

SEAGOE PARISH MAGAZINE

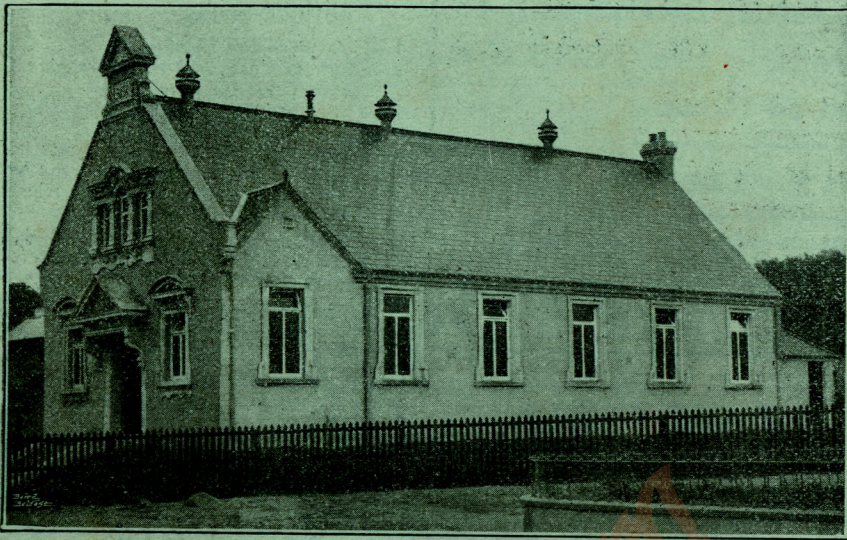


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EDENDERRY PAROCHIAL HALL.

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THE Parochial Hall, Edenderry, was erected in the year 1901. It is a handsome and commodious building. The Sunday Schools for Edenderry District of Seagoe Parish are held in it every Sunday, and during the week it is used for classes and Parish gatherings of various kinds. The ground on which the Hall was erected was the kind gift of a Parishioner. The Foundation Stone was laid on August 25th, 1900, and the Hall was opened for use on March 7th, 1901. A project is now on foot for the enlargement of the Hall owing to the development of Parish work in the District. Edenderry is the most populous centre in the Parish, and forms part of the town of Portadown. It contains a large Church population.

SERVICES.

HOLY COMMUNION.

1st Sunday of Month after Morning Prayer.

3rd Sunday, at 8 a.m., and on the Chief Festivals.

The Bishop holds his triennial Confirmation in the Parish this year.

HOLY BAPTISM.

1st Saturday of Month at 3 p.m., and during any Public Service in the Parish Church if notice be given. Two Sponsors, at least, are required at each Baptism. Sponsors should be Confirmed Members of the Church.

The Service of Churching is held before each Public Baptism.

MORNING PRAYER.

Sundays and Chief Festivals at 11-50.

EVENING PRAYER.

Sundays, at 7 p.m., in the Parish Church, and also Hacknahay, Drumgor and Tannificarbet.

Wednesdays, at 8 p.m., in the Parish Church.

CLASSES & SCHOOLS.

ADULT CLASSES.

Sundays, at 10 a.m.

Men—Recreation Rcms. Edenderry, Seagoe Orange Hall.

Women—Recreation Rooms, Edenderry.

Seagoe Parochial School.

Sunday, at 3.

Edenderry Parochial Hall.

Tuesdays (during Winter).

Men—Hacknahay, 7-50: Drumgor, 8;

Mondays—Carbet at 8

Women—The Girls' Friendly Society meets weekly, during Winter in Edenderry, Hacknahay, and Drumgor.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

10 a.m., in Edenderry Hall and Seagoe School Hall and Recreation Rooms (Infant's), 3 p.m.; Edenderry, Seagoe, Hacknahay, Carne, Levaghery and Drumgor 3-30 a.m.

DAY SCHOOL.

Seagoe National School, 9-30 a.m.

Principal:—Mr. S. R. CHAMBERS.

Hacknahay School, 9-30 a.m.

Principal:—Miss M. WILSON.

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A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU!

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

JANUARY, 1910.

Clergy :

REV. JAMES E. ARCHER, B.D., Rector, the Rectory, Seagoe.

REV. WALTER R. CRICHTON, B.A., Curate, Seagoe Villa.

N.B.—It is most important that in all cases of illness notice should be given to the Clergy of the Parish without delay.

Churchwardens :

MR. JAMES ALBIN, Rector's Churchwarden.

MR. JOHN G. GRACEY, People's Churchwarden.

Select Vestry :

WOLSEY R. ATKINSON,
GEORGE CALVERT,
JOHN MONTGOMERY,
T. J. MONTGOMERY,
ROBERT GRACEY,
T. E. MAGINNIS.

WILSON IRWIN,
THOMAS MARTIN,
MAJOR S. W. BLACKER,
T. J. ATKINSON,
J. H. STEVENSON,
JOSEPH MURRAY.

MR. W. R. ATKINSON, Secretary and Treasurer.

The New Year.

A NEW Year always brings with it new thoughts, new associations, and we trust, also new efforts towards Righteousness. It is a gift from God to His people, and if we use that gift aright we have, each of us, a splendid opportunity for a fresh step forward in our Christian course.

In the Parish there are many things to be thankful for. There is less sickness than for some years past, the trade depression which last year darkened many of our homes has passed away and a bright prosperity has cheered our hearts. The wonderful movement against Intemperance has proved an untold blessing, and it seems as if at last our people are awaking to the fact that the giant, Strong Drink, has been depriving them of Health and Wealth and Happiness. We pray that this Crusade may go on and flourish until the power of that great evil has been destroyed for ever.

In some departments of our Parish life we should like to see an improvement. The attendance at the early Celebrations should be very much larger than it is. That quiet morning hour with God might be a mighty stimulus to the Sunday School Teacher, or the Bible Class Member, or the Senior Sunday School boy or girl, or to the men and women in our midst who find the worry and anxiety of worldly affairs interfering between them and their dependance upon the Most High.

Our Sunday evening congregations should be much larger than they are. Comparatively few, even of those who live near the Church, think it worth their while to join with God's people in the Evening Worship. The solemn evening hour with God in His House of Prayer is the right way for the Christian to complete his Sabbath Worship. We hope during this year to hear of many families adopting the habit of Family Prayer. Forms suitable for the purpose may be had from the Rector.

Our Offertories are low considering the numbers in our congregations. Examine the amounts contributed each Sunday as recorded in the Magazine and give a little more liberally from what God has given to you.

We are still in need of more Sunday School Teachers, and we are anxious to raise the standard of Efficiency both in discipline and instruction in our Schools. A reserve of Teachers who would be prepared to fill vacancies among the Sunday School Teachers is much needed. We plead with parents that they will interest themselves more than they do in the work done for their children in the Sunday Schools. They should see that the children carefully prepare their lessons and should also examine their children's Church Attendance Card.

The Magazine.

We present our readers this month with a new cover containing a fine photograph of Edenderry Hall. The frame around the cover was designed for the Magazine by Miss Georgie Atkinson, of Eden Villa, and now an Art Scholar in the famous South Kensington School of Art. The sprig of flax on one side and of corn on the other remind us of the products of Seagoe Parish—farm produce and the Linen industry. A handsome coloured plate is also given with this number. The advertisements are newly arranged, and some have not appeared before. You can help our Magazine greatly by giving your custom to those who advertise in the Magazine. Almost everything required for household use may be found advertised in our columns, and the firms who advertise are the best in the town. Read the advertisements through carefully and you will find exactly what you want, good and cheap.

Many of the Parishioners are beginning to purchase a second copy of the Magazine each month to send to friends abroad. It is a good plan. Keep your own copies and get them bound at the end of the year.

Those of our Magazine Distributors who have not yet forwarded their Returns are asked to do so without delay.

Parish Fixtures.

- Jan. 7th, Friday—S. Sch Prize Distribution
 ,, 13th, Thursday ,, ,, at Hacknahay.
 ,, 17th, Monday ,, ,, at Edenderry Hall.
 ,, 20th, Thursday ,, ,, at Drumgor at 7-30
 ,, 21st, Friday ,, ,, at Levaghery at 7-30
 ,, 24th, Monday ,, ,, at Carne at 7-30
 ,, 18th, Tuesday—Choir Social.
 ,, 27th, Thursday—Public Lecture by Rev. G. G. Mervyn in Edenderry.
 Feb. 1st—Men's Social—Address by the Dean of Belfast at 7-30.
 ,, 3rd—Concert in Carne.
 ,, 8th—Girls' Bible Class Social.

BIBLE CLASS SOCIALS.

The Men's Social will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 1st, at 7-30. We have been fortunate in getting the Very Rev. J. J. Robinson, Dean of Belfast, to speak to the men on that occasion. The Dean is a prominent Churchman and an eloquent speaker. He has been a great Bible Class teacher all through his ministry. All the men's organisations in the Parish will receive invitations. The Tickets are complimentary.

The Social for the Girls' Bible Classes will take place on Shrove Tuesday, February 8th, at 7-30. An interesting programme is being arranged.

It is proposed to hold the Socials year about in Seagoe School and Edenderry Hall, and as they were held last year in Seagoe School they will this year be held in Edenderry Parochial Hall.

Church Attendance and Efficiency Cards.

FIRST CLASS (50 points and over).

Bella Magee, 65; William R. Holland, 65; Jennie England, 64; Sarah Dawson, 62; Bessie Dawson, 61; Arthur Allen, 60; Maggie Smith, 55; Maggie Bradshaw, 53; Sarah M'Cann, 52; Maggie Lewie, 51; Thomas England, 51.

SECOND CLASS (45 points and over).

Maggie Hawthorn, 49; Jack Stoops, 49; Thomas Smith, 48; Sissie Martin, 47; Sarah Coulter, 47; Hettie Wright, 46; Mary Crawford, 46; Maggie Rowney, 45.

Third Class (40 points and over).

Maggie Magee, 44; Minnie Allen, 44; William J. Wilson, 44; Ellen Matthews, 43; Jennie Dawson, 43; Alice Hawthorn, 43; James Shepherd, 43; Maria Coxie, 43; Teresa Ramsey, 42; Lilly M'Nally, 42; Mary J. Best, 42; Sam Magee, 42; Evelyn Trotter, 41; Joseph Wilson, 41; Mary J. Webb, 40.

Book Prizes have been awarded to Bella Magee and William R. Holland.

Parish Register for December.

Baptisms.

- “Lent to the Lord as long as he liveth.”
 Dec. 4th—Rebecca, daughter of Samuel and Rebecca Watters.
 ,, —Beatrice Maud, daughter of John and Margaret Curry.
 ,, —William Robert, son of William and Margretta Sherman.
 ,, —Issac David, son of William Joseph and Anne Watson.
 ,, —Olive, daughter of Samuel and Mary Gracey.
 ,, —Howard, son of David Alexander and Letitia Rock.
 ,, —Isaac, son of Robert and Amelia Donaldson.

Marriages.

- “Till Death us do part.”
 Dec. 4th—John Joseph Liggett, Edenderry, to Julia Webb, Edenderry.
 ,, 24th—Joseph Lavery, Tarson, to Alice Johnston, Portadown.

Burials.

- “It is appointed unto man once to die.”
 Dec. 4th—Judith Ewing, Kernan, aged 75 years.
 ,, 28th—James Albert Coulter, Ballinary, aged 11 months.
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 Jan. 4th—Thomas Henry Gilpin, Drumnagoon, aged 42 years.

Offertories.

“He giveth us life and breath and all things.”

	Morning.			Evening		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Dec. 5th—2nd S. in Advent	1	9	3	0	14	8
,, 12th—3rd S. in Advent	0	19	10	0	9	1
,, 19th—4th S. in Advent	0	17	4	0	10	0
,, 25th—Christmas Day	3	6	9	—	—	—
,, 26th—S. after Christmas Wednesdays	0	16	5	0	8	8
Total	£7	9	7	£2	13	11

Public Lecture.

The Rev. George G. Mervyn, M.A., Vicar of Ballymacarrett, Belfast, who has recently made a tour in the Holy Land, will give a Lecture on “A Visit to the Holy Land,” in Edenderry Parochial Hall, on Thursday, January 27th, at 8 o'clock. The Lecture, which promises to be most interesting, will be illustrated with Lantern Slides from photographs specially taken during Mr Mervyn's tour. The Proceeds of the Lecture will be in aid of the Sunday School Prize Funds. The price of the Tickets is Reserved 1/-, Unreserved 6d. All who are interested in the study of the Bible should attend this Lecture.

Items.

There were 74 Baptisms in Seagoe Church during 1909. Thirty-eight Girls were Baptised and Thirty-six Boys.

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We congratulate Mr Alfred Murray on his success in passing the recent B.A. Examination in Dublin University.

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The Monday night Bible Class for Men in Tamnificarbet Orange Hall has proved very successful.

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The new Labourers Cottages in the Parish are now all occupied. More are wanted.

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Thirty-five of the G.N.R. employes at Portadown station signed the Total Abstinence pledge last week. This is splendid, and we heartily congratulate them.

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The Butchers in Portadown sold more meat this Christmas than ever before. The wages that formerly went to swell the publicans profits are now finding their way into more useful channels.

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The Button men didn't break their pledges at Christmas, with the result that we had a better and happier Christmas in Portadown than we have had for a long time past.

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We regret that Mr. Wm. John Currie has severed his connection with Edenderry Hall, where he has acted as caretaker for the past six years. He always did his work well, and was very popular.

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Mr Wm. Flannigan has been appointed in Mr. Currie's place, and we are sure he will prove most efficient. Mr Flannigan has always proved a most useful helper in all Parish work.

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A new and improved form of Church Attendance Cards has been issued this year.

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The new Sunday School Calendar contains the Catechism Portions and Explanations printed in full.

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The Bible Class subject for this year is the Church Catechism with Bible Proofs.

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Mr. Thomas M'Crory has now completed five years attendance at the Edenderry Men's Bible Class without missing a single meeting of the class. This is a record.

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Captain J. J. Forsythe, of the Church Army, takes up work under the Rev. P. F. Stevens, in the Parish of Castle Donington, Leicester, this month.

Mr Ernest Holland has arrived in New York from Seagoe, and has been fortunate in obtaining an important post there in a large firm of Linen Merchants. He has just passed through his first experience of a New York blizzard.

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Christmas Carols were sung in the Church after Evening Prayer on the Sunday before Christmas.

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The Marathon Race on December 27th from Lurgan to Portadown was a great success. Sam Lee was the winner. He ran the total distance in 40 mins. 40 secs.

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Sam Currie was the first Seagoe man to reach the tape. He came in fourth.

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We hear of numerous junior Harrier Clubs being started. The Red Row Harriers have already begun running.

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Cookery Classes have been begun in Seagoe Day School. Miss Baillie is in charge, and much interest is being taken in them by the girls.

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Lent and Easter are early this year. February 9th is Ash Wednesday, and March 27th Easter Day.

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Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Wilson are kindly entertaining the Choir at a Social on Tuesday, January 18th, in Seagoe School.

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Mr Isaiah Shanks has won the Gold Medal for not having missed a meeting of the Edenderry Men's Bible Class for three consecutive years. We congratulate Mr Shanks on this coveted distinction which he has secured.

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We thank Mr Thomas Martin for the gift of a large Prayer Book for use in the Sunday evening services in Tamnificarbet Hall.

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A notable instance of business energy and success is furnished by the fact that the output of Tea from Messrs Montgomery's establishment in High Street, during 1909, totalled the large amount of 11,700 lbs.

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The reports of Hacknabay and Edenderry Prize Distributions are held over till next month.

Much regret has been expressed at the serious illness of Constable Mitten who is a great favourite in the Parish. His many friends will rejoice to hear that he is improving in health. We all wish him a complete and speedy recovery.

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All the Parish Almanacs have been sold.

School Concert.

The Concert given by the pupils of Seagoe National School took place on Thursday, December 9th. The large schoolrooms were crowded. At 7-30 the chair was taken by the Rector, who, after a few introductory remarks, announced the first item on the Programme a pianoforte solo by Mr S. R. Chambers, the Principal of the School. Every item on the programme was very good, and there was a wonderful variety, so that the interest of the audience was sustained to the end. The infants especially showed evidence of most careful training, and both in their action songs and drill won loud applause. The Ribbon Drill by the senior girls was very pretty, and the senior boys sang "The Model Policeman" with great spirit. In the interval between the first and second parts of the Programme the Chairman made reference to the prosperous condition of the School, and described the structural improvements which had recently been carried into effect. He also referred with satisfaction to the recent Government Inspection of the School, when the Inspector raised the standard of the School from 'Good' to 'Very Good.' At the close of the Concert a hearty vote of thanks was given to Mr Chambers and his assistants for the trouble they had taken in getting up the Concert. We believe that as a result of the Entertainment a substantial sum will be available for the further improvement of the School. The Programme for the Concert was of a novel kind, one side of it containing a photographic picture of the School with a note on its past history.

Old Seagoe Notes.

PORTADOWN IN 1820—An interesting old Directory for the County Armagh, dated 1820, kindly lent to us by Mrs. Johnston, of Beehcote, contains some interesting particulars about this neighbourhood. At that time the town of Portadown consisted of only 100 houses, the total population being 900. There was no R.I.C. force at that time in existence. The town was controlled by a Constable, James Halligan, and a sub-constable, John Houston. There were no less than 17 Publicans, about one to every 50 of the population. There were a good many "Huxters." Henry Atkins kept the Obins's Arms Hotel. Robert Dogherty was the Music Master, James Fowler was "tinman," Nanty Kelter and several others were hostlers, who changed the coachhorses when they came in from Enniskillen, Armagh, or Belfast. Mary Doyle was a "spinster," William Leigh, Henry

M. Saunderson, and Joseph H. Walker were Surgeons, John Simons was mealmonger, John Mulholland was boatman, the baker was James Nevill, the blacksmith was John Locke. John Cull sold hats, John Magennis cut leather, James Long made reeds, James Christy was the gunmaker, James Maguire was the town tailor. Christian Rogers was the washwoman. The only individual described as Esquire was Curran Woodhouse, Esq. The hairdresser was Wm. Lamb. Edward Connor made shoes for the people. The flourishing grain trade of the town was in the hands of "Curran Woodhouse, Esq." Messrs. John Atkinson, Thomas Shillington, William Overend, Roger Marley, etc. There was a good linen and yarn market held in the town every Saturday. In the year 1780 a wheat and general grain market was established by Major Obins and George Woodhouse, Esq., and in the year, 1819 the annual purchases in the market amounted to over 5,000 tons.

The Bridge had thirteen arches in 1819. In the reign of Charles I. there were only four houses in what was then called Portnedown. In 1631 the estate on which the town now stands was granted by Charles I. to John and Prudence Obins. The real growth of the town dates from 1800, when a number of handsome brick houses and extensive stores were added to the town.

GOBHAN AND THE CARPENTER.—Gobhan, who founded Seagoe Church, was a very clever builder. His fame had spread far and wide. One day when going through the country he came to a place where men were building a Church. Being very tired he sat down on a stone near and watched the men at work. As his clothing was ragged and torn they began to make fun of him.

"Arrah, where did you come from," said one. Another said, "Do you want a job." Another, "Did you ever learn a trade," "Perhaps you're a carpenter," said another, "Or a smith," shouted another. Gobhan got quite angry at their unkind remarks, but said nothing, and began to eat a bit of oaten cake he had with him. While he was eating the cake he saw one of the men trying in vain to fit in a wedge of wood under one of the roof beams. Gobhan felt his chance had come. "Give me a hatchet," he said. In a second he had cut out the plug, and then, to the bewilderment of the men, he threw up the plug to the roof right into the hole it was made for, and then flung up the hammer after it, which drove it into its proper place.

Then Gobhan stood and gazed at the astonished workmen, who stood speechless.

Gobhan took up again the morsel of oatecake, put on his hat, shouldered his big blackthorn stick, and proceeded on his journey.

When the men had recovered from their astonishment they gathered together to discuss the wonder they had seen, and all agreed that the ragged, tired man must be Gobhan, for there was no other man in Ireland who could do as he had done.