

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

NOVEMBER, 1912.

- - A GRAND CONCERT - -

WILL BE GIVEN IN

EDENDERRY PAROCHIAL HALL,

On THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21st, 1912,

AT 8 O'CLOCK.

The following among others have kindly consented to take part:—

MISS AMY WALKER, Soprano.

MISS EVA BIGGART, L.R.A.M., Contralto.

MR. JAMES BRIGGS, Principal Tenor Belfast Cathedral.

MR. J. SCOTT, of Belfast, Baritone.

MISS BELL, A.L.C.M., Pianist.

Prices of Admission, - - - 2/- 1/- and 6d.

Proceeds in Aid of Seagoe Day School.

The Harvest Services.



HIS year the Harvest Services were very successful. The weather fortunately was fine, and the church was filled at each service with a large congregation. The decorations were more elaborate than usual and displayed great taste. There was a large supply of flowers available and they were used by the decorators with good effect in the Chancel and on the Pulpit and Lectern. A great many of the Parishioners contributed material for the decorations and some fine pears which were placed on the ledge at the back of the Holy Table had been sent all the way from Grimsby, Canada, by a former parishioner, Mrs. Anderson, for the Services.

The Service on Thursday was attended by large numbers. The sermon was preached by the Rev. R. H. S. Cooper, M.A., Rector of Christ's Church, Lisburn. His text was "Cast thy bread upon the waters and thou shalt find it after many days." Mr. Cooper is one of our most eloquent preachers. The offerings were on behalf of Foreign Missions, and were in advance of last year's total. The Anthem was Caleb Simpers's "Thou shalt keep the Feast of Harvest." Mr. T. H. Wilson presided at the organ with his usual efficiency, and the choir did their part with excellent effect. The soloist was Miss Amy Walker, of Seagoe, who acquitted herself splendidly. Miss Chambers and Miss Walker sang the Duet, and were joined in the Quartette by Messrs. D. Murray and D. Livingston. The voices blended admirably, and the general opinion expressed was that there has never been better music in Seagoe than on the occasion. The Psalms were sung with fine precision, the phrasing, tune, and time being faultless.

On Sunday the same music was repeated, and the congregations were equally large. In the evening a good many could not find room in the Church and

had to turn away. The Rev. J. McEndoo, M.A., Rector of Tandragee, preached in the morning, and the Rev. T. G. G. Collins, B.D., Rector of St. James', Belfast, in the evening. The offerings were devoted to the support of the General Parochial Fund, out of which the working expenses of the Church are paid each year.

Parish Almanacs for 1913.

Seagoe Parish Almanac for 1913 is now ready, and may be had at Mrs. Metcalf's, Bridge Street, and from the Sunday School Superintendents throughout the Parish, on and after Friday, November 8th, price One Penny. Only 350 copies have been printed, and we are anxious that every one of those 350 should find their way into the houses of Seagoe Parish. The Almanac is beautifully coloured and in every way a work of art—

The Annual Report.

The Annual Report for 1911-12 is issued this week. It contains several new features and much additional matter. The various accounts have been carefully classified and will be therefore more easily understood by the Parishioners. The Sustentation Fund is printed at the end of the book, but the List of Families which was printed last year is not included this year. An Introduction explains the arrangement of the Report, and a full Index, with references to pages, will at a glance enable readers to grasp the contents. The Finances of the Parish are extending each year as will readily be seen by referring to the Report, and a good deal of the success of the Parish both from a spiritual as well as a material standpoint must depend on the accuracy with which our Parish Accounts are kept, and the completeness and clearness of the statements made each year in the Report. We invite the Parishioners to read the Report carefully and if they note any mistakes to kindly mention them without delay either to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Wolsey Atkinson; or to the Rector.

Letter from Miss Dawson.

We are very glad to be able to publish the following letter for our Magazine from Miss Mary Dawson. It reached us just in time for publication, and the many friends of the Misses Dawson in the Parish will be delighted to hear how they are getting on in South America, and what kind of people they are working amongst. If any of our friends are writing to the Misses Dawson, as we are sure they would like to do, they should be careful to enquire at the Portadown Post Office as to the right amount of stamps to put on the letters. We notice by the way that the Chili stamps on Miss Dawson's letter bear the likeness of a fine military looking man, evidently the President of the Republic of Chili, and underneath is printed the name "O'Higgins," which has a decidedly Irish flavour about it.

c/o Rev. C. A. Sadlier,
Mission Araucana,
Casilla No. 75,
Temnucó,
Chile,

September 19th, 1912.

Dear Mr. Archer,

Your kind letter should have had an answer long ago, but time flies in Quepe as elsewhere, and leaves very much undone. It was nice to hear from Seagoe again, and we never forget the old friends there, though we cannot often write. I think you must have fancied us at work in San Pedro; but you see it is quite a different part of the world; the Bishop and Committee decided to send us here, where the Araucanian Indians are centred, and though my sister and I are now in Temnucó on holiday, we are really living at Maquiqui about 10 miles from here, and right in the country. It is a beautiful country, not flat like the Argentine, and yet we do not like it so well. Instead of flat, camp spaces, we have undulating land all wood and hill and river, and visible everywhere are the snow-capped peaks of the Andes. We have two Schools at Maquiqui, on the Quepe river, the girls' school is our residence, and also contains the big school-room where boys and girls meet each day for classes. The girls and boys are Mapuche Indians, and are all in residence, and we have a few Chilean day scholars. The Mapuche Indians are nearly all white, or at most not more than swarthy, very English-looking, and some of them quite pretty; they are dear children, many of them most attractive, and we get on finely together. I think they are very good on the whole, much better than some English children, I won't say Irish, for these last are beyond comparison. Many of them are very big and clever, but the girls beat the boys in that respect they are splendid workers, and so strong. The girls are mostly tidy, the boys are a bit through- other; and as for "taking a huff," they used to be awful in this respect, and were often not great with their teachers; then they had to get a 'sevendable' beating to keep them in good order; now they are much better, and don't huff nearly so often. They

have great heads of hair and brush it vigorously several times a day, often "sousing" their heads first with water, and then combing afterwards; their dress is English, and the girls wear large "overalls" with sleeves, as uniforms. The Seagoe children would be amused at their lessons. If I went into Seagoe school, or listened at the door during class-time, I should hear a hum like a swarm of bees let loose. In a Mapuche school you don't hear that, and often the stillness is so great, you could "hear a pin drop," as the saying is. Not so in study hour. Then the swarm of bees seems to settle in that Mapuche classroom, as they all, or nearly all read aloud, many from different books, or from different part of the same book. We have taught them some of our Irish games, and they quite like "The Farmer wants a Wife," "Nuts in May," "Oranges and Lemons," &c. But above all this, and beyond all the education, they are learning a great deal about Christ, and His love. How much they take in one never knows, but many seem to understand; and we hear of some who go home and teach others the hymns and prayers and Bible verses they learn in our schools; anyhow, these children need the prayers of other children; so will the Seagoe friends and children pray for them? That they may know and love the Light, and that we may teach them wisely and well.

With our kindest remembrance to you all.

Yours very sincerely,

MARY L. DAWSON.

Baptisms.

"We, as Isaac was, are the children of Promise."

On Saturday, October 5th, 1912—

Elsie Eveline, daughter of David George and Anna Jane **Dunlop**.

William John, son of Robert David and Jane **Cassells**.

Mary, daughter of Thomas and Margaret **Holland**.

Edward, son of Ralph and Anne **Wilson**.

Thomas and Anna, son and daughter (twins) of Joseph Leatham and Kathleen **Watson**.

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Marriage.

"I will betroth thee unto Me for ever,"

GREENHALGH AND DICKSON—On August 31st, 1912, in St. James' Church, by the Rev. I. A. R. MacDonald, B.D., Rector, Herbert Greenhalgh, Neepawa, Winnipeg, Manitoba, to Margaret Anne Dickson, Drumnagoon House, Portadown, Ireland.

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Burial.

"They shall never perish."

October 1st—Sarah M'Kinney, Muckery, Parish of Drumcree, aged 35 years.

Items.

Levaghery School has been painted, re-coloured, and put in good repair during the past month.

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The Lord Bishop specially complimented Seagoe Parish on the fact that 10 of its Vestrymen were present at the Visitation at Lurgan, on Tuesday, October 29th. Seagoe had a fuller representation than any other Parish.

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Photographs of the Edenderry Canon, Rifles, and Ambulance, appeared in the "Toronto Globe," and in the "Toronto Star Weekly."

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Through pressure on our space we have to hold over to next month notes on Carne Harvest Service, Seagoe Singing Class, and Church Attendance Cards.

Hacknahay Harvest Services.

The Harvest Services in Hacknahay were the first to be held in the Parish this year. On Sunday, October 13th, at 3.30, the School-house was crowded to the doors. The decorations were arranged with great taste by the willing hands of many helpers, who spent the previous Saturday in decorating the room under Miss Calvert's skilful guidance. The preacher was the Rev. R. S. Morrison, B.D., Curate of Portadown. The music was very good, and the training of the choir had been carefully supervised by Mr. S. R. Chambers. The solo parts in the Anthem were taken in fine style by Miss Chambers and Mr. David Murray. A liberal offering was given by those present in aid of Hacknahay Day School.

The Services were continued on Monday evening, October 14th, when the special Harvest music was repeated, and an Address was given by the Rev. J. W. Johnston, Curate of Drumcree.

The Sunday Schools.

The new Sunday School Calendar comes into use on Advent Sunday, December 1st. The series of Lessons for the Afternoon Schools is issued by the Sunday School Institute, and the Teachers notes are published monthly in the Magazine supplied to Teachers. This coming year the Notes on the Lessons are even better than last year, and every effort has been made to render them as useful as possible to the Teacher. Each Lesson contains a diagram to explain it, and small coloured pictures are supplied for each Sunday, to illustrate the study-portion. The main subject of the Lessons is the Life and Work of St. Paul.

This year examinations will be held in all the Sunday Schools during November and December, in the work done during the past year, and those who answer well will be awarded Prizes. The examinations will be held on Sunday, during the usual Sunday School hour. We would recommend the children to look over the past year's work so as to refresh their memories.

Seagoe Sale of Work.**FINANCIAL STATEMENT.**

We publish a statement of the amount realised at the recent Sale. The totals for each Stall include subscriptions as well as sales. A subscription of £10 from Canon Blacker is included in the Bachelors' Stall receipts. The net balance in hand is £112 17s. 3½d. This is not sufficient to carry out the required improvements in the School which would cost £180, so the Committee has decided to postpone the erection of the Class-Room until next Spring, and in the meantime to supplement the total received by various efforts during the winter months. The attractive Concert to be held in Edenderry, on Thursday, November 21st, should add a substantial sum to their Funds.

RECEIPTS.

		£	s.	d.
Farm Produce Stall	...	35	10	8½
Bachelors' Stall	...	33	19	9½
Work Stall	...	32	16	5
Cake and Sweet Stall,	...	9	1	11
Refreshment Stall	...	8	16	4
Flower Stall	...	3	6	4½
Bran Dip	...	1	6	2
Aunt Sally	...	0	2	5
Gate	...	4	14	7
Cheque, Canon Blacker for Hacknahay	...	5	0	0
Rev. T. Stothers (sub.)	...	0	10	0
Miss Coburn (coll.)	...	1	9	0
Cheque (S. S. Fête)	...	5	2	8
Sale of Timber	...	0	13	0
		£142	9	4½

EXPENDITURE.

		£	s.	d.
Cheque Book	...	£0	2	1
Watchman	...	0	7	6
Drapery	...	0	6	0
"Portadown Express"	...	0	4	0
"Portadown News"	...	1	14	11
Bouquet	...	0	7	6
Coal Supply Co. (timber)	...	1	5	6
Athletic Stores (guns)	...	0	4	7
Cheque to Select Vestry	...	25	0	0
		£29	12	1
Balance	...	112	17	3½
		£142	9	4½

Offertories for October.

Sunday Mornings,	...	£7	18	7
Sunday Evenings,	...	4	16	4
Week-Days,	...	4	11	8
Total,	...	£17	6	7

The Collection at the Harvest Service on Thursday amounted to £4 2s. 9d.

Hymns for November.*"Praise ye the Lord."***MORNING.**

3rd	10th	17th	24th
606	392	377	570
605	553	362	112
565	165	551	205
544	378	285	68

EVENING.			
148	552	381	65
137	166	400	113
314	14	136	556
131	352	356	71
562	557	376	358

The above Hymns have been carefully chosen to suit the season of the Christian year. Several hymns not hitherto sung in Seagoe have been inserted. Two hymns recently learned by our Sunday School children are on the list. The Hymns for November 3rd have special reference to Holy Communion, and those on the 24th refer to Missionary and Advent subjects. Some very familiar and favourite hymns also find a place in the list.

Nature Notes.

A correspondent writes to us that a nest of young swallows was seen at Mr. Metcalfe's farm, in Lower Seagoe, as late as October 7th. This would corroborate what we noted in our last issue, that the swallows remained longer this year than usual.

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During the past few weeks we have had a succession of curious storms, very severe but very short in duration. They have generally occurred in the afternoon. On last Sunday morning, October 27th, one of these storms suddenly arose while the congregation were worshipping in Seagoe Church. During the offertory a specially stormy blast from the West blew out one of the wooden ventilation covers in the side aisle with the result that a shower of dead leaves was blown into the Church. Some of the congregation when leaving the Church found it difficult to keep their feet owing to the fierceness of the wind. Two hours later there was a perfect calm.

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This is a good time of the year to get to know the stars. Everyone knows the Plough, now to be seen in the Northern heavens. You can test your sight by looking at the second star, called Mizar, on the left. A small star called Alcor is just beside Mizar, and can be seen by those who have good sight. In old Roman days no recruit was accepted for the Roman army unless he was able to see this star. It is often called the "little man with the horses." The two upright stars in the Plough point direct to the Pole Star.

Old Seagoe Notes.

An old Seagoe Stone—Over the side entrance to Peacefield House, Ballinacor, there is an old stone bearing the figure of a stag, and inscribed with the words "1788, D. Duddell, Peacefield."

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Will of Valentine Blacker, Esq., 1677—[We print the Last Will and Testament of Valentine Blacker, Esq., of Carrick. The original is in the Record Office, Dublin. It is a quaint and interesting document. The Seal on the Will is in Red wax and contains the Blacker Arms. The signature is written in a very trembling hand, though the writer was very old and weak. It was Mr. Valentine Blacker who rebuilt Old Seagoe Church after it was destroyed in the Rebellion of 1641.]

In the name of God Amen, the 16th day of August in the year of our Lord God 1677. I, Valentine Blacker, of Carrick, in the Parish of Sego, in the County of Armagh, Esq., being sick and weak of body but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be given unto God therefor, and calling to minde the mortality of my body, and knowing it is appointed unto all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and forme following—That is to say first and principally I give my soul into the hands of God who gave it me, and for my body I recommend it unto the earth to be laid in decent and Christian manner near Judith my wife's ground in Sego Church, nothing doubting but that at the General Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God, and touching such worldly goods wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life I give, bequeath, and dispose the same in manner and form following I give and bequeath to my daughter Violetta Gill all my goods, money and chattels whatsoever, viz.:—horses, mares, cows, heifers, money, plate, bills, bonds and writings, brass, pewther, linen, apparrall, and all also movable goods whatsoever to me belonging, the same to be in my said daughter Violetta Gill's possession immediately after my decease, and I do hereby utterly disallow, renounce, and annull all and every other former testament, will and bequest made by me. I do hereby make and ordain my said daughter, Violetta Gill executor to this my last will and testament, ratifying and confirming this and none other to be my last will and testament, in witness hereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first above written, signed, sealed, and published. Pronounced, and declared by the said Valentine Blacker as his last will and testament, in the presence of Valentine Gill, Sheely M'Camaly, and James Jameson, Solicitor,

Signed and Sealed in the
presence of us:—

Valentine Gill.

Shella X M'Camli.

her mark.

J. Jameson.

(Seal),

Val. Blacker.