

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

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The Winter Session.



THE approach of Winter always brings with it the re-opening of classes and the multiplication of those Social Meetings which do so much to draw together the various districts of the Parish, and to cement that feeling of friendship and brotherhood which are so necessary to the well-being of every Parish. Several new departments of work are being opened up this year. A Communicants' Union is being organised to bind together in closer fellowship those who regularly attend Holy Communion. The recent Confirmation of a large number of our young people in the Parish seems to afford a natural opening for the formation of such Unions. Such an organisation ought to provide an opportunity not alone for deepening the spiritual life of our Communicants, but also for instructing them in the meaning and history of the service of Holy Communion. A Meeting will be held in Edenderry Parochial Hall on Thursday, November 10th, at 8 o'clock. The formation of a branch of the Men's Society is also a new feature in our work. There is a great need of some organised influence to bring into touch the various branches of work among men at present existing in the Parish. A notice regarding the C.I.M.S. will be found elsewhere in this issue.

A new Bible Class for Men is being opened in Bocombra District by Mr. James Twinem, on Tuesday, November 8th. The Class at Tannificarbet on Tuesday evenings is attended by large numbers of Men, and the Hacknahay Class on Thursdays is also very successful. The Drumgor Men's Class will open next week. The G.F.S. begins its work next week in various centres, and the Band of Hope has already had its opening meeting. May it be said of all these efforts "Not unto us O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy name give the Praise."

C.I.M.S.

On Thursday, November 17th, Captain Watson, Secretary of the C.E.M.S. the great English Men's Society, will hold a Conference in St. Mark's Parochial Hall, Carleton Street, at 9-30, to explain the rules of the Society and answer questions regarding its organisation. On the same evening a Public Meeting of Churchmen will be held in the same place at 8 o'clock at which Captain Watson will speak. The men of Seagoe Parish are invited to attend the evening meeting.

On Tuesday, November 22nd, a Public Meeting for Men will be held at 8 in Seagoe School in connection with the formation of a branch of the C.I.M.S. in the Parish.

Baptisms.

- "They were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea."
- Oct 1st—Anna Beatrice, daughter of John and Sarah Jane Weir.
" "—Thomas, son of Thomas and Anne Elizabeth Freeburn.
" "—Margaret Jane, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Sprint.
" "—Elizabeth Agnes, daughter of John and Elizabeth Wright.
" "—Lavinia, daughter of William John and Martha McCrory.
" "—Henry, son of Isaac James and Agnes Agatha Ellis.

Marriages.

- "Till death us do part."
- Oct. 11th.—Samuel McClure, Tannificarbet, to Elizabeth Mary Bedford, Seagoe.
Oct. 12th.—Thomas Grimley, Portadown, to Elizabeth Laverty, Edenderry.

Burials.

- "The last enemy that shall be destroyed is Death."
- Oct. 8th.—Matilda Best, Ballyhannon, aged 75 years.
" 21st.—Lawrence Mitten, R.I.C., Edenderry, aged 81 years.
" 28th.—Elizabeth Pentland, Garvaghy, aged 45 years.

Death of Constable Mitten.

It is with feelings of sincere regret that we announce this month the death of Lawrence Mitten, Constable R.I.C., who had for the past five years been stationed at Edenderry, and who during his residence in Seagoe Parish, had won the affectionate regard of all with whom he came in contact. We should like to speak of him first as a devout member of the Church of Ireland who never failed to attend his Parish Church, who knelt regularly at the Holy Table, and who in every possible way helped in the work of the Parish. We shall sadly miss him from our services and Church gatherings. But in the wider sphere of social life he had also won the esteem of all classes and creeds. His gentle manner, his bright smile, his boyish frankness, won all hearts and made him most popular, not only with his comrades in the R.I.C., but with the community in general. We had hoped that after his recovery from a serious illness some months ago he had many years of useful life before him, but a sudden relapse brought about a fatal result on Thursday, October 20th. His funeral from Lurgan on the following day was attended by a large gathering of the R.I.C. from Lurgan and Portadown. The interment took place at Ballyconnel, Co. Cavan,

his native place. We offer our sincerest sympathy with his aged father and with his other relatives. The noble christian example of Lawrence Mitten will be long cherished in the Parish of Seagoe.

We hope that it may be possible to have some permanent memorial of his worth in the Parish where he spent his last years. "The memory of the just is blessed."

Offertories during October.

	Morning.	Evening.
Oct. 2nd—19th S. aft. Trinity	£1 14 3	£0 5 10
„ 9th—20th S. aft. „	1 7 4	0 11 10
„ 16th—21st S. aft. „	1 3 5	0 12 11
„ 23rd—22nd S. aft. „	1 6 3	0 8 0
„ 30th—23rd S. after „	5 18 11	3 9 6
Week-Days		4 17 1
Total,	£11 10 2	£10 5 2

Church Attendance & Efficiency Cards.

FIRST CLASS (55 points and over).

Bella Magee, 63; Bessie Dawson, 62; Minnie Allen, 61; Maggie Magee, 61; Thos. England, 61; Jennie England, 60.

SECOND CLASS (50 points and over).

Sarah Dawson, 54; James McKeown, 54; Maggie Smith, 52; Jane Dawson, 50; Clara Holland, 50; Sophia Bradshaw, 50.

THIRD CLASS (45 points and over).

Maria Magee, 48; Mary J. Best, 47; Jos. Wilson, 47; Christina Flannigan, 46; Lizzie Cummings, 46; Mary J. Webb, 45; Thomas Boyce, 45.

Seagoe Churchyard.

A most important work has recently been carried out in connection with the Churchyard. The ground round the present Church has been carefully mapped out and all the grave plots accurately marked. A register has also been made of all the interments and a list drawn up of the names and addresses of the present owners of the plots. This work has been done as a preliminary step towards keeping the churchyard in a neater and more orderly condition than it has hitherto been kept. We would like to see the hallowed acre round the Church the best kept piece of ground in the whole parish. Why should not some of the trees be removed, the ground levelled, some evergreen shrubs put in, the grass kept carefully cut, and some flowers planted. The walks should have neat edges and be kept free from all weeds. We hope soon to see all this done. The place where the bodies of our dear ones rest should be the object of our special care. The Christian Church has in all ages regarded with the utmost reverence the places where the bodies of the dead are laid awaiting the Day of Resurrection.

Our Harvest Services.

The Harvest Thanksgiving Services this year both in the Parish Church and in the outlying Districts have been attended by very large numbers of worshippers. In fact we believe the Church was more crowded than we have ever seen it before. Not merely were the pews filled, but every available form from the Schools was brought over, and yet very many had to turn away unable to get into the Church. The Anthem "I will praise thee, O Lord" was splendidly sung by the choir. The solo was taken by Miss Amy Walker on the Thursday evening, and by Miss Neill, of Lisburn, on the Sunday at both services. It was sung with much finish and expression. Mrs. Stephenson (contralto), Mr. D. Murray (tenor), and Mr. D. Livingston (bass) joined the soloists in the quartette, and acquitted themselves excellently. The general opinion widely expressed was that the choir had never done its part better. Mr. T. H. Wilson is to be heartily congratulated on the efficiency of the Choir and his ability at the organ.

Canon Grierson, of Banbridge, is ever a welcome visitor to Seagoe. He preached on Thursday, and took for his subject "Gather up the Fragments." An innovation was made this year in the fact that the offerings at this service were given to Foreign Missions. This is as it should be, and we are glad to say 'the people offered willingly.' Our neighbour in Ardmore, the Rev. R. D. Patterson, came over to help us on the Sunday. He preached morning and evening, and also kindly spoke in the afternoon at Hacknabay. In the morning his subject was "Jeremiah's Vision of the Potter." In the afternoon he spoke on "Our Daily Bread," and at evening prayer he gave a telling address on "The Young Ruler." The collections at the offertory were on behalf of the Parochial Funds.

The decoration of the Parish Church was more complete and chaste than in former years. Willing hands reverently adorned with the beauty of tree and flower the Chancel, Choir, Pulpit, Lectern, Font, and Nave. Many sent offerings of Fruits and Flowers, for which we return hearty thanks. Two unique features in the decorations were the miniature corn stack at the base of the East Window, which was skilfully made in the first instance for the service at Carbet by Messrs. Robert and Gilbert Price, of Ballinacor, and the fine sheaves of corn which stood at each end of the Holy Table. This corn was grown from English seed sown in Carne by Mr. Ruck, of Peacefield, and he sent us his best sheaves for the decoration of the Chancel.

We should not omit to thank the Churchwardens, Messrs. Collins and Reid, for their indefatigable work in connection with the various Services.

The services at Tamnificarbet Orange Hall were held on Sunday, October 23rd, and Monday, October 24th. The Hall had been very prettily decorated, and the miniature corn stack was an

interesting object lesson in God's gift of the Harvest. Miss M. Dickson skilfully presided at the Harmonium, and the singing was most hearty. The Rector preached on "Harvest Mercies." The offerings were for the Harmonium Fund. On Monday the services were continued, and the building was again crowded. The preacher was the Rev. O. W. Scott, Rector of Gilford. We congratulate our energetic and loyal Church folk at Carbet on the success of these services. The District is one of the most promising in the Parish.

Hacknahay held its Harvest Thanksgiving on Sunday, October 30th, at 3-30, and on Monday, October 31st, at 8. The School looked very pretty, and one could scarcely understand how accommodation was found for the numbers who attended. The musical portion of the service was in the capable hands of Mr. S. R. Chambers. The choir sang the special Anthem "I will feed my flock" splendidly, and gave evidence of the careful training they had received. The sermon was preached by the Rev. R. D. Patterson, who spoke with eloquence and earnestness on the gift of the Harvest. The prayers were said by the Rector. The services on Monday were also attended by large numbers, and an address on the Harvest was given by the Rev. O. W. Scott, of Gilford. The offerings at both services were liberal, and were on behalf of the Hacknahay Day School Fund.

Band of Hope.

The opening meeting of the Session was held in Endererry Parochial Hall, on Friday, October 28th. On that occasion a slight departure from what has almost become an established custom was made. Instead of the usual dialogues and recitations, an effort was made to effect an entrance to the young minds by the "eye-gate" as well as the "ear-gate." To help in this the magic-lantern was called into use, and a number of slides illustrating "Scientific Truths and Temperance Stories" were shown. It is to be regretted more of the older members of the community do not attend the meetings. We hope that in the immediate future their parents and elder brothers and sisters will show their interest in temperance work by coming to all our gatherings.

Buried Townlands.

Some of our readers who can solve puzzles may enjoy trying to discover a buried townland of Seagoe Parish in each of the following sentences—

1. He keeps his car neat and trim.
2. I see some jolly Jack tars on board.
3. Give a louder knock, Sam.
4. Those who sail the sea go everywhere,
5. Slowly lower the window.
6. There's the tinker, Nan.
7. I hear a knock men, answer it.
8. There's a drum, go reach me my hat.

Seagoe National School.

ANNUAL PUPILS' CONCERT

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25th, 1910.

Items.

We congratulate Major Blacker on his election as a member of the Diocesan Council.

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A severe epidemic of Whooping Cough and Mumps has been prevalent in Hacknahay District during the past six weeks.

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The opening service of Seagoe G.F.S. will take place in the Church on Wednesday evening, November 9th, at 8. All Associates, Members, and Candidates are expected to be present.

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We regret to record the serious illness of Mr Wm. Best, the result of an accident. Although still very ill he is, we are glad to say, slowly recovering strength.

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Pretty stamp albums are being introduced into our Sunday Schools in connection with our Church Attendance Cards.

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A handsome headstone has been erected in Old Seagoe Graveyard to the memory of Wilson Guy, whose sad death by drowning took place last April. He was very popular with all his shipmates on the Navy, and the men of H.M.S. "Black Prince" have thus perpetuated his memory.

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Christina Anderson, Lizzie Beckett, and Anna McLoughlin, have won special Certificates for writing at a competition held in Dublin, and open to pupils of all National Schools. We congratulate Mr Mawhinney, Principal of Balteagh School, on the success of his pupils.

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The new Sunday School Calendar will be issued shortly. It will come into use on Advent Sunday, November 27th.

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The new Seagoe Almanac for 1911 is now on sale at Mrs Metcalfe's shop, near Anchor Cafe, Bridge Street. It is extremely pretty. We want to see a copy of it on the walls of every house in Seagoe Parish. Price One Penny.

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Distributors should leave all unsold Magazines at Mrs Metcalfe's without delay each month. If they are kept over they are a dead loss.

We sometimes hear complaints that the Magazine Distributors in certain Districts cannot get in the pennies for the Magazines which they have left at the houses. It will not be possible in such cases for the Distributors to leave Magazines as there is a scarcity of copies.

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We hear rumours of a grand Parochial Soiree to be held in Seagoe School early in December.

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Remember Carne Harvest Service at 3-30 on Sunday, November 6th, and on Monday, November 7th, at 8. Drumgor Harvest Service on Sunday, November 13th, at 7. Preacher, Mr Jas. Mackenzie, of All Saints Church, Belfast, and on Monday, November 14th, at 8, Preacher, Rev. W. B. Allmann, B.A., Rector of Milltown.

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The Rector has lately received several letters from former residents in the Parish now living at a distance desiring to become subscribers to the Parish Magazine.

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The Diocesan Synod met in Belfast on last Thursday. Seagoe sends 4 lay representatives to it.

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Miss Armstrong has been enjoying a holiday at Donaghadee, Co. Down.

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The Edenderry Football Team are giving a good account of themselves each Saturday. R. T. Montgomery's Physical Culture Class is producing splendid results. What has become of the Seagoe Harriers? The hedges are in fine order, but we see none of our young fellows trying to clear them.

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We are sorry to lose Harry Jeffers, Secretary of Seagoe Harriers. He has gone to seek his fortune in the States. We hear he intends to apply his ability and energy to Aviation.

Old Seagoe Notes.

Wolves in Seagoe.—It is hard to believe that there were ever wolves roaming wild in Seagoe Parish, but it is not so very long since the Irish wolf became extinct and strange to say it was in the neighbourhood of Seagoe Parish that the last wolf in Ireland was killed. This occurred in the year 1699 on the outskirts of Waringstown, which at that time adjoined Seagoe Parish. The late Dean Waring, who died in 1850, (grandfather of the late Col. Thomas Waring, M.P.) used to relate how a foal belonging to his uncle was in 1699 killed by a wolf, which itself paid the penalty of its life, and is supposed to have been the last wolf seen in Ireland.

Spades and Shovels.—In old days the Select Vestry of Seagoe used to provide spades and shovels with which the people dug the graves in the old Churchyard. We gather this from the following entry:—

At a Vestry holden in ye Parish Church of Segoe, on ye 26th day of December, 1700. It was then enacted by ye Minister, Churchwardens, and Parishioners then present, that ye sum of two pounds sterling, be apportioned on, and levied of ye sd. Parish (viz.) for 80 Badges for ye Poor of ye sd. Parish, and for two ladders for ye use of ye Church of ye sd. Prsh, and for a Shovell and a Spade for ye making of graves for ye use of ye parishioners of ye Parish.

Memorandum shows provided a good shod spade and shovell for the use of the Parishioners to make graves with, all which cost five shillings.

English and Irish in Seagoe.—In the year 1723 there is an interesting list of recipients of Parish help. It is written in two columns, one headed "English," and the other "Irish." Apparently at that period Irish was still in this district a spoken language, and the distinction between English settlers and the native born Irish parishioners was still observed. Owen O'Ferren is the first name in the Irish list and he was apparently very anxious to get his full share of the funds, for there is written in large letters at the foot of the page "Owen O'Ferren wants his shear" (share). Margaret Jones is the first name on the list of "English." The sum given to each recipient seems to have been 9d a month. There were about 28 English and the same number of Irish on the list.

An Old Parish Clerk.—Woolsey Smurphett was for many years Vestry Clerk and Parish Clerk of Seagoe. The entries of his Baptism and Marriage are as follows:—

Woolsey, son of Richard Smurphett, and Mary his wife, was baptized February ye 14th, 1679. Woolsey Smurphett of ye Parish of Segoe, and Mary Slone of ye Parish of Donaghlonney, were married in ye Parish Church of Donaghlonney, February the 14th, in 1709th year of Christ.

He was married on the anniversary of his Baptism.

List of Churchwardens (CONTINUED):—

- 1721—David Geddis of Turmoynra.
Francis Greenaway, of Upper Segoe.
- 1722—Henry Black, of Ballymacranell.
Thomas Scott, of Levaghary.
- 1723—William Smurphett, of Clanroll.
Josias Geddis, of Kilvergan.
- 1724—Robert Wilson, of Bocomra.
George Ruddell, of Ballynecor.
- 1725—John Robinson, of Lower Segoe (Rector's).
Mr Meredith Workman, of Killecomaine,
(People's)
- 1726—John Gilpen, of Tanefeglassony.
Robert Dillworth, of Balteagh.