

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

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AN EXHIBITION of the Antiquities of Seagoe will be held in Edenderry Parochial Hall on Friday, December 1st. Opening Ceremony at 3 p.m. Admission from 3 to 6 One Shilling, and from 7 to 10 Sixpence. Afternoon Tea (6d each) from 3 to 6.

N.B.—This Exhibition will provide a unique opportunity for seeing the many interesting Antiquities belonging to Seagoe Parish and its neighbourhood. By kind permission of Major S. W. Blacker the Carrickblacker relics of King William's Irish Campaign will be on view, viz., the Saddle-cloth, Gloves, and Stirrups used by King William at the Battle of the Boyne. Short descriptive Lectures will be given at intervals on the objects exhibited.

We are anxious to make this Exhibition as complete as possible, and with that object in view we invite all those who possess interesting relics of the past illustrating the history of the neighbourhood to kindly assist by lending them. The Rector will be glad to hear of any such objects, and every care will be taken that they will not be injured in any way. There will be a special exhibit of Old Seagoe Yeomanry relics, such as guns, roll-books, etc. Perhaps some of our readers possess portions of the Yeomanry uniform, and these would be of special interest. Old implements connected with hand-loom weaving would also be of much interest.

The Bishop's Visit.

UNVEILING OF THE DAWSON MEMORIAL.

On Tuesday, Oct. 10th, the Lord Bishop (Right Rev. C. F. D'Arcy, D.D.), visited the Parish. Arriving at Portadown at 3 o'clock, he drove in Major Blacker's motor to the Church. The service began at 3-30. It consisted of Ps. 138, followed by versicles and collects. The Bishop then unveiled the handsome Tablet erected by Dr. and the Misses Dawson. In a short but eloquent address the Bishop spoke of the worth of the late Dean, and the noble work which he accomplished in the Parish and Diocese. Hymn 245—"In trouble and in grief, O God,"—which was the favourite hymn of Dean Dawson—was then sung and the service concluded with the Benediction pronounced by the Bishop. Among those present were Dr. and Mrs. Dawson, Mr. J. H. and Miss Macoun, Mrs. Wade and Mrs. D'Arcy. A considerable number of the Parishioners were also present.

THE SOCIAL.

In the evening at 7-30, a Parish Social was held in Seagoe School. The School-rooms were crowded with representatives from all the townlands. Twenty-four ladies had undertaken at their own expense to provide for the guests, and they certainly treated them well. Very pretty decorations added greatly to the appearance of the rooms, and the graceful plants and fragrant flowers lent a charm and freshness to the scene. The Bishop reached the School at 8, and enjoyed a social cup of tea with the rest. After tea, the Rector took the chair, and in a short speech welcomed the Bishop to Seagoe. An address was then read on behalf of the Select Vestry and Parishioners by Mr. Wolsey Atkinson, expressing their pleasure at the Bishop's visit to the Parish. The Bishop in reply said that he was glad to visit the Parish, and im-

pressed on all present the duty of work for God, illustrating his remarks by a reference to the life and work of General Gordon, the Christian hero. After the Bishop had spoken, an excellent programme of music and recitations was given. The following contributed items—Rev. R. S. Morrison, Curate of St. Mark's, Portadown; Miss Graham, the Misses Walker, Miss Espie, and Messrs. Vaughan, Murray, and Chambers. At the close of the meeting, a hearty vote of thanks to all who had kindly helped, was proposed by the Rev. John Taylor (a former Curate of Seagoe), and seconded by Dr. Dawson, son of the late Dean Dawson. The proceedings were brought to a close by the singing of the Doxology, and the Benediction given by the Bishop. The Rev. A. J. Murray, Curate of St. Nicholas', Belfast, was present during the evening.

The proceeds of the social will realise about £12 clear. Already a sum of £10 6s 6d has been lodged in the bank to the credit of Seagoe School Improvement Fund. We desire here to express our sincere gratitude to all who assisted at the Social. Everyone seemed animated with the single desire to make it a success, and we believe all who had the privilege of being present, will acknowledge that it was one of the pleasantest and most successful parish gatherings ever held in Seagoe.

Letter from the Rev. W. T. Grey.

The following interesting letter has been received from Mr. Grey:—

S.S. "Runic," near Cape Town,
October 2nd, 1911.

To-morrow morning we expect to reach Cape Town, exactly three weeks after leaving Liverpool. Though sailing under emigration laws this ship is

not really an emigrant ship at all. There are about 400 passengers on board, and the great majority of them are quite nice people. The food is fairly good, and pretty well served, so you see I am not at all as uncomfortable as I thought I should have been. Three weeks at sea without making a single stop is a bit monotonous, and everyone is looking forward to getting a run on shore to-morrow. Of course there is a good deal going on in the way of amusement. Every day sports and games, competitions, etc., are held on deck, and in the evening there is usually a concert or something of that sort. One evening we had a fancy dress ball, another evening a theatrical company we have on board gave us a splendid entertainment. Nine days ago we crossed the line, and in connection with that King Neptune and his court came on board, and held the time honoured ceremonies. I offered myself as a "victim," and in company with several others was duly "ducked" in the tank, but I was treated with much more consideration than most of the others, who had their faces lathered with some sort of white concoction, medicine poured down the legs of their trousers, and various other indignities. For eight days prior to crossing the line the weather was distressingly hot, but since then it has cooled down, and now is like summer in England. During the last week or so numbers of whales have come "spouting" round the ship, and have caused much interest. I am much interested in the new star fields, although the southern sky is not so rich in constellations as the sky of the Northern Hemisphere (noticeable constellations that is to say), but the Southern Cross is beautiful, and just above it are two glorious stars in line called the "Pointers." It is nice to think of those two stars bearing a perpetual witness in the heavens by pointing towards the sign of our Redemption flaming in the southern sky. Sunday is pretty well observed on board. The ship's company do not allow games, and give due facilities for services. The Holy Communion is celebrated every Sunday at 7-45, Matins and Sermon at 10-30, and there is a service by the Nonconformists in the evening.

By the way I had a pleasant surprise in receiving, when the ship was two days out at sea, a wireless message from the Rector wishing me *bon voyage* in the name of the people of Seagoe.

I don't think there is anything more to say, so I must come to an end.

Yours very sincerely,

W. T. GREY.

The Ventilation of the Church.

Messrs. Musgrave have sent in an estimate for the ventilation of the Church, which will shortly be considered by the Select Vestry.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following subscriptions towards this important object—Rev. Canon Blacker, £8; Major Stewart Blacker, J.P. £2.

Parish Register.

Baptisms.

"Even a child is known by his doings."

- Oct. 7th—William James, son of Valentine and Amelia Anna Carvill.
 " " Sarah, daughter of William and Rebecca Gracey.
 Oct. 30th—Edmond, son of James and Anne Freeburn (Private Baptism).

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Marriages.

"Love is of God."

- Oct. 1st—Thomas James Smyth, of Portadown, to Sarah Emma Rainey of Edenderry.
 Nov. 3rd—Thomas Haddock, of Kernan, to Mary Jane M'Coo, of Portadown.

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Burials.

"Till the day break."

- Oct. 3rd—Margaret M'Kee, Kernan, aged 7 years.
 " 6th—Anne Kerr, Edenderry, aged 13 months.
 " 8th—Mary Mahaffy, Edenderry, aged 7 months.
 " 14th—Robert Wright, Breagh, aged 73.
 " 25th—Margaret J. Hamilton, Belfast, aged 25.

Offertories in Parish Church for October.

Sunday Mornings, £10 13s 4d; Evenings, £4 7s 9d
 Week-days, £3 13s 0d.

The Harvest Services.

At all the centres where Harvest Services were held in the Parish large congregations gathered, and in most cases quite exceeded the capacity of the local halls and schools. The Services in **Carne Church** Hall were held on Sunday, Oct. 8th, and on Monday, Oct. 9th. The Hall was profusely and tastefully decorated with fruit and flowers. The Rev. F. J. Halahan, Rector of Drumcree, preached on Sunday afternoon, and on Monday, Rev. W. R. Crichton gave an address. The singing was very hearty. Mr. T. H. Wilson kindly presided at the harmonium.

On Sunday, Oct. 15th, the parishioners in **Drumgor** and neighbourhood held their Festival Service. The decorations had quite transformed the Hall. The Rector preached to a crowded congregation. Mr. Houston kindly presided at the harmonium. On the following evening the services were continued, and an address on "Harvest Mercies" was given by the Rev. F. Cole, Curate of Maralin.

Tamnificarbet Hall was densely crowded on the occasion of the Harvest Services held there on Sunday, Oct. 22nd, and Monday, Oct. 23rd. The preacher at the service on Sunday evening was the Rev. W. F. Shire, Curate of Aghalee. Miss M. Dickson, the organist at the Hall services, had arranged the music, which was well sung. On Monday evg.

the Rector preached, and a collection was made on behalf of Foreign Missions.

An innovation this year was the Festival Service in **Edenderry** Parochial Hall on the afternoon of Sunday, Oct. 22nd. Great taste was shown in the decorations, and the Hall looked very pretty. The Rector was the preacher, and in the course of his remarks, referred to the importance of the work in Edenderry district, and the need of its further development. On Monday, Oct. 23rd, a Harvest Service was also held, and the Rev. H. Gordon, Hon. Curate of St. Mary's Parish, Belfast, preached the sermon.

THE PARISH CHURCH.

The Services in the Parish Church were held on Thursday, Oct. 26th, and on Sunday, Oct. 29th. The Church had been very skilfully and prettily decorated. The old font was especially noticeable with its cloak of moss, brightened by hanging chains of bright red berries. A fine display of pure white blossoms adorned the Holy Table, while the broad base of the east window was filled with a splendid group of autumn flowers and fruit. The pulpit and choir stalls looked very bright in their framework of tinted leaves and blossoms.

Altogether the effect produced by the decoration was extremely fine, and we thank very heartily all who helped in the work, and also the many who sent material for the decorations.

The Rev. Dr. Walker was the special preacher on Thursday, and on Sunday our old friend and fellow-townsmen, Canon Kernan, Rector of Hillsborough, preached at all services. In the afternoon a Children's Harvest Service was held and was well attended. The musical part of the services was as usual excellently rendered. The singing was marked by precision and heartiness of expression. The Anthem from Psalm civ. gave evidence of the careful training of the choir by Mr. T. H. Wilson, the organist. Miss M. Dickson sang the solo with much sweetness and skill. It speaks well for Seagoe choir that among its members can be found a soloist capable of taking a difficult part with so much success.

The offerings at all the services were liberal, although the numbers who attended the services in the Parish Church were smaller than usual, owing to the inclemency of the weather.

HARVEST OFFERTORIES:—

Hacknahay	Total, £3 18 6
Carne	Sunday, £1 3 3	Monday, 0 11 9	
Drumgor	" 1 5 10½	" 0 10 0	
Tamnificarbet	" 0 18 0	" 0 10 0	
Edenderry	" 2 5 2	" 0 16 10	
Parish Church, Thursday,	3 3 5		
" " Sunday,	5 1 6	2 1 10	
£13 17 2½			£8 8 11
Full Total, £22 6 1½			

Items.

A little black chicken has made great friends with the children in Seagoe School, and may be seen each day during school hours gathering up crumbs of bread, while the children are gathering up crumbs of knowledge.

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Commander Dawson, R.N., brother of our late Rector, died at Genoa, in Italy, on Monday, Oct. 16th, at the age of 80. He was a great worker in the cause of Missions to Seamen. Long and appreciative notices of his life have appeared in the English Church papers.

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The Primate visited Portadown, on Sunday, Oct. 22nd, and preached in St. Mark's Church.

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The sale of the fittings belonging to the old heating apparatus in Seagoe Church realised over £8.

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The Rev. W. T. Grey arrived in Capetown on Oct. 3rd, and in Albany, Australia, on Oct. 18th. The "Runic" made an unusually fast voyage.

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The Pump in Edenderry has become famous. A short note appeared recently in the "Daily Mail" about it. It has been suggested that the Council should restore the handle, and keep the pump in repair, but the Analyst's report states that the water is not good for drinking purposes.

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The epidemic of scarlatina still continues in Edenderry, but is fortunately of a mild type.

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The Rev. Dr. Walker lost his umbrella when motoring to the station from the Rectory on Thursday night. If anyone has found it they would much oblige by leaving it at the Rectory.

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Miss Armstrong has returned from a holiday at Newcastle, Co. Down.

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A very important debate, lasting over an hour, took place in the Synod regarding the action of the Commissioners of Education towards Hacknahay and Bluestone Schools.

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Seagoe Church will be heated by the new Hot Water system on Sunday for the first time.

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During his visit to Seagoe the Bishop and Mrs. D'Arcy were the guests of Major and Mrs. Blacker.

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A substantial grant has been made by the National Board for the heating and cleaning of National Schools.

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The recent rains have replenished the wells in many places.

At the Diocesan Synod held this week in Belfast the Rector was elected a clerical member of the Diocesan Council for Dromore, and Major S. W. Blacker was re-elected as a lay member.

Hymns For November.

"I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also."

21st S. after Trinity.

5th, M.—254, 90 (2nd v.), 327, 360.
 „ E.—273, 347, 276, 289, 280.

22nd S. after Trinity.

12th, M.—256, 303, 388, 378.
 „ E.—381, 631, 300, 277, 332.

23rd S. after Trinity.

19th, M.—258, 442, 425, 330,
 „ E.—50, 354, 279, 615, 308,

Sunday next before Advent.

26th, M.—275, 553, 465, 514,
 „ E.—479, 439, 543, 485, 400,

Quarterly Church Attendance and Efficiency Cards.

FULL MARKS (65 points.).

Mary J. Best. Bella Magee.

FIRST CLASS (55 points and over).

Minnie Allen, 61; Emma Best, 64; Maggie Magee, 58; Dinah McNally, 57.

SECOND CLASS (50 points and over).

Joseph Allen, 52; Jennie Dawson, 52; Minnie Crawford, 51; Mollie Cox, 51; W. R. Holland, 51; Annie Best, 50; Thos. H. Boyce, 50.

THIRD CLASS (45 points and over).

Willie Cox, 48; Sam Magee, 48; George Watson, 48; William H. Best, 46; Thomas Dickson, 46; Florrie Templeton, 45.

Old Seagoe Notes.

An Old Seagoe Sampler.—We have received from Mrs. Lutton, of Edenderry, a very interesting photograph of a Sampler made by her when a pupil in Seagoe Day School in the year 1833. It is signed "Sarah Porter's Sampler, Seagoe School, aged 12, September, 1833." The stitching and lettering are very carefully done in coloured silk thread. The whole is surrounded by a neat border, and various kinds of flowers are embroidered in spaces near the verses. The Sampler is headed "Heavenly Wisdom," and runs as follows:—

"How happy is the man who hears
 Instruction's warning voice,
 And who celestial wisdom makes
 His early only choice.

For she has treasures greater far
 Than East and West unfold,
 And her reward is more secure
 Than is the gain of gold.

In her right hand she holds to view
 A length of happy years,
 And in her left the prize of fame
 And honour bright appears.

She guides the young with innocence
 In pleasure's path to tread;
 A crown of glory she bestows
 Upon the hoary head.

According as her labours rise,
 So her rewards increase;
 Her ways are ways of pleasantness,
 And all her paths are peace.

The Sampler is interesting, not only because of its association with Mrs. Lutton, who is still hale and hearty at the age of 90 years, but also as an example of the work done in the Parish Day School 78 years ago. The School at that time was held in a thatched building in the School Park (as it was called) a triangular piece of ground below the old graveyard. The Porter family to which Mrs Lutton belongs has had a long and honourable connection with Seagoe Parish, and we are sure our readers will join us in wishing Mrs. Lutton every blessing and happiness in her old age.

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Churchwardens of Seagoe (Continued).

1750—Valentine Joyce.

Thomas Robinson.

1751—William Blacker, Esq.

Mr. John Waite.

1752—Mr. Darcy Windford (Wentworth).

Mr. John Bradshaw.

1753—Mr. William Dickson, of Lower Sego.

Mr. Robert Harrison, of Knockmena.

1754—Mr. William Robinson, of Lilo.

Mr. Oliver Dynes.

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An Interesting Entry.—October 14th, 1760. Thomas Erwin and Ann Holland, sworn, and a Licence granted, and married the same day.

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Curious Burial Entries.—About the year 1740 some of the entries in Seagoe Burial Registers are quaintly recorded:—

A gentleman at Robert Blacker's in Edenderry buried December the 10th 1739.

John Medcafe in Lower Sego had his servant man buried March 21st 1739.

Pat; M'Lindon had 2 burials about the latter end June 1740.

Ed: Down and his sone (enquire of William Johnston for his house) were buried about the middle of June 1740.

The child of Andrew Campbell had a child buried November 18th, 1741.