

Seago Parish Magazine.

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Seago Sunday School Excursion, June 19th, 1924.

Through the generosity of Mr. Joseph Twinem, Grand Avenue, New York, brother of Mr. James Twinem, Lylo and Edenderry, we are enabled to reproduce, in the Magazine, an interesting photograph of our Sunday School Excursion Procession as it passed through Railway Street, on Thursday, June 19th of this year, on its way to Warrenpoint. The photograph was taken by Mr. Twinem as the procession approached the Railway Station. Only those who were at the head of the procession are seen in the picture, but the procession was a very long one, more than filling the whole length of Railway Street. A pretty effect is produced in the photograph by the light of the early morning sun falling on the processionists. The photograph was taken at 9 a.m., summer time, which is about 7-80 a.m., Greenwich time. Mr. Twinem, who kindly defrayed the expense of reproducing the photograph, has been on a visit to Seago Parish for the past few months, with his wife, and son and daughter. He emigrated to the States some 25 years ago, and prospered in his business activities. While in Seago on holiday he stayed at Tarson with his mother. Mr. Twinem has always been much interested in the old parish. Mrs. Joseph Twinem is of American nationality, but of Swiss descent, and during their recent holiday visited St. Gall, in Switzerland, her father's birthplace, town which also had some close and interesting connections with Irish Church history 1000 years ago. The boy who carried the Union Jack is David Forde of Joseph Street.

The Harvest Services.

All the Services of Harvest Thanksgiving held this Autumn in Seagoe Parish have been attended by large gatherings of worshippers. The services held in the Parish Church on Thursday, October 23rd, and on Sunday, October 26th, brought together very many worshippers. The congregations at the Sunday Services were very large, and at the Evening Service many were unable to get into the church. The Rev. Dr. Aldwell preached on Thursday, and on Sunday the Rev. Frederick Hatch, LL.B., B.D., was the special preacher. The musical portion of the services was well rendered by the choir. Miss Mary Wilson presided at the organ, and Mr. T. H. Wilson, who trained the choir with great diligence and success. On Sunday, Stainer's Anthem—"Oh! clap your hands," was sung. It is a most difficult piece of music, but the choir and organist acquitted themselves well. Mrs. Hartley of Annaghmore, sang the Soprano solo, and the Quartette for four voices was sung by Messrs. D. W. Murray and A. Allen, and Mrs. Hartley and Miss Montgomery. A willing band of decorators had beautified the church with rich garlands of flowers and evergreens and fruit. Pretty palms also added much to the graceful appearance of the decorations.

District Harvest Services.

During October Harvest Services were held in several districts of the Parish. On Thursday, October 9th, and on the following Sunday, the Services were held in **Edenderry Parochial Hall**.

The Services were largely attended, and the decorations were very bright. The Rev. H. F. Egerton preached on Thursday, and the Rector on Sunday. Miss Hawthorne presided at the organ, with her usual efficiency, and the Children's Choir led the singing.

On the same Sunday **Carne** held its special services. As usual the school was very nicely decorated. Mr. D. W. Murray, our energetic superintendent had charge of the music. The special preachers were the Rev. H. F. Egerton on Sunday, and the Rev. J. Armstrong, B.Sc., on Monday.

Levaghery School had its Services on Sunday, October 19th, and the following Monday. The school was prettily decorated with flowers and fruit, Miss Selina Bradshaw had charge of the music, which was hearty and devotional. The Rev. R. W. Johnston, L.Th., and the Rev. J. Armstrong, B.Sc., were the special preachers.

Drumgor Harvest Services.

The last of our Harvest Services will be held (D.V.) in **Drumgor Church Hall**, on Thursday, November 13th, at 8 p.m., and on Sunday, November 16th, at 3.30 p.m. The Hall has recently been renovated at a cost of over £100, and is now one of our neatest and best Halls. The offerings on Thursday will be divided between Foreign Missions and the Local Sunday School Fund, and on Sunday will be on behalf of the Renovation Fund of the Hall.

Concert at Drumgor.

On Thursday October 30th, a Concert was held in **Drumgor Church Hall**. It was organised to provide Funds towards the expenses recently incurred in the renovation of the building. There was a large attendance and a most interesting programme of songs and music was provided. An important item was selections played by the **Tamnicarbet Flute Band**, which were loudly applauded. The Rector presided and at the close a hearty vote of thanks was passed to all who had so kindly assisted at the concert.

Presentation.

On Thursday Evening, September 11th, a social meeting was held in **Drumgor**, in connection with the local Sunday School. Miss Agnes Guy, superintendent, was present, and there was a full attendance of the teachers and children. After a hearty tea had been partaken of the Rector took the chair and in a few words explained the object of the gathering. Miss Maggie Gracey, of **Ba'leagh**, who had been both as teacher and pupil a most regular attender at the Sunday School was about to proceed to **Belfast** to undergo her period of training under the Board of Education. The members of the Sunday School had decided to present her with a token of their esteem, and to express their good wishes to her for her future course. The Rector then presented Miss Gracey with an **Attache-case**, and on behalf of all present expressed his best wishes for her success. Miss Gracey thanked those present for their kind gift, which she would always value. Games were then engaged in until 10 o'clock, when a pleasant evening was brought to a close.

The Diocesan Synod.

The Synod meets on Tuesday, November 4th, in **Clarence Place Hall, Belfast**. The members of the Synod will attend Holy Communion at 10 o'clock in **St. Anne's Cathedral**. Seagoe Parish has six lay representatives, who will attend the Synod—Messrs James Twinem, John G. Gracey, Thomas Martin, Robt. Price, Thos. H. Wilson, and David W. Murray.

On Tuesday evening a great meeting of **Church People** will be held in the **Ulster Hall** at 8. Among the speakers will be the Bishop of Tuam, and Canon Moore Ede. Tickets for the meeting (admission free) may be had from the Rector, or from any of the Seagoe Synodsmen.

Edenderry Parochial Hall.

A week-night service is now held in the **Parochial Hall**, on every Thursday Evening at 8 p.m. We invite the residents in that district to come to the Hall for this quiet hour of worship each week. The Rector is making application to the Lord Bishop to license the Hall as a place of worship.

Seagoe Select Vestry.

A deputation from Seagoe Select Vestry waited on the Lurgan Rural Council at their meeting on Thursday, October 2nd, to press upon them the importance of improving the condition of Seagoe graveyard. The deputation pre-ented to the council a document specifying its suggestions, which referred to the providing of a skilled gardener as well as a gravedigger, the building of a proper caretaker's house, the strict enforcement of the Act of Parliament which excludes all animals from graveyards, the sufficient fencing of the graveyard, the exclusion of young children from the graveyard, unless accompanied by an adult, the digging of new graves to a regulated depth, and the drainage of the newly-added ground. The deputation was sympathetically received by the council, who promised to give a full consideration to the suggestions made. This question is so urgent that we believe the council must act without delay in the interests of Public Health, as well as in the respect which, as Christians, we owe to the sacred remains of our dear ones.

The Weekly Envelopes.

Is your number among the following? If so, would you please write your name on your envelope. We have your number but do not know your name.

4, 5, 6, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 24, 26, 245, 247, 331, 334, 342, 343, 426, 427, 463, 475.

Seagoe Mothers' Union.

The opening meeting of the Mothers' Union for the winter session was held in Edenderry Parochial Hall on Tuesday, October 6th, at 4 p.m. There was a full attendance of members, for whom tea was provided. Miss Collen, the hon. sec., was unfortunately unable to be present, but Miss G. Atkinson acted in her stead. The Countess of Roden had very kindly driven over from Tullymore Park, near Castlewellan, for the meeting. After tea the Rector spoke a few words of welcome, and introduced Lady Roden to the members. Her ladyship addressed the members on the principles of the Mothers' Union, and the importance of keeping the rules. Her earnest words were listened to with great attention by all present. The members were all greatly delighted to have the Countess among them, and hope she will soon pay another visit to the Parochial Hall. Those who are desirous of joining the Mothers' Union should send in their names to Miss Collen. The next meeting of the Mothers' Union will be held in the Parochial Hall on Tuesday, November 11th (Armistice Day), at 4 o'clock, when the Rector will hold a Bible Class for the members. The subject for consideration will be—"The Gift of Peace," and the portion of scripture to be studied will be St. Matt. viii, 23-27. Members are asked to bring their Bibles with them.

A Cottage Service.

On Wednesday, October 22nd, a cottage service was held in Killicomaine, where Mr. and Mrs. England kindly lent a room. There was a crowded attendance. The Rev. R. W. Johnston read the prayers, and the Rector gave an address on "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness." Other Cottage Services are being arranged in various parts of the parish. We heartily invite our people in the districts where these services are held to be present, and to bring others with them.

Cottage Services.

Cottage Mission Services have been arranged to be held (D.V.) in the following districts of the Parish—Ballyhannon and Ballymacrandle, on Wednesday, November 12th, at 8 p.m. and at Kilvergan on Wednesday, November 19th at 8 p.m. Handbills will be distributed in each district before the Services, announcing the house in which they will be held.

Our Sunday Schools.

The new Sunday School Calendars will be issued to teachers and children on Sunday, November 23rd. The price of the Calendars will be $\frac{1}{2}$ d. each.

A War Diary.

We have been lent the War Diary kept during the earlier years of the war by Herbert Murray, of Ballynery, who served with the Canadians in Flanders, during the war. He is one of those whose names are recorded on our Memorial Pillars. He died from wounds in April, 1917, and is buried in Flanders. The diary is a stirring record of war experiences at the most trying period of the war, and in that part of the war zone where the fighting was fiercest. We hope in our next issue to print some extracts from the diary.

An American Visitor.

Last month the Rector had a visit from Mr. Vincent Hamilton Potter, of 36 School St. Burnside, Connecticut, U.S.A. Mr. Potter, who is a graduate of Trinity College, Hartford, Conn., U.S.A., was on a visit to Europe. Before leaving America his relatives had told him to be sure to visit the old Parish of "Sagy," from which his grandmother, Ellen Atkinson had emigrated in the middle of the last century. Mr. Potter interviewed several of the residents in the Parish, including Mr. Dynes Atkinson, of Upper Seagoe. He attended the services in the Parish Church on Sunday, and saw the old Font where his ancestors were baptized. Mr. Potter is a loyal member of the American Episcopal Church, and was greatly interested by his visit to the parish. It is nice to see the attachment to the old place asserting itself in the third generation.

ITEMS.

We regret that some of our usual readers were unable to secure a copy of last month's Magazine, as all the copies were sold at once. The best way to make sure of getting a copy is to pay your 2/- subscription in advance to your local distributor.

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The recent settled weather has greatly helped the harvest.

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Please bring your Freewill Offering to the church with you each Sunday.

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Advent Sunday falls this year on November 2nd, which is also St. Andrew's Day.

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Shankill Parish Magazine for November contains portraits of the staff of clergy of Shankill Parish, four in number.

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Many among us will regret the resignation of the Very Rev. Dr. O'Loughlin, D.D., who has for the past 30 years filled the onerous post of Rector of Shankill. Dr. O'Loughlin was always a welcome visitor to Seagoe. He intends to reside in future at Restrevor.

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We regret to hear of the death of Mrs. Jack Wilson, of Edenderry, after a long illness. We express our sincere sympathy with Mr. Wilson and his family in their bereavement.

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The death of Mr. Thomas Guy, of Derryvore, is much regretted. He was liked by everyone for his quiet genial disposition. He has passed away after a long and trying illness.

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A Great Meeting of Church People will be held in the Ulster Hall, on Tuesday, November 4th at 8 p.m.

Seagoe School Concert.

A Concert will be given by the pupils of Seagoe Public Elementary School, in Edenderry Parochial Hall, on Tuesday, December 16th, at 8 p.m. Tickets, Reserved, 2s; Unreserved, 1s., are now on sale. The proceeds will be on behalf of Seagoe School. An interesting programme is in preparation.

Services in the Parochial Hall

The first of the week-night Thursday Services was held in Edenderry Parochial Hall on Thursday, October 2nd, at 8 p.m. There was a good attendance of worshippers. The Service was conducted by the Rev. R. W. Johnston, and the address was given by the Rector. Miss Hawthorn presided at the Hymnarium, and is taking charge of the music at the services. She is forming a children's choir who will help in the singing.

Parish Register for October. Baptisms.

The following were Baptized in the Parish Church on October 4th, 1924.

Hynes—Winifred, daughter of William James and Amelia Hynes, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Jane Eliza Hynes Amelia Hynes.

Magee—Elizabeth, daughter of Joseph and Sarah Margaret Magee, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Anne Major, Sarah Margaret Magee.

McCrory—Joseph, son of Joseph Alexander and Margaret McCrory, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Christina Roney, Mary Jane Roney.

Roney—Wilson, son of Samuel and Christina Roney of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Mary Jane Roney, Margaret McCrory.

Marriage.

Rainey and Burrell—October 15th, 1924, Robert George Rainey, of Edenderry, to Olive Jessie Burrell, of Scarva.

Burials.

Guy—October 22nd, Thomas Guy, of Derryvore, aged 73 years.

The Weekly Freewill Envelopes.

A list of the sums subscribed through the Envelopes from January 1st, 1924, to June 30th, 1924, has been posted on the Notice Board in the Church Porch. If any mistake is noticed in it please communicate with Mr. Hugh Stoops, Hon. Treasurer, Killicomaine Road. The new sets of Envelopes for 1925 will be issued in good time, so that everyone may make a good start for the New year, on Sunday, January 4th, 1925. We hope all who contribute will try to increase the amount they give each week. No less than 51 subscribers place only one penny in the Envelope each week. We ask also that all wage earners in each household should secure a set of Envelopes for themselves. As things are at present the Parish is responsible for £392 in salaries alone, exclusive of the expenses connected with the heating, lighting, and repairs of the church buildings. It will take another £70 per annum to raise the Parish from the status of a Curacy-in-charge, which it now holds, to that of a Parish in the full sense of the term. We regret to record that 62 heads of families, who took sets of Envelopes from the collectors at the beginning of the year have as yet not sent in a single Envelope. If this fact is read by any of those who possess sets of Envelopes as yet unused we hope they will take it to heart and amend their ways.

Wednesday Evening Service.

We are glad to record an improvement in the attendance at the Wednesday Evening Services in the Parish Church. This opportunity for Worship during the week has proved a great help to many. A quiet hour in the House of Prayer amidst the toil and turmoil of the week is an immense help to the Spiritual life of the soul. We invite you to join in this act of Worship each week.