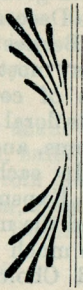


Seagoe Parish Magazine.

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The Beehive Bazaar on behalf of Seagoe
Rectory Purchase Scheme, will (D.V.) be
held in the Town Hall, Portadown, on
Thursday, December 11th, 1913.

Dedication of the Canon Blacker Memorial.



HE Dedication of the Memorial to the late Rev. Canon Blacker took place in Seagoe Church, on Sunday, October 26th, at Morning Prayer. The occasion was, we believe, unique in the history of the Parish by reason of the presence at the same service of the Archbishop of Armagh, and of the Bishop of Down. As successive Bishops of Ossory, Ferns and Leighlin, both the Primate and the Lord Bishop experienced the valued friendship of the late Canon Blacker whose estate of Woodbrook, Co. Wexford, is in the Diocese of Ferns. To know the late Canon Blacker was to love him, and the presence of the Chief Pastor of the Church of Ireland, with the Chief Pastor of this Diocese, was a testimony to the high regard entertained by the whole Church for his memory.

After Morning Prayer, which was said by the Rector and the Rev. G. Bloomer, the Lord Bishop (Rt. Rev. C. F. D'Arcy, D.D.) solemnly Dedicated the Memorial "To the glory of God, and in memory of Robert Shapland Carew Blacker." Special Dedicatory Collects were then said, after which the Bishop consigned the Memorial to the reverent care of the Clergy and Churchwardens of the Parish of Seagoe.

The Sermon was preached by the Primate (Most Rev. J. B. Crozier, D.D.) from the text Heb. xii. 1, 2. At the close of his Sermon he made special reference to the saintly life of Canon Blacker, summing it up in the words of the inscription on the Gordon Monument in St. Paul's Cathedral, "he gave his strength to the weak, his substance to the poor, his help to the suffering, and his heart to God."

The Lessons were read by Major S. W. Blacker the second lesson, Ephes. iv. 1-17, being specially chosen for the Service. The Hymns sung had also special reference to the Dedication, being 335, 420, 346, and 343 (pt. 1.)

At the beginning of the Service the Churchwardens (Mr. J. Twinem, and Mr. W. Best) met the Archbishop, Bishop, and Clergy at the West door, and headed the procession up the main aisle of the Church.

The Offertory was on behalf of the Renovation Fund of the Church.

At Evening Prayer the Service was conducted by the Clergy of the Parish, the Lessons being read by Major Blacker. The Lord Bishop preached from the text St. Matt. xxviii., 20, "Lo I am with you alway," and made a touching reference to Canon Blacker. At the close of the Service the Hymn "Abide with Me" (one of Canon Blacker's favourites) was sung by the congregation, kneeling.

The Memorial forms a very handsome addition to the decoration of the Parish Church. The Panelling is constructed of the finest Austrian Oak. The design, which is very richly carved, came originally, we believe, from the studio of Mr. Henry Seaver, Architect, of Belfast. The carving and erection of the panelling was entrusted to the capable hands of Messrs. Purdy and Millard, Belfast. The panelling at the highest point reaches a height of 10 feet, but has been so arranged as not in any way to interfere with the view of the East Window. The upper walls of the Chancel have been recoloured in a pleasing shade of blue.

A small brass plate on the right hand upper side of the panelling bears the following inscription:—"To the Glory of God and in loving memory of Robert Shapland Carew Blacker, of Carrick Blacker and Woodbrook, Canon of Peterborough, born January 1826, died January, 1913."

Rev. W. Bryan-Brown.

The Rev. W. Bryan-Brown, who conducted a successful Parochial Mission in Seagoe seven years ago, will (D.V.) preach in Seagoe Church, on Wednesday evening, November 26th, at 8 p.m. Mr. Bryan-Brown intends holding a Mission in St. Matthews Parish, Belfast, during the ten days preceding that date.

A circular has been issued by the Lord Bishop of Down asking the prayers of the people of the Diocese on behalf of the great Belfast Mission which commences (D.V.) on Saturday, November 15th. We hope our people will remember the Mission in their prayers.

Goban Street.

This is the name of the new street in Edenderry. It is of interest to the people of Seagoe Parish to know that it is called after Goban the first Founder of Seagoe Church. The name Seagoe is derived from two Irish words Suidhe (pronounced 'Swee') and Gobhar (pronounced Gowan) meaning "the abode of Goban." We notice a misprint in the local newspapers where the name is spelled 'Gobann' as if it had something to do with the River Bann. The custom of naming streets and avenues after local historical personages is to be commended.

Mr. Wilson Irwin.

Many in the parish regret very much the departure of Mr. Wilson Irwin from Carne. Mr. Irwin was a most loyal member of the Church, and has on several occasions been elected by his fellow Churchmen to the Select Vestry, and also to represent the Parish at the Diocesan Synod. Mr. Irwin is at present residing at Bangor, Co. Down. We shall always be glad to see him in the old Church and Parish.

Week-night Bible Classes.

The Week-night Bible Classes for men begin work this month as follows:—

Tamnificarbet—Monday, November 3rd at 8.

Drumgor Lane—Wednesday, November 5th at 8.

Hacknahay—Thursday, November 6th at 8.

The men residing in these Districts are invited to join these Classes for Bible Study.

Girls Friendly Society.

The opening meeting of the Hacknahay branch of the G.F.S., will be held in Miss Calvert's house at Breagh on Tuesday November 11th at 7-30, a punctual attendance of all the members is requested. Arrangements are being made for the holding of G.F.S. classes for Members and Candidates in Edenderry Parochial Hall on Thursday at 8.

The Harvest Services.

This year as in past years the Harvest Services have been attended by over-flowing congregations. The Parish Church was a splendid sight in its decoration of fruit and flowers, which surpassed in richness that of any previous year. The Service for Foreign Missions on Thursday, October 9th, was marked by a spirit of reverent thanksgiving. Canon Garstin preached a stirring sermon on the text, "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the House of the Lord."

On Sunday, October 12th, the Services were continued. The Rev. R. D. Patterson preached on "The seed growing secretly." In the evening the Rev. R. U. Greer took as his text, "Where hast thou gleaned to-day." The Harvest Anthem was well sung by a large Choir, the soloists being Miss M. Dickson and Mr. W. Turner, both of whom acquitted themselves well. The District Harvest Services have

been unusually well attended. The local schools and halls have been decorated with great taste. In **Tamnificarbet** a feature of the Decorations were long looped lines of the Crimson Berries of the Wild Rose. **Drumgor** School was most tastefully decorated with elaborate fringes of corn. **Carne** Church Hall was noteworthy for its floral decorations, chiefly magnificent Chrysanthemums, and also for a very neat little Corn Stack. In each place the offerings both for Local Church Expenses and for Foreign Missions were liberal, and the musical parts of the services were rendered with much taste. The time is coming when well trained Choirs should be established in each of the district centres. The special preachers were:—In Carbet, the Rev. J. Rennison; in Drumgor, the Rev. J. Haddock, and in Carne, the Rev. H. Ewart. We thank very heartily all who so willingly assisted at the various Services in the Parish Church, and in the outlying Districts.

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Baptisms.

"Even a Child is known by his doings."

Baptized on October 4th, 1913

Gracey—Margaret, daughter of William and Rebecca Gracey, of Balteagh

Sponsors—Margaret Letitia Hopps, Rebecca Gracey.

Freeburn—Bella, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Freeburn, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Elizabeth Freeburn, Margaret Letitia Hopps

Matchett—William James, son of Albert and Jemima Matchett, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Martha Moreton, Jemima Matchett.

Guy—Thomas Ernest, son of David and Hannah Maria Guy, of Upper Seagoe.

Sponsors—Margaret Gordon, Hannah Maria Guy.

M'Kerr—Emily, daughter of John and Sarah M'Kerr of Drumgor.

Sponsors—Sarah M'Kerr and Margaret Letitia Hopps.

M'Kerr—Martha, daughter of John and Sarah M'Kerr, of Drumgor.

Sponsors—Sarah M'Kerr and Margaret Letitia Hopps.

Marriage.

"As Christ also loved His spouse the Church."

Carson and Lyness—October 8th. 1913, Robert Carson, of Ballygroobany, Parish of Mulla-brack, to Martha Lyness of Carne.

Burials.

October 7th—Mary Gracey, of Balteagh, aged 74 years. Interred at Shankill graveyard.

October 9th—Eliza M'Cann, of Drumgor, aged 72 years.

Hymns for November.

"Lift up your hearts."

2nd—M.—33, 347, 363. E.—32, 354, 461, 327, 492.

9th—M.—310, 166, 136, 237. E.—137, 273, 158, 90 (pt. ii), 226.

16th—M.—257, 121, 238, 148. E.—234, 496, 236, 453, 541.

23rd—M.—476, 67, 257, 131. E.—127, 31, 11, 332, 415.

30th—M.—520, 327, 68, 112. E.—73, 615, 65, 113, 562.

New Chant—*Venite*—200.

ITEMS.

On Sunday afternoon, September 21st, during a severe thunderstorm a house in Century Street was struck by lightning and some bricks were dislodged from the chimney.

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We gratefully acknowledge the receipt of a handsome Tea Cloth, embroidered with the letter "S" for "Seagoe," from Miss Minnie Graham, 372 Park Avenue, Paterson, New Jersey, U.S.A., to be sold at the forthcoming Beehive Bazaar.

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The recent issues of this Magazine (350 copies monthly) have all been sold off within the week of publication.

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A series of Cottage Services is being arranged in Edenderry. The first of the series was held on Thursday, October 23rd, in Foundry Street, at 8 o'clock, in a room kindly lent by Mr. and Mrs. Freeburn. Mr. J. J. Dobson conducted the service and an address was given by the Rector. There was a good attendance.

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Cottage Services will (p.v.) be held during the month on Thursday evenings in the following streets—November 6th in Florence Court; November 13th in James Street; November 20th in Joseph Street; November 27th in Carrickblacker Road.

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A Potato weighing 3 lbs 4 ozs was dug recently on the farm of Mr. Robert Lyness, of Carne.

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The good harvest has produced quite a plague of rats and mice. They swarm everywhere at the present moment.

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Those interested in the Stars should note Cassiopeia right overhead this month. Its shape is like a wide "W". Mars is visible all this month low down in the South Eastern heavens. The splendid constellation Orion with the famous belt of 3 stars is now visible in the Eastern sky. Meteors may be plentiful in the "Sickle" of Leo on the 15th and 16th of this month.

On November 1st Daylight begins at 4-58 a.m. and ends at 6-28 p.m.

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Sunday School Examinations will be held throughout the Parish during November and December.

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Deep regret has been felt in the Parish at the death of Mrs. Gracey of Balteagh, and much sympathy is expressed with her relatives in their sad loss.

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Harvest Services—Edenderry, November 2nd, 3-30; November 3rd, 8. Levaghery, November 9th, 3-30; November 10th, at 8.

Seagoe Literary and Debating Society.

This new Society began its work on Tuesday, October 14th, with a Debate on "Women's Suffrage." The set speakers were—Affirmative—Mr. J. J. Dobson; Negative—Mr. R. E. Doherty. Great interest was taken in the discussion, and the following also spoke:—Messrs. J. Twinem, T. Dawson, G. Locke, and the Rev. G. Bloomer. A vote was taken at the close when 12 voted for and 12 against, the Chairman giving a casting vote in favour of the negative.

On Tuesday, October 21st, Mr. J. Branagh, T.C.D., of Ballinderry, read a paper on "John Wesley and the Wesleyan Movement." The paper was most interesting, and gave rise to a prolonged and animated discussion. On Tuesday, October 28th, the subject was a Debate on "Conscription." Mr. R. E. Doherty opened on the Affirmative, and the Rev. G. Bloomer on the Negative. The following also spoke—J. J. Dobson, G. Locke, J. Twinem, T. Dawson, R. T. Montgomery, and Mrs. Doherty. It was an excellent debate, and the Affirmative won by two votes.

Programme for November—

Nov. 4th—"A Visit to the Field of Waterloo," by the President (Rev. J. E. Archer).

Nov. 11th—Debate on "Tariff Reform."

„ 18th—Essay by Mr. S. Reid, M.A., Belfast, on "Moral Ideals."

„ 25th—Municipal Election Addresses by Members, on "The Improvement of Portadown."

A Seagoe Man in Toronto.

We print here an extract from an interesting letter received from Mr. Herbert Murray, who recently left Seagoe for Toronto, Canada:—

Toronto is a very nice city, and I like it very well. There are some very fine buildings, including the City Hall, which is twenty-five storeys high, and the Canadian Pacific Railway Building which is seventeen storeys high. We are having nice weather now, but in a few weeks we shall have the cold weather, when the snow and frost comes. Sleighing and skating are the favourite recreations. I have met quite a lot of Portadown and Seagoe folk out here, so no matter where you go you are always sure to meet someone from Seagoe.

The church I go to is a very nice one, and is only about five minutes walk from where I am staying. It is one of the largest in the city, and has seating accommodation for 1,600, and it is full to overflowing every Sunday. Last Sunday many had to be content with standing room, as it was the Anniversary of the Building of the Church, and there were Special Services. In the morning the Rector preached, and in the evening Canon Abbott, Dean of Christ Church Cathedral, Hamilton, was the special preacher. We have a splendid surpliced choir, and the music is very attractive.

There are a great many organizations in connection with St Anne's. I have joined the Young Men's Bible Class. The Anglican Young People's Association, and the Men's Association. I was at the Opening Banquet of the A.Y.P.A. last Thursday and it was very good, and on next Thursday we are going to have a "Chalk Talk." I don't know yet what it will be like, but I guess I shall know more about it when I hear it. During the winter there is a very interesting programme (a copy of which I enclose). About Christmas there is to be a "Hard Times Party." Everyone goes there with the worst clothes they can put on, and I am told it is one of the most interesting entertainments of the whole year.

Although I like St. Anne's very well, I still like to read the "Seagoe News" or the Magazine which I get every month. I must now conclude, wishing you and the Parish of Seagoe much blessing and prosperity.

15th October, 1913,

Offertories for October.

"Every man hath received the gift."

Sunday—Mornings	...	£10 15 9
Evenings	...	7 3 3
Week-days	...	3 11 3
Total,	...	£21 10 3

The above total includes the Harvest Offerings—October 9th, £3 4s 7d; October 12th, Morning, £4 15s 6d, Evening, £4 0s 7d, also the Collections on October 26th, Morning, £3 6s 10d, Evening, £2 10s 1d.

The Dutch Fair.

The following sums have been handed in since the last issue:—

For Tickets sold—W. Turner, 2/6; T. Hopps, 4/-; D. Boyce, 1/-; Mrs M-Mullan, 10/6; Mrs Twinem, 6/-; J. J. Dobson, 2/-; Mrs Dickson, 2/-; Mrs Johnston (Beechcote), 2/-; Miss S. Martin, 6d; Miss L. Dickson, 1/6; Miss R. England, 3/-; Miss T. Quaile, 2/6; J. Fleming, 6d. Total, £1 18s 0d. This sum, added to last month's total (£15 13s 5d), brings the Receipts up to £17 11s 5d. Expenses connected with "Aunt Sally," 2/3, and for the Wood for Stalls, 2/4, have to be deducted from above total.

Old Seagoe Notes.

The First "Select Vestry" of Seagoe Parish. "Select Vestries" were appointed for the first time in the Church of Ireland after the Church was Disestablished in 1870. Before that time they were known simply as "Vestries." Here is the first entry from the Seagoe Records after Disestablishment;—

At a Vestry held by adjournment on Whitsun Monday, 1870, at 12 o'clock noon, at the Schoolhouse,

Seagoe, Archdeacon Saurin (the Rector in the chair, the following gentlemen were chosen as a "Select Vestry"—1, Stewart Blacker, Esq.; 2, Thomas Armstrong, Esq., Junr., Eden Hall; 3, Mr. Abraham MacCoun, Drumgor; 4, Mr. Robert White; 5, Mr. William Vaughan; 6, Mr. Leonard Jennett; 7, Mr. Joseph Lawson; 8, Mr. Robert Reid; 9, Mr. Leonard Calvert; 10, Mr. R. A. Atkinson, Bank of Ireland; 11, Mr. Alexander Russell, Drumgor; 12, Mr. James Atkinson.

The following were appointed as "Synodsmen"—Wolsey Atkinson, Esq., Eden Villa; T. Armstrong, Esq., Jun., Eden Hall; Mr. John Montgomery; Mr. Abraham MacCoun.

The following were appointed "Nominators"—Stewart Blacker, Esq.; Wolsey Atkinson, Esq.; Thomas Armstrong, Esq., Jun., Eden Hall.

JAMES SAURIN, Archd.

WOLSEY ATKINSON, Church-wardens
JOHN MONTGOMERY,

The Earliest Historic Reference to Seagoe Parish.

The earliest reference to Seagoe Church in a historical document is found in the "Calendar of Cashel" referred to by the late Bishop Reeves in his "Ecclesiastical Antiquities of Down and Connor" (p. 10). The actual reference is in Latin as follows—*Gobanus de Teg-de-Goba, ad ripam Bannii fluminis in Ibh-echach regione Utonia*, which being translated is "Goban of the House of Goban, near the bank of the River Bann in Iveagh, a district of Ulster." There are several points of great interest in this sentence. It proves first of all that the Church of Seagoe was originally the "house" of Goban. "Teg" is the Irish word for a house. This house of Goban evidently became a resort for the people of the District, who became converted to Christianity by the preaching of Goban, and when Goban died the "house" became by a natural process the place where Christian worship was celebrated and in time fulfilled the functions of a Church. The Church and Parish were for many centuries known as Tydba a corruption of Teg-dagoba. The proximity of the Church to the River Bann was the way in which its locality was made clear in the most ancient records for two reasons, no doubt first because of the ancient custom of river Baptism, and second because before good roads existed access to the District was most readily accomplished by means of boats on the rivers. "Iveagh" was apparently a more ancient name for the District than its present name O'Neilland, and seems to prove that Seagoe as a Christian Centre existed a considerable time before the Sept of the O'Neill's conquered the District. The O'Neill's were defeated by the Danes at Drumlisnagrilly in Seagoe Parish in A.D. 941, so that Seagoe must have been well known as a Christian settlement as early as the eighth century and possibly earlier.