-speed and much success in the land beyond the seas. Mr. Holland thanked all present for the handsome present they had given him. On Saturday, November 13th, a large number of Mr. Holland's friends assembled at the station to see him off.

Ernest Holland will be very much missed in Seagoe Parish. He was a regular member of the Men's Bible Class, acted as Magazine distributor in Levagherry and at all our Lantern Entertainments made an excellent Lanternist; for many years, also, he was Treasurer for the Men's Reading Room. His many friends wish him much prosperity, and we are confident that his steady application to duty, his loyal Churchmanship and his genial manner will make him as general a favourite in his new home as he was in Seagoe. Some of his friends in Portadown presented him with a handsome gold Albert chain and seal as a token of their regard and affection for him.

Sunday School Calendar for December.

Owing to a slight delay in the publication of the new Sunday School Calendar we give the lessons for Nov. 28th, Dec. 5th, and Dec 12th.

	MORNING.	AFTERNOON
Nov. 28th—	Text, 2 Cor. 1-20	St. Matt. xxv. 5, 6
	—Portion, Exod. 1.1-14	Rom. xiii. 11-14
	—Cat., "Rehearse," etc.	"Rehearse," etc.
	—Hymn, 70 vs. 1	65 vs. 1
Dec. 5th—	Text, Heb. xi. 23	St. Luke 1.76-77
	—Portion, Exod. ii. 1-10	St. Luke 1.5-25
	—Cat., Question on Creed	Question on Creed
	—Hymn, 70.2	65.2
Dec. 12th—	Text, John ii.17	St. Luke 1.46
	—Portion, Exod. ii. 11-22	St. Luke 1.26-38
	—Cat., Meaning of Creed	(Same as morning)
	—Hymn, 70.3	65.3

School Concert.

The School Concert will take place in Seagoe School on Thursday, December 9th. A splendid programme has been arranged. All the items will be performed by the pupils. Mr. Chambers and his assistants are indefatigable in their efforts, and the Concert promises even to surpass that of last year, which is saying a great deal. Tickets 1s and 6d. See Programmes, which will be issued immediately.

Temperance Mission.

Every where there are signs that a great Forward Movement is taking place in Temperance Work. Seagoe is falling into line with the rest. This week a most successful Temperance Mission is being held in the Parish, and at the various meetings a large number have signed the pledge. We hope to have a Thanksgiving Service in the Church on Sunday evening, December 5th. The Rev. F. J. Halahan, Rector of Drumcree, will preach, and we invite all who have recently signed the pledge to attend the Service.

Rectory Purchase Scheme.

At their meeting of 18th October the Select Vestry requested Messrs. George Calvert and W. B. Atkinson to call on every householder in the Parish to explain the Scheme.

These two Members have spent exactly a fortnight, day by day, in fulfilling this duty, and they are well satisfied with the result, the people seeming pleased at the prospect of the Rectory, etc., becoming the property of the Parish and willing to contribute the addition asked for the Sustentation Fund Subscriptions—some stating they would double their subscriptions, and they believe that many Parishioners who have not hitherto subscribed will now do so.

The Edenderry Parishioners will be visited in due time.

Band of Hope.**HACKNAHAY.**

This month we feel privileged in being able to draw our readers' attention to two meetings which have been held since our last report was submitted.

On Thursday evening, November 25th, the campaign was commenced in Hacknahay by holding a Service of Song entitled "The Little Captain." Space does not permit us to give it all the notice which it deserves, but we cannot refrain from expressing our admiration at the high standard of excellence attained and maintained by the children under Miss Wilson's tuition. All the pieces, some of them apparently difficult, were rendered with great taste and feeling, well calculated to impress the audience with the claims of Temperance. At the conclusion of the Service of Song, a short address was given by the Rector in which he strongly emphasized the misery caused by Intemperance, and appealed to those present to take an active part in promoting a much needed reformation of tastes and habits. Votes of thanks having been passed to Miss Wilson, Miss Dickson, the children who sang and Mr. M'Kittrick, who manipulated the Lantern, the Meeting was closed in the usual way. Some new names of those anxious to sign the pledge were taken as the audience passed out.

EDENDERRY.

On November 26th our second Meeting of the Session was held in Edenderry Parochial Hall at 7-30 o'clock. A pleasing feature of this gathering was the number of pledge cards which were given out—some twelve or more coming forward and openly taking their stand on the side of Temperance and against the use of strong drink. When these had received their cards and the Chairman had made some remarks on the binding and lasting character of the pledge, the programme proper was then proceeded with. Songs and recitations followed each other in rich profusion, and in every item those qualities necessary to produce a sober, prosperous, godly nation had due emphasis laid on them. Additional arguments were produced by Miss Armstrong who kindly consented to address the meeting. Tracing the origin and defining the object of the Band of Hope she entered a strong plea on behalf of Total Abstinence, giving powerful illustrations of the danger and risk of indulgence in alcoholic liquors. When the programme had come to a conclusion a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Miss Armstrong for her address, and to the following who kindly assisted:—M. Livingston, Louie Fox, Minnie Killow, Carrie Shanks, Minnie Shanks, Fanny Thompson, Bella Magee, D. Murray, David Livingston, Willie Cox, Charlie Killow, and to the boys and girls who took part in concerted pieces. The Meeting having been closed by the Chairman pronouncing the Benediction, new names were received from those desirous of being enrolled.

Our Friends Abroad.

Seagoe Magazine finds its way each month into all corners of the world. It has many readers in America, Australia and Africa.

We wish our friends abroad a very Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year. Their friends in the old Parish will be thinking of them at that festive time, and share with them in the universal rejoicings that mark that Season of Christian Peace and good will.

Baptism.

On Saturday, October 30th, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese (Rt. Rev. J. B. Crozier, D.D.) visited Seagoe Parish Church and baptized the infant son of Major and Mrs. Blacker. The Rector and Rev. W. R. Crichton assisted at the service. The child was baptized by the name Robert Stewart.

Old Seagoe Notes.

REV. JOHN CAMPBELL, 1687—1790.—We insert here some further interesting particulars regarding the Rev. J. Campbell, whose portrait appeared in the Magazine last month. Mr. C. H. Miller, Assistant Registrar of Trinity College, Dublin, kindly sends the following particulars:—Born in Dublin in the year 1647 he was the son of Mr. John Campbell and was educated by a Mr. Fleming, of Dullamain. On June 10th, 1663, at the age of sixteen he entered Trinity College as what is known as a "Pensioner." His college Tutor was M'Cormocke.

AN OLD LETTER.—The following interesting letter sent to us by the Rev. E. A. Myles, contains a reference to the Rev. J. Campbell. The letter was written by the Rev. Henry Jenney, who was Rector of Seagoe at the time that Mr. Campbell was Vicar of the Parish:—

SIR,—I am informed that in ye suit Mr. Terence O'Neill entertained you against Mr. Campbell or M'Rory, *alias* M'Rogers, you make me ye Party and make use of my name as such. Mr. O'Neill is a tenant of mine and must sue as such. I desire you to take notice when Mr. O'Neill's time in the farm of my tithes is out, Mr. Campbell, if I be alive, may expect to hear from me. The bearer, Mr. Andrew Parkes, is desirous to be Parish Clarke and English Schoolmaster in ye Parish of Tullylish, ye last clarke, Arthur Magill, being listed by Cornet Lambert and gone off. I am contented to nominate sd. Andrew Parkes with wh. be pleased to acquaint ye Vicar Gen^l and shew him this letter. It would be charity both in him and ye Regr. to be easy in ye fees to Parkes. Pray give my respects to them and accept ye same yerself, from Sr.

Yr. very humble servt.,

Oct. 30th, 1723.

HEN. JENNEY.

favour me with an answer.

To Mr. James M'Carmick Now in Dromore or in his absence to ye Regr. Mr. Dawson.