

# Seagoe Parish Magazine.

NOVEMBER, 1907.

## Clergy :

Rev. James E. Archer, B.D., Rector, The Rectory, Seagoe.

Rev. Walter R. Crichton, B.A., Curate, Seagoe Villa.  
(Cases of illness in the Parish should be notified to the Clergy without delay.)

## Churchwardens :

Major Stewart Blacker, J.P., Carrickblacker, Rector's Churchwarden,

Mr George Calvert, Breagh, People's Churchwarden.

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## THE HARVEST.

At this season of the year when God has once again fulfilled his gracious promise of the Harvest it is our duty to recognise His mercy and goodness in the gift. Let our Thanksgiving this year be more real and heartfelt than ever before. At our Harvest Thanksgiving Services in the Parish Church we would like to see every family in the Parish represented so that from every corner of each Townland a united voice of Praise and Thanksgiving might ascend to the Throne of God. This can only be done if all those who read these words will come themselves and strive to bring others with them, and the Services should be specially for Seagoe Parish folk. Others may come from other Parishes who do not usually worship with us, and we are glad to see them, but let all our people remember that the Services are to voice the Thanksgivings of this Parish for God's mercies. We will do our best to accommodate all our people within the walls of the Parish Church but as there is likely to be a very crowded gathering at each service, we would ask all who wish to obtain a place to come in good time.

The Hymns chosen will be such as all can heartily join in. The Harvest Anthem "Praise the Lord," has been carefully practised by our Choir, and its sweet and joyful music will help to tune our hearts aright. The special Preacher on Thursday, November 7th, at 8 o'clock, will be the Rev. T. G. G. Collins, B.D., Rector of Warrenpoint, and on Sunday, November 10th, the Rev. F. M. Moeran, M.A., Rector of Cookstown, will preach at both services. The Church will be decorated with Flowers and Fruit, and we will be glad to receive such gifts at the Church, between 10 and 12 on Wednesday, November 9th.

On Monday, November 11th, a Harvest Tea will be held in Seagoe Parochial Schools at 7-30 to which we cordially invite all our people. Part of our religion we must remember consists in friendly and social intercourse with one another, and on this occasion we shall have a splendid opportunity of meeting our fellow-Churchmen from all parts of the Parish. A feature of the evening will be a large Parish Cake to

which each Townland of the Parish is contributing. It will be decorated with the emblems of the Harvest and the name of each Townland will be worked into the sugar decorations, and in the centre there will be a representation of the Parish Church.

Tickets for the Harvest Tea at 6d each are now on sale through the Parish. No one under 16 will be admitted.

\* \* The attention of the Parishioners is specially directed to the object of the Offertories at the Harvest Services. They are to go towards the cost of the Renovation of the Church, and we expect liberal gifts so that we may be able to meet the considerable expense involved in the recent improvements.

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## CHURCH ATTENDANCE CARDS.

(THIRD QUARTER.)

The Returns for the quarter ending September 30th, are published below, but some of the cards from the outlying schools have not yet been sent in. We would like to see a larger number of names in the First Rank, and we hope our Senior Pupils will begin to attend the Services with greater regularity. Let us remember David's words, "My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the Courts of the Lord."

N.B.—Several cards have been handed in without names on them and therefore cannot be recorded. Will Superintendents please see that names are written in.

### Seagoe.

*Attended every Service.*—Boys.—Thos. England, Victor Walker, George Wilson.

Girls.—Jennie England, Maud Dickson.

*Missed one Service.*—Boys.—John Porter.

GOOD ATTENDANCE.—Boys.—J. D. England, David Porter.

Girls.—Teresa Ramsay, Annie White, Sarah Webb, Jane Webb, John Twinem.

### Edenderry,

*Attended every Service.*—Boys.—Alfred Richardson.

Girls.—Jemima Allen, Sarah Dawson, Alice Hawthorne, Bella Magee, Margaret Magee, Ethel Preston, Maggie Smith.

*Missed one Service.*—Boys.—Charles Montgomery.

Girls.—Minnie Atkinson, Maggie Brown, Bessie Dawson.

GOOD ATTENDANCE.—Boys.—John Dawson.

Girls.—Maggie Hawthorne, Annie Graham, Gerty Richardson, Jeannie Watson, Maggie Martin, Maria Rooney, Annie Smith, Maggie Ruddy, Sarah McDowell, Sarah Coulter.

### Levagherey.

*Attended every Service.*—

Girls.—Maggie Lewie.

GOOD ATTENDANCE.—Boys.—Bertram Holland.

Girls.—Minnie Lewie.

### Baptisms.

"They brought young children to Christ."

- Oct. 5th—Mary, daughter of William and Mary Anne McClatchey.  
 " " —William Robert, son of Robert Henry and Margaret Ann Best.  
 " " —Martha Jane, daughter of William Edward and Elizabeth McCann.

### Marriage.

"The Lord bless thee and keep thee"

- Oct. 9th—Robert Surplice, Annaloist, Shankhill Parish, to Annie Corkin, Moyraverty.

### Burials.

"In sure and certain hope."

- Oct. 7th—Hall Hewitt, Tamnificarbet, aged 77.  
 " 13th—Elizabeth McCann, Ardmore, aged 75.  
 " 30th—William J. Watson, Edenderry, aged 72.  
 " 31st—Julia Robinson, Dublin.

We notice in the list of those who have passed from our midst this month some names well-known in the Parish. Mr. Hall Hewitt had been in former years a very active worker in the cause of the Church, and in the critical days of Disestablishment did useful work in the Parish of Seagoe. His last illness was long and trying, but he was supported and strengthened by his faith in his Lord and Master. He was very highly respected by all his neighbours and friends. We offer our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Hewitt and her family in their bereavement. Mr. William J. Watson, who died suddenly on Sunday, October 27th, was well-known to many in the Parish especially in the Edenderry district, and was a staunch supporter of the Church. The Hymn Boards in the Parish Church and in Edenderry Hall were his thoughtful gifts, and the very last conversation we had ere he retired to the couch from which he never rose, was about his annual gifts to our Church Funds. He was a refined and courteous gentleman always anxious to further the welfare of those around him. His awfully sudden death should remind us that "In the midst of Life we are in Death," and that it is our solemn duty to "Watch, for in an hour that we think not, the Son of Man cometh."

As we go to press we learn with much regret of the death of Miss Julia Robinson (late of Lylo House.) The sad event took place in Dublin. We offer our heartfelt sympathy to her sisters, who have had to mourn the loss of two of their number within the short space of a few months.

### LECTURE.

Dr. Woollatt, Principal of the Technical Institute, has very kindly consented to give a Lecture on "Wireless Telegraphy," with Experiments and Lantern Views, to the members of the Men's Recreation Room, in the Parochial Hall, Edenderry, on Monday, November 4th, at 8 p.m. Admission—Members free. Non-members 3d each.

### OFFERTORIES FOR OCTOBER.

"Of Thine own have we given Thee."

	Morning.	Evening.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Oct. 6—19th S. after Trinity	0 11 0	
" " 13—20th "	0 4 2	0 6 0
" " 20—21st "	1 8 4	0 10 2
" " 27—22nd "	1 4 8	0 2 1½
" " Week-days	0 19 2	0 12 9
Church Army Offerings		0 7 9½
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### THE SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The monthly meeting for Superintendents and Teachers was held in Seagoe School, on Monday, October 28th, at 7-30. There was a fair attendance. The subject for the evening was a "Model Lesson on the Church Catechism," given by the Rector. With the aid of a Blackboard the essential features and structure of the Catechism were pointed out, and its leading divisions into paragraphs and sections were drawn on the Board. Hints as to the best methods of imparting instruction to the children were also given, and a short sketch of the origin and history of the Catechism followed. At the close a discussion took place as to the present condition of the Schools, and suggestions were made with regard to the Programme for the coming year. These meetings, are, we believe, very helpful to the Teachers, and we hope nothing will prevent them from attending.

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### Seagoe Men's Recreation Room.

On Tuesday, Oct. 15th, a Social for Men was held in the above rooms, at which we are glad to say there was a large gathering of the men of Edenderry and the district. After having done ample justice to the good things provided, and satisfied the demands of nature, an adjournment was made to an adjoining room and a short but interesting programme was performed.

The first item was an address by the Rev. James E. Archer, who presided, in which he emphasized the importance of the rooms, and expressed the hope that all the men in Edenderry would take advantage of them and become members.

Some interesting exhibits, kindly lent by Dr. Hadden, were shown, which gave us some idea of the insect world. Mr. S. Curry sang in fine style.

Our best thanks are due to Mr. Smith, who once more has contributed to our amusement by giving a display of the powers of his beautiful gramophone.

We also owe a debt of gratitude to Mr. Ardrie for being present at our meeting, and giving us proof positive of the advantage of "physical culture." A shooting competition for a mariner's compass followed, and after keen rivalry between some of our best shots was won by Mr. Ardrie.

### OLD SEAGOE NOTES.

There was a great demand for last month's Magazine containing Archdeacon Saurin's portrait. All the copies were sold within a week. Finer copies of the portrait suitable for framing are now on sale at Mrs. Metcalfe's, Bridge Street. Price 6d each.

Here is an interesting Tithe-Inventory or List of the Tithes which in old times were payable to the Rector of Seagoe. The List is taken from a Government Return made in the year 1740.

"There is a custom of ninepence for every cow that calves within the present year, instead of the Tythe of calves and milk; and fourpence halfpenny for every stripper cow (i.e., for one that calved the preceding year, and continues to give milk in the present), instead of the Tythe of milk; sixpence for every foal, instead of the Tythe of foals; one penny for every sheep, instead of the Tythe of wool; one penny for every lamb, instead of the Tythe of lambs; and sixpence by every family, instead of the Tythe of turf. Two-thirds of all of which are paid to the Rector, and one-third to the Vicar.

"Also: There is a custom of one penny for every kitchen-garden; fourpence for an offering at Easter; one shilling for every Trade; two shillings and sixpence for every marriage; one shilling and sixpence for the birth of every child; one shilling for the burial of every person who dies in the Parish; two shillings for the burial for any person brought from another Parish; and ten shillings for burying within the Church. All which are paid solely to the Vicar, and amount to nearly £50 yearly."

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Those who live in Kilvergan will like to hear something about what it was like so long ago a 1740:—"Another Townland called Kilvergan, about 1½ miles distant from Seagoe, lying on the low road from Seagoe Church to Lurgan, consisting of 180 acres arable, meadow, and pasture, besides about 20 acres of Turf bog. This is occupied by six tenants, who have all good farm-houses, and pay yearly £62. There is also on this Townland a Schoolhouse, the walls whereof are of mud, 40 ft. long and 14 feet wide in the clear, which, together with an acre of land inclosed, and liberty for cutting 100 cash of turf, is set rent free to the schoolmaster."

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### HACKNAHAY.

The annual Harvest Services were held in Hacknahay School, on Sunday afternoon, October 27th, at 4 o'clock. The room had been most tastefully decorated by the ladies of the district, and the display of flowers and fruit, was exceptionally fine. The Music was most capably rendered by a large Choir who had been trained by Miss Calvert. The solo in the Anthem was very nicely sung by Miss McMurray. The Rev. R. H. White, M.A., Curate of Holywood, Co. Down, was the special preacher and chose as his text the words "Our Father," from which he preached

an eloquent sermon. There was a liberal offering towards the local Sunday School Funds. On Tuesday, 29th inst., the Services were continued at 7-30, as on Sunday the room was densely crowded. The service was taken by the Rector, and the Rev. O. Scott, Rector of Gilford, preached from the words "Bless the Lord, O my soul." He spoke in touching terms of God's goodness in the Harvest and emphasised the duty of Thankfulness. The solo in the Harvest Hymn was well sung by Miss Neill.

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### SUNDAY SCHOOL QUESTIONS.

#### NOVEMBER 10th

MORNING—Idolatry—Judges xviii. 14-31.—(Central Thought), The Danger of a Bad Example. 1. Which Commandments did the Danites break? 2. Give the old name of Dan? 3. Mention two men named Jonathan? 4. Where was Laish?

AFTERNOON—Two Prayers—S. Luke xviii. 9-14.—(Central Thought), Our Prayers should be real. 1. To whom was the Parable spoken? 2. What was the Publican's attitude in Prayer? 3. On what did the Pharisee pride himself? 4. Why was the Publican justified?

#### NOVEMBER 17th.

MORNING—Joshua i-vii.—(Central Thought), God's fulfilment of His promises. 1. Who saved Joshua's spies? 2. What does Gilgal mean? 3. Describe the siege of Jericho? 4. What was Achan's Sin?

AFTERNOON—S. Matt. xxi. (Central Thought), We should not be proud. 1. To what is the Kingdom of Heaven likened? 2. What is the value of a Roman penny? 3. What answer was given to the Murmurers? 4. What wages did each receive?

#### NOVEMBER 24th.

MORNING—Joshua viii-xi.—(Central Thought), God helps us when we trust Him. 1. How was Ai taken? 2. Name the cities of the Gibeonites? 3. What does Jasher mean? 4. Where only were the Anakims left?

AFTERNOON—S. Luke xix. 11-27.—(Central Thought), Do your best with what you have. 1. Why was the Parable spoken? 2. Where was it spoken? 3. Who hated the nobleman? 4. What happened to his enemies?

#### DECEMBER 1st.

MORNING—Joshua xiv-xxiv.—(Central Thought)—1. What was Caleb's inheritance? 3. Who was Othniel? 3. Name the cities of refuge? 4. What do you know about "Ed"?

AFTERNOON—Subjects will be announced on Sunday, November 24th.

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### CHURCH ARMY VAN REPAIR FUND.

Subscriptions Received—Rev. G. H. Daunt, 5s; Per Rev. J. Taylor, £1; Rev. J. E. Archer, 5s; Rev. P. Bookey, 10s; Rev. Jos. Stewart, £1; Rev. O. Scott, 2/6; Mrs. Dickson, Drumnagoon, 2/6; Per Captain Gaskell, 7/6. Total £3 12s 6d.

## THE SUSTENTATION FUND.

During the months of November and December the annual collection for the Sustentation Fund will be made all through the Parish. When the Church of Ireland was a State Church and had large endowments to draw her income from, this Fund did not exist, but ever since Disestablishment the efficiency of the Church has largely depended on the way in which the Sustentation Fund in each Parish is supported. Here in Seagoe the Fund has always stood at a very low figure something between £100 and £130. This seems an unworthy sum to come from such a large, populous, and well-to-do Parish. Now we are anxious this year to have a substantial increase in the Fund and the way to accomplish this is not difficult. No less than 3 out of every 4 of those who subscribe to this Fund give only 2/6 as their subscription for the whole year. This is not as it should be. There are families earning large wages every week who could give four or five half-crowns without in any wise missing it. We appeal to such to help on the fund by a more liberal subscription. It is impossible that a large Parish like Seagoe could be efficiently worked on so small a Fund and there are many charges on Church property which can only be met by payments from the Fund. The Property of the Parish consists of the Parish Church, the Rectory, and no less than six schoolhouses (including Edenderry Hall). The mere cost of keeping these buildings in repair is a considerable item to say nothing of the necessity which exists in every progressive Parish of developing and extending the activities of the Church.

During the past year an improvement has been made in the collection for the Fund by instituting quarterly envelope collections in Edenderry District, and an "Earners' Fund" is being started, so that the younger members of the Church who are earning money in the factories and elsewhere may have an opportunity of subscribing.

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## G. F. S.

The opening meeting of the Girls' Friendly Society will be held in Edenderry Parochial Hall on Friday, November 15, at 8 o'clock. Addresses will be given by speakers on the various Branches of the G.F.S. work. Every member is expected to attend this united gathering. A programme of G.F.S. arrangements for the winter season is being drawn up by the Associates, and will be issued at this meeting.

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## TO FRIENDS ABROAD.

If you are interested in the Old Parish send on a subscription by return to the Sustentation Fund, and we will print your name in the Annual Report. You can send it either to the Rector or to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. W. R. Atkinson, Eden Villa, Portadown.

## NEW BIBLE CLASSES.

Bible Classes for Men will be held during the winter months as follows:—At Carne Church Hall, on Tuesdays, at 8 p.m., by Rev. W. R. Crichton. At Drumgor on Wednesdays at 8. At Hacknahay on Thursdays at 8 p.m., by the Rector. Fortnightly Bible Classes for Women and Girls will be held at the same centres (and at Levaghery Schools) at 8 p.m. Carne—Thursdays; Hacknahay—Tuesdays; Drumgor—Fridays; Levaghery—Mondays. The subjects of study will be (1) "The Book of the Acts of the Apostles, and (2) Dr. Pooler's History of the Church of Ireland."

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## ITEMS.

The Rev. W. R. Crichton has now taken up work among us and has been heartily welcomed wherever he has gone through the Parish.

Mr. John McMullan, of Drumgor, has received a handsome present of a Gold Albert with Medal attached and a Silver Matchbox, from his fellow-workers in the firm of Johnston Allen & Co., of Lurgan, on the conclusion of his term of apprenticeship.

The Rev. R. H. White, M.A., Curate of Holywood, preached in the Parish Church, on Sunday evening, October 27th.

The renovation of the interior of the Church has greatly brightened its appearance.

Mr. Ardrie has organised a class of young men for Sandow's Physical Culture System. They meet in the Parochial Hall every Tuesday at 8. Entrance Fee 6d, and 3d per Lesson. Young men should join at once. Tests of strength have been made each night and we congratulate Mr. Sam Curry on still taking the lead as the strongest member of the class.

Owing to the failure of the Gas supply the service on Wednesday, October 23rd, had to be held in the Schoolhouse by candle light.

We are glad to notice an increase in the congregations on Wednesday evenings. We hope all who possibly can will join with us in this hour of week-day worship.

The January number of our Magazine will contain several special features and a beautiful coloured picture.

The Parish Almanacs for 1908 are now ready and will be on sale (price 1d each) from November 15, at Mrs. Metcalfe's, and at all the outlying schools, Drumgor, Carne, Hacknahay, and Levaghery. They are limited in number, so secure your copy early.

A List of Special Preachers is being arranged for our Advent Services. Those who have Missionary Cards and Boxes should push on their collections without delay as Advent is the great Mission Season of the Church.