

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

NOVEMBER, 1919.

The Sustentation Fund.

THE Annual Collection of the Sustentation Fund will be made during November. The importance of this Fund, and the duty of supporting it by increased subscriptions, is not sufficiently understood by the Parishioners. With the fall in the value of money the amount hitherto subscribed by the Parishioners becomes quite inadequate. By the decision of the Select Vestry, made 8 years ago, two Funds depend for their support on the Sustentation Collection (1) The Curate's Stipend Fund and (2) The Glebe Purchase Fund. Last year the amount subscribed was only sufficient to cover the first of these two objects. The importance of the Glebe Purchase Scheme, which seeks to free the Rectory from an Annual Rent Charge of £33 15s payable to the Representative Church Body, may be understood from the fact that the Deductions this year for Rent, Rates, Tax on Fees, Lands and Stipend amounts to £93 5s 2d, or almost one-third of the income of the Parish. An all-round and substantial increase of subscriptions is called for. It has been said that everything now a-days costs double except Religion. If we were to judge of the value attached to the ministrations of the Church by the sums which stand opposite to the names of many in the Annual Sustentation Fund List, we might say it was about equivalent to the cost of half-a-dozen eggs, or at the most a hundredweight of potatoes. In every house this year two envelopes will be left—one (white) for the subscription of the householder and another (yellow) for the subscription of the wage-earning members of the family who have not hitherto subscribed to the Fund.

The support of the Church ought to be a first charge on all income and wages. "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God" is the command of the Divine Founder of the Church.

A Letter From the Hon. Treasurer to the Parishioners of Seagoe.

A meeting of the Collectors of the Sustentation Fund and members of the Select Vestry, at which the Rector presided, was recently held in Seagoe School.

It was agreed by the meeting, that considering the increased cost of living, and that high prices are likely to continue for a long time, it is necessary that a substantial increase should be made in the amount of the Sustentation Fund.

The amount of last year's subscriptions was £162 16s 9d, and it was decided that a special effort should be made this year to increase this amount and

bring it up to £200, and that the necessity for increasing it should be brought to the notice of the Subscribers.

As the Subscribers are aware, this Fund is for the purpose of providing a Curate, and augmenting the fund for Glebe purchase. When it is considered that the Rector is provided for without receiving anything from the Parishioners, the burden of raising £200 per annum should not be a heavy one. It only requires organisation, and willingness on the part of every responsible Parishioner in order to accomplish this object.

It was suggested that an improvement in the collections could be effected by inducing responsible wage-earners in families to subscribe in addition to that given by the head of the household. It was thought also that an improvement might be made by adding to the number of Collectors, especially in particular Districts. The object of increasing the number of Collectors is twofold, as it was desired to lighten the work of the present Collectors and, at the same time, improve the methods of collection.

There are some Subscribers who give generously, and according to their means, but it is felt there are others who could afford to increase their subscriptions, and if they could see their way to do this, there would be no trouble in raising the desired amount.

Should this Fund be not adequately supported in future the result will be that the Parish would be left without a Curate. But it is to be hoped that the loyalty and generosity of the Parishioners will prevent such a misfortune from happening in a large and populous Parish like Seagoe.

JAMES SANDS, Hon. Treas.

The Harvest Services.

This year the Harvest Services were more largely attended than in any previous year. The gift of a bounteous Harvest in the Year of Peace impressed us all in a very special way with God's unfailling Love and Mercy. In the Parish Church, both on week night and Sunday, there were large congregations. The Rev. R. H. White and the Rev. J. E. Browne were our special Preachers. The Anthem—"Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem" was well and heartily sung, the solo being taken by Mrs. Calvert, late of Seagoe, now of Dublin, who so often in the past helped in the musical rendering of our services.

Harvest Services have also during the month been held at Carne, Edenderry and Drumgor. Carne was specially favoured this year by having as the Preacher for Foreign Missions a distinguished clergyman of the Church of Ireland, the Rev. Canon Day, Rector of St. Anne's, Dublin, Professor of Pastoral Theology in the University of Dublin, and formerly a member of the Cambridge University Mission in Delhi.

Edenderry had made special preparation this year for its Harvest Festival. Mr. J. H. Stevenson had gathered together a good choir of the children, and at the services they sang very nicely. Miss Dorothy Stevenson had taken the practices beforehand and played very nicely at the service. The Rev. G. H. Daunt preached at the Monday evening service.

Drumgor Church Hall was beautifully decorated for the Services, and there were large gatherings present both on Sunday and Monday. Mr. T. H. Wilson kindly conducted the music, The Rev. C. T. Lett, son of the Rev. Canon Lett, who is well-known to many in Seagoe, preached at the Monday evening Service from the text "Blessed are they that do hunger and thirst after righteousness for they shall be filled." Mr. Lett has just been demobilised, having during the last few months of the war acted as a Driver in the Army Service Corps. His emphasis on the duty of "taking pains and obeying the rules" if we are to reap God's reward was impressive and inspiring.

Armistice Sunday.

On Sunday, November 9th, Special Services commemorative of the signing of the Armistice, a year ago, will be held in Seagoe Church. It is hoped that the Roll of Honour will be ready for Inauguration on that day.

Congratulations.

Last month we referred to the marriage of Rev. W. R. Crichton, which, as will be seen in our Parish Register, took place in Madras on September 9th. We send on behalf of the Parish of Seagoe our hearty good wishes to Mr and Mrs Crichton, on the occasion of their marriage. We hope at some future time, not too far distant, to see them in the Parish, and to give them a personal greeting.

Our New Bishop.

At the Diocesan Synod held in Belfast on Thursday, October 9th, for the election of a Bishop of the United Dioceses of Down and Connor and Dromore, the Very Rev. Charles T. P. Grierson, B.D., Dean of Belfast, was elected by a large majority of votes. The Bishop-elect was for many years Rector of Seapatrik (Banbridge), and has on many occasions officiated at Seagoe Church. As Dean of Belfast during the difficult years of the war, and the trying time preceding it, Bishop Grierson carried out his duties with much popularity and success. He is a cousin of his predecessor, Archbishop D'Arcy. We hope that before long the new Bishop will visit our Parish, and we know that when he comes among us he will receive a hearty Seagoe welcome.

The Bishop was consecrated in Armagh Cathedral on Tuesday, October 28th, (St. Simon and St. Jude's Day)

Our four lay representatives from the Parish were present and voted at the election of the Bishop—Lt.-Col. Blacker, T. J. Montgomery, J. Twinem and David Murray.

The Rev. T. H. Scanlon, M.A.

We offer our hearty congratulations and all good wishes to the Rev. T. H. Scanlon on his appointment as Rector of the Parish of Tempo in the Diocese of Clogher. Mr Scanlon during his tenure of the curacy of Seagoe, worked with much diligence and won his way into the affections of the people of Seagoe. The Parish of Tempo is near Enniskillen, where Mr Scanlon has acted as curate since he left Seagoe.

St. Andrew's Day.

Special Services for Men will (p.v.) be held in Seagoe Church, on Sunday, November 30, (St. Andrew's Day and also Advent Sunday), at 11-30 and 7. The preacher will be the Rev. E. A. Bennett, M.A., M.C., late Chaplain to the Forces in France and Mesopotamia. Mr Bennett was awarded the Military Cross for great bravery in attending to the wounded under heavy fire. He went over the top with his men eight times. Last month Mr Bennett was appointed Secretary in Belfast to the Church of Ireland Young Men's Society. We invite the men of the Parish to attend these Services. St. Andrew's Day is set apart in many places as a suitable day for Men's Services in remembrance of the fact recorded in Scripture that Andrew brought his brother Peter to Christ.

The Chota Nagpur Mission.

Seagoe has always supported the Dublin University Chota Nagpur Mission. A representative of the Mission, Miss Jellett, daughter of the late Provost Jellett, of Trinity College, and sister of Mr H. R. Jellett, M.P. for Dublin University, will (p.v.) give an address on behalf of the Mission, in Seagoe School, on Monday, November 17th, at 8 o'clock. Miss Jellett has been a member of the Mission for many years, and her account of the work in North-East India will be very interesting. A collection will be made at the meeting on behalf of the Funds of the Mission.

Seagoe War Memorial.

A meeting of Subscribers to the Seagoe War Memorial was held in Seagoe School on Tuesday, October 7th, at 8 o'clock. The Rector presided. Lieut.-Col. Blacker made a statement regarding the amount subscribed. Subscriptions already paid in already amounted to £319. There were still a few outstanding subscriptions which he hoped would be available. Discussion followed as to the form the Memorial should take. Eventually it was decided that the Memorial should take the form of special Entrance Gates and Pillars at the Church, and that the names of those associated with Seagoe Parish who had fallen in the War should be inscribed on the Memorial. A Sub-Committee consisting of Miss G. Atkinson, Lieut.-Col. Blacker, Rev. Canon Archer, and the Churchwardens, Messrs. J. Montgomery and T. E. Maginnis was appointed to consult with the Central War Memorial Committee, and to obtain plans for the proposed Memorial. Mr W. R. Atkinson was present at the meeting.

Seagoe Roll of Honour.

The Roll of Honour for Seagoe Parish, which has been in preparation for some time, is now complete, and in the course of a week or ten days we hope to have it on view in the Church Porch. It has been executed in the Artists' Department of Messrs. W. & G. Baird, Royal Avenue, Belfast. It is of considerable size, being four feet by three feet. At the top of the Roll is a well executed painting of Seagoe Church, and at the lower corners there are paintings of Old Seagoe Church and of Portadown Bridge. The border is of Celtic interwoven design, and the emblems of modern warfare are skillfully introduced in various ways at the base of the border, the colours of the Allied Forces are grouped. The border and all the decorations are painted by hand. The names on the list are arranged in four broad columns, each column containing 67 names. A cross opposite the name denotes one who sacrificed his life in the great cause, the letter "W" signifies wounded. The rank, decorations, and Regiment are added opposite each name. By the completion of the List of names it is possible now to find out our actual losses. Only the names of members of the Church of Ireland who were associated with Seagoe Church are entered on the List. It was found impossible to include others, much as we would liked to have done so. The actual number of killed reaches the high figure of forty-nine, the wounded number fifty-seven, and the total number of names on the List is 265. So that out of the full total the number of casualties in killed and wounded is 106, a very heavy percentage indeed, about 40 per cent. The Roll of Honour is enclosed in a massive gilt frame. Every effort has been made to ensure perfect accuracy in the List. Possibly slight errors and omissions may be discovered, but in the compilation of so long a list such must almost of necessity occur. The Roll of Honour is a very convincing proof of the readiness with which our Seagoe Churchmen rallied to the call of Empire when the need arose and it will be a permanent record of the fullness of the sacrifice made by the Parish in the cause of Truth and Justice during the great conflict now ended.

Tamnificarbet.

The last of the Harvest Services will be held in Carbet Orange Hall, on Sunday, November 2nd, at 7 p.m., and on Monday, at 8 p.m. Half of the Sunday Collection will be given to the Hall Funds and half to the Parochial Sunday School Funds.

PARISH REGISTER for OCT., 1919.**Baptisms.**

The following were Baptized in Seagoe Parish Church on the 4th October, 1919—

Moore—Caroline, daughter of David and Caroline Moore, of Kernan.

Sponsors—Caroline Moore, Mary Caddell.

Robinson—Joseph Victor, son of Thomas George and Mary Alice Robinson, of Tamnifiglasson.

Sponsors—Dinah Patton, Mary Alice Robinson.

Campbell—Josephine, daughter of William James and Jane Anna Campbell, of Balteagh.

Privately Baptized.

Lappin—William George, son of Samuel (1st R.I.R.F., B.E.F., 1914—1917), and Mary Lappin, of Edenderry.

Smith—Annie, daughter of Aaron and Sarah Annie Smith, of Edenderry.

Marriages.

Crichton—Berg—Sept. 9, at St. George's Cathedral, Madras, by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Madras, assisted by the Rev. B. M. Morton, Cathedral Chaplain—the Rev. W. R. Crichton, Indian Ecclesiastical Service, only son of the late Rev. James Crichton, Kildrumferton, Co. Cavan, to Vera Amy, only daughter of the late M. F. Berg, Bombay, and Mrs Berg, Bangalore, India.

Thornton and Fox—22nd October, 1919, William John Thornton, of Portadown, to Louisa Fox of Edenderry.

Burials.

Lindsay—October 11th, Frederick Oswald Lindsay, of Portadown, aged 17.

Letter From Mrs. Wolseley.

In a recent letter from Mrs Wolseley, daughter of the late Rev. Capel Wolseley, formerly curate of Seagoe, she writes as follows to Willie J. Whiteside, of Carrickblacker Road—We are down here at Blythsburg, Suffolk, at our nice little cottage on a stretch of Common land—no other roof within ten minutes walk of us—only grass, gorse, and bracken ferns, changing every day to gold or brown. It is lovely to watch them in the sunshine. My son came home to us for a while and then went off again to North Russia as an Interpreter. He knows the language having been some years in Archangel long ago. Indeed we all went out there to see him more than once, but never got on with the language. Those dreadful Bolshevists are getting more and more power in the world. I saw a copy of their secret orders to their agents everywhere, to stir up strife between Soldiers and Officers, Labour and Capital, etc., etc. I wonder what they expect the world will be like when they have blotted out the Name of God, and killed all who wont go their bloodstained way. Now about yourself, I hope you are getting on with your work as you would wish. How does the Braille reading progress? Have you many nice friends to come in and cheer you? We

like to hear from you. Poor old Ireland is being led astray. We pray the bad disloyal leaders may be put down, and God's Truth may again flood the land, and she may be called the Island of Saints once more. With all our kindest remembrance, Yours truly—Annie Wolseley. 10th Sept., 1919.

[Mrs. Wolseley and her daughter very kindly visited Willie Whiteside regularly when he was in St. Dunstan's Hostel for Blinded Soldiers, and they still write to him from time to time, Mrs Wolseley's son, to whom she refers in the letter is Sir Capel Charles Wolseley, Bart, who was British Vice-Consul at Archangel from 1900 to 1909.]

OLD SEAGOE NOTES.

The Geological Formation of Seagoe Parish.
The Geology of a Parish implies its most ancient history, and therefore such a subject fits in appropriately under Old Seagoe Notes. Two mighty Geological Forces engaged in the formation of what is now known as Seagoe, these two forces were Fire and Ice. Seagoe lies at the apex or Junction of two great lines of geologic force, one of which is represented by the Volcanic Rocks and rounded hills of County Antrim, and the other by the sharp and jagged peaks of the Mourne Range. If you compare the soft rounded summits of, say, Collin Mountain, near Belfast, with Slieve Donard or some of the other lofty peaks of Mourne, you will get some idea of the two forces which helped to make Seagoe what it is. It was the soft molten rock called Lava which flowed over the Co. Antrim, and rounded all the tops of the mountains, and which covered up with a warm mantle the underlying beds of pure white limestone, and so closely did it cover it that the latter can only get a look in, or perhaps we should say a lookout at places so far from Belfast as Kilvergan in this Parish. The sharp rocks of the Mourne range also represent the volcanic rock known as granite, but they have been made extra sharp and jagged because of the ice. Geologists tell us that in the far distant past a great glacier stretched from the Mourne Mountains to where Lough Neagh is, so that at one time the site of Seagoe lay buried under tons of ice. This ice gradually melted away leaving as a result the big pool of water which we call Lough Neagh. The hills of Seagoe, Kernan and Balteagh are the furthest outposts of the Mourne Mountains, and were formed by the debris left after the melting of the Great Glacier. A cycle or motor ride along the Lurgan Road from Portadown towards Lurgan will let the observant traveller into the secret of much ancient history. In making that short journey the road passes over, as it were, three big geologic waves, the first at Lisniskey, the second at Balteagh, and the third at Tullygalley. These waves were formed by the great Volcanic push from the Co. Antrim. And if we were to travel go towards Drumclogher Hill, or Banbridge, or Rathfriland, we would find another set of waves or ridges running in a different direction, formed by the Volcanic push from the Mourne Mountains. It is

wonderful how the River Bann has been able to push its way through and round so many obstacles till it reaches the sea on the North Coast of Antrim. If it had had eyes to see with and a point of vantage it might have shortened its course considerably by turning sharp to the right near its source and emptying itself into the sea near Newcastle, Co. Down, but if it had, Portadown might never have come into existence.

Harvest Offertories.

Parish Church	-	-	£5	7	8
" "	-	-	9	5	8
" "	-	-	7	6	7
Carne	-	-	1	10	2
" "	-	-	0	14	0
Edenderry	-	-	2	1	0
" "	-	-	1	0	0
Drumgor	-	-	1	18	2
" "	-	-	0	17	8

Presentation.

Arthur Allen left Edenderry on Friday, 31st inst., to join the London Headquarters of the Church Army to be trained as an Evangelist. On the evening before he left there was a pleasant gathering in Seagoe School consisting of the Teachers and Superintendents of Edenderry Sunday Schools, the boys in his Sunday School Classes and others of his friends to wish him God-speed in his new work. A presentation of a solid leather Attache Case was made to him. The Rector presided, and after Tea Mrs. Stephenson presented Mr. Allen with the Case. Mr. Allen suitably replied, and short speeches were made by Mrs. Stephenson, Mrs. Johnston, Miss Woolsey (his former Sunday School Teacher), and Mr. Rennix, all testifying to the good influence exerted by Mr. Allen and wishing him great blessing and success in his work with the Church Army. We look forward in the near future to others joining the Church Army as a preparation for work in the Mission Field.

ITEMS.

Two members of the Edenderry R.I.C., Constables M'Alister and Boyle, have returned from three months special duty in Tipperary. We are glad to know they have got back safely. The R.I.C. are doing a splendid work under difficult and dangerous conditions, and they are deserving of the hearty sympathy and support of all law-abiding citizens.

We congratulate Edenderry Football Club on their fine record of four wins in succession. It takes a lot to beat an Edenderry man when he makes up his mind to win.

Some beautiful flowers and fruit were sent for the decoration of the Parish Church at the Harvest Festival for which we sincerely thank the donors. The Fruit has been sold and the money applied to Foreign Missions.