

# Seagoe Parish Magazine.

NOVEMBER, 1926.

## RECTOR :

Rev. Canon Archer, B.D., The Rectory, Seagoe, Portadown.

## CHURCHWARDENS :

Rector's—Mr. James Twinem, Lylo and Edenderry.  
People's—Mr. Moses Gilpin, Drumnagoon.

### **Harvest Thanksgiving.**

Many services of Thanksgiving for the Blessings of Harvest have been held in the Parish during the past month, and all have been largely attended and a true spirit of thanksgiving has prevailed among the worshippers.

Harvest Services were held in the Parish Church on Thursday, October 21st, and Sunday, October 24th. The Church was beautifully decorated—better, we think, than ever before. The pulpit was clothed in fruit and flower and looked very bright. The handsome pillars separating the nave from the side aisle looked very nice with their graceful furnishing of ivy tendrils. The musical parts of the service were rendered with great taste and feeling. Special settings of the Canticles were sung and a very impressive Harvest Anthem followed. The quartette was finely sung. The hymns were inspiring, and at the close of the service a fivefold Amen was sung with organ accompaniment, but in perfect tune. At the close of the service on Sunday evening a special setting of the Te Deum was sung as an act of thanksgiving and formed a very fitting conclusion to the services. Mr. Wilson and Miss Mary Wilson are to be heartily congratulated on the way in which the music was rendered, and our thanks are due to those from other Parishes who kindly came and helped in the choir. The special preacher on Thursday was Rev. E. A. Myles, rector of Tullylish, whose sermon was based on "God's care for the sparrows." On Sunday morning the Very Rev. the Dean of Dromore, rector of Maralin, preached on "The Ripe shock of Corn." The Rev. R. S. Breene, LL.D., rector of St. Peter's Church, Belfast, preached on Sunday evening on "The Right Use of God's Gifts." The congregations at all the services were very large, and on Sunday evening a large number of people were unable to get into the Church. The offerings on Thursday were for Foreign Missions, and on Sunday at both services for our Parochial Church Fund for the upkeep of the services in the Parish Church.

### **Other Harvest Service.**

**Levaghery**—On Sunday and Monday, October 3rd and 4th, the Harvest Services were held in Levaghery School. The room was tastefully decorated. We noticed some splendid apples and also a stalwart row of giant sunflowers, which looked very bright. The Rev. J. H. M'Cleary, Deputation Sec. S.P.G.,

preached on Sunday and made an appeal on behalf of the work of the Church abroad. The Rev. H. Lamb, M.A., curate of St. Mark's, preached on the Monday evening. The congregations were large and the services were very hearty. Miss Selina Bradshaw presided at the harmonium. Miss Clara Kirby sang very impressively at each service the hymn "Nearer, my God, to Thee" as a solo.

**Drumgor**—The Harvest Services were held at Drumgor on Thursday, October 7th, and on Sunday, October 10th. There were many present and the Hall was tastefully decorated. Miss Wilson, L.L.C.M., presided at the harmonium, and a large choir led in the musical part of the service. The sermon on Thursday was preached by the Rev. T. G. Moore, B.A., curate of Shankill. His subject was "The Duty of Thankfulness." The collection was for Foreign Missions. On Sunday the Hall was again filled, and the Rector preached on the text "He hath not dealt with us after our sins nor rewarded us according to our unrighteousness." The services were most hearty and the presence of a large choir made them much brighter. A Harvest Anthem was sung by the choir. Mr. Richard Robb, of Kernan, taking the solo, which he sang with fine expression.

**Carne**—On October 17th and 18th Carne Services were held. The Hall was quite filled at both services. On Sunday the Rector preached on "Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits." On Monday evening Mr. J. Robb, of Carne House, preached on "Consider the Lilies." The music at both services was conducted by the Drumgor choir, who also sang an anthem, in which Mr. Richard Robb, of Kernan, took the solo.

**Edenderry**—On Thursday, October 28th, at 8 p.m. a Harvest Festival Service was held in Edenderry Parochial Hall. There was a large attendance and the Hall was prettily decorated with fruits and flowers. The musical part of the service had been arranged by Miss Hawthorne, and was heartily sung by the choir and congregation. The Rev. T. Martin, rector of Loughbrickland, preached, and the offerings were given to Foreign Missions. The services in the Parochial Hall will be (p.v.) continued on Sunday, October 31st, at 3-30 p.m.

### **Armistice Day**

On Sunday, Nov. 7th, the services in the Parish Church will be arranged for special commemoration of those who fell in the Great War, and the offerings in accordance with the decision of the General Synod of the Church of Ireland will be given to Earl Haig's Fund for the ex-service men. On Armistice Day, Thursday, Nov. 11th, a short service will be held in the Parish Church at 10-45 a.m., and a service of Remembrance will also be held in the evening at 8 o'clock. Ex-service men are asked to wear their medals when attending these services.



### Seagoe Mothers' Union

On Tuesday, Nov. 2nd, a meeting of the Mother's Union will be held in Seagoe School at 7-30 p.m. Tea will be provided for the members. It is hoped that Mrs. Clow will be able to attend and give an address on "Temperance in the Home." Intending members are heartily invited.

### Meeting of Sunday School Teachers

A meeting of our Sunday School Superintendents and Teachers will be held (p.v.) in Seagoe School on Thursday, Nov. 4th, at 8 p.m. Mr. Rennix, Principal of Seagoe School and Superintendent of Edenderry Sunday School, will give an address on "How to teach a Sunday School class." It is hoped that all the Teachers will be present. Mr. Rennix has had a long and varied experience as a teacher, and his advice ought to be very helpful to the teachers.

The new Sunday School Calendars will be issued during November. Instead of the usual Books of Teacher's Notes the Notes on the Sunday Lessons will in future be printed in the "Irish Churchman," which can be obtained at a cost of one penny weekly. "The Irish Churchman" will contain, besides the notes, a large amount of general Church news.

### The Rev. W. T. Grey.

Mr. Grey's many friends in Seagoe will be glad to know that he is coming to preach in the Parish Church on Sunday, December 5th, at Morning and Evening Prayer. He will preach on behalf of the Jews Society, of which he is now Deputation Secretary. It is some years since Mr. Grey has been in Seagoe. He recently resigned his rectory in Cork and is at present residing in Dublin. It will be remembered that Mr. Grey when a Missionary in Japan married an English lady whose father was a Professor in the University of Tokio. During the recent terrible earthquake in Japan when the city of Tokio was destroyed Mrs. Grey's father and mother were seriously injured by their house collapsing and burying them in the ruins.

### Enterprise in Seagoe.

The following advertisement appeared in the "Belfast News-Letter" of Friday, Oct. 22nd. We congratulate Messrs. Reid on their enterprise and hope it will prove a Commercial success:

#### TUNGSTONE PURE LEAD GRID ACCUMULATOR.

Standard 12 Volt Car Starting, Lighting and Ignition Battery, 54 Plates, 4in. x 4in., 50 actual amp. hour at 20 hour rate regularly charged by a 12 Volt 12 Amp. Lucas Dynamo after 2 years experimental road work, completed in 10 days 1,600 self starting tests of a 15.9 engine, including an intermittent series of starts from cold in winter—without previous cranking.

During the test the battery was subjected at intervals to dead short circuiting tests by momentarily placing thick copper rod across outer terminals. Plates were undamaged. The Battery continued to work as usual. The Battery was a fixture on running board.

We will be pleased to send illustrated booklet "Photography tells the story of the Tungstone Accumulator," and also Price List and Spare Parts Booklet.

REID BROS. & CO.,

SEAGOE, PORTADOWN.

Trade Enquiries Invited.

### St. Mark's Centenary.

We congratulate our neighbouring Parish of St. Mark's, Portadown, on having reached its 100th year of existence. Special services will be held during the week beginning November 7th, to mark the centenary. St. Mark's Parish was first of all dedicated to St. Michael, then to St. Martin, and later to St. Mark. It originally formed part of the ancient Parish of Drumcree. The Bishop of Down will preach the centenary sermons on Sunday, Nov. 14th. The Lord Primate will also take part in the services. The commanding position occupied by St. Mark's Church in the town of Portadown is a proof of the wisdom and sound churchmanship of those who controlled Church affairs one hundred years ago. The utmost good feeling has always characterised the relations existing between St. Mark's Parish and her neighbour on this side of the Bann, the ancient Parish of Seagoe, a friendship which we believe will grow and deepen in the days to come, when Portadown spreads out still further on both sides of the river.

### Men's Recreation Rooms.

The Men's Room in Bridge Street is open every evening from 7-30 to 10-30, and 53 men have joined up. At a meeting of members held in the Room on Tuesday, October 19th, the following appointments were made—Hon. Secretary, Mr. Thomas Metcalf; Assistant Secretary and Caretaker, Mr. James McCann; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. James Lewie. A committee of six, with Mr. Adair as chairman, was also elected. The committee is to meet on each Monday evening at 7-30. It was decided to join the Ulster Air Gun Association and to adopt their rules. Additional draught boards have been obtained, and it is hoped to have a visit early in December from Mr. T. Andrews, the draughts champion of Ulster. Gifts of newspapers for the room will be much appreciated, and parcels may be left at Mr. Phillips' shop at the corner of Foundry St. If any one has a table to spare suitable for draught playing it would fill a much needed want. Some exciting competitions have been held in the rooms.



**Parish Register for October.  
Baptisms.**

The following were Baptized in Seagoie Parish Church on October 2nd, 1926 :—

**M'Murray**—Thomas Henry, son of Thomas and Sarah M'Murray, of Hacknahay.

*Sponsors*—Elizabeth M'Knight, Sarah M'Murray.

**M'Loughlin**—William John, son of William John and Sarah Margaret M'Loughlin, of Kernan.

*Sponsors*—Anna Porter, Sarah Margaret M'Loughlin.

**Campbell**—William James, son of William James and Jane Anna Campbell, of Balteagh.

*Sponsors*—Elizabeth Hunniford, Agnes Webb.

**Hall**—Joseph Oswald, son of Alfred James and Winifred Elizabeth Hall, of Kernan.

*Sponsors*—Ilfred James Hall, Millicent Coulter, Winifred Elizabeth Hall.

**Wilson**—James, son of John and Elizabeth Wilson, of Levaghery.

*Sponsors*—Margaret Lewie, Elizabeth Wilson.

**PRIVATE BAPTISM.**

**M'Neill**—Oct. 4th, 1926, Verna, daughter of Samuel George and Anna M'Neill, of Ballymacrandal.

**Marriages**

**Wright and Turner**—Oct. 12th, 1926, Thomas Ernest Wright, of Portadown, to Ethel Florence Turner, of Edenderry.

**Preston and Owen**—Oct. 19th, 1926, Samuel Edward Preston, of Killicomaine, to Violet Olga Owen, of Dublin.

**Burials**

**Neill**—Oct. 4th, Margaret Neill, of Ballymacrandal, aged 51. Interred at Tanderagee.

**Hanna**—Oct. 6th, Rachel Hanna, of Belfast, aged 51.

**Carville**—Oct. 19th, Jane Carville, of Breagh, aged 81.

**Fryers**—Oct. 20th, Ernest Fryers, of Dublin, formerly of Upper Seagoie, aged 24.

**Porter**—Oct. 22nd, Simpson Porter, of Lower Seagoie, aged 65.

**Maginnis**—Oct. 24th, William Maginnis, of Breagh, aged 87. Interred at Tanderagee.

**Obituary**

We record this month the loss by death of some who were very familiar to many in the Parish. Margaret Neill, of Ballymacrandal, passed away after only three days illness. She was much beloved by all who knew her. Her funeral to Tanderagee

was largely attended. Jane Carville, who had reached an advanced age, had had many troubles recently in the death of her husband, son and grandchild within a few months. Ernest Fryers, a member of a family formerly well known in Seagoie, died in Dublin at an early age, just as he was entering on manhood. Simpson Porter, a well known resident in Lower Seagoie and a worker on the G.N.R. for over 40 years, passed away after a comparatively brief illness. A very aged parishioner, William Maginnis, of Breagh, was buried in Tanderagee on Sunday, October 24th. He had a clear memory of past events and used to relate how he was present in Knocknamuckley Church when Dean Dawson preached his first sermon there.

We offer our sincere sympathy to the bereaved relatives in their time of sorrow.

**ITEMS**

Mr. Jack Robb, of Carne, has joined the teaching staff of Carne Sunday School.

Some residents of Seagoie have forwarded to the Armagh County Council a complaint regarding the state of Church Lane, which in wet weather has been almost impassable.

Many of the roads in the Parish have now a tarred surface, which during the approaching winter will ensure an agreeable and clean surface largely free from mud.

Estimates for the internal renovation of the Parish Church are being obtained by the Select Vestry.

Neat new pillars, gates, and railings have been erected at the entrance to Old Seagoie graveyard, and the caretaker's old residence is being transformed into a comfortable waiting-room.

Some of our older Seagoie people have never been in a train or farther from home than Lurgan or Portadown.

In our December number we hope to make special reference to the centenary of Archdeacon Saurin's appointment to Seagoie in 1826.

Mrs. Dawson has sent the Rector a very fine photograph of the portrait of Dean Blacker, who was connected with Seagoie Parish as Vicar and Rector from 1777 to 1829. Dean Blacker was a man of great intellectual power and business capacity; both of which characteristics are displayed in the portrait.

The scarcity of coal due to the prolonged coal strike is causing much inconvenience and some physical suffering during this cold weather.



**ITEMS**

On October 24th the Rector completed his 21st year as Rector of Seagoe Parish.

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November 21st will be the 21st anniversary of the death of Dean Dawson.

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Much regret has been expressed at the death of Miss Forsythe, of Seagoe Villa. We sympathise very sincerely with her relatives in their sad loss.

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At the last Baptismal Service in the Parish Church five children were baptized, all boys.

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The Diocesan Synod will (d.v.) meet in Clarence Place Hall, Belfast, on Tuesday, November 2nd. There will be a celebration of Holy Communion in St. Anne's Cathedral for the members of the Synod at 10 a.m. Seagoe Parish is represented by six lay members in the Synod.

A great Missionary rally will be held (d.v.) in the Parochial Hall, Lurgan, on Monday, Dec. 6th, at 8 p.m. It will be addressed by Dr. Garfield Williams, a distinguished Missionary. All interested in Foreign Missions are invited to attend from Seagoe Parish. The meeting is for all the neighbouring Parishes as well as Lurgan. It is being held in connection with the great "World Call" movement.

**SERVICES.**

**THE PARISH CHURCH.**

**HOLY COMMUNION**—1st Sunday after Morning Prayer; 3rd Sunday at 8 a.m., and on the Chief Festivals.

**HOLY BAPTISM**—1st Saturday of Month at 3 p.m., and during any Service in the Parish Church. if notice be given; Two Sponsors at least are required, and they must be Confirmed members of the Church. Churchings are held at each Baptism. Mothers are expected to bring a thank-offering. (See Book of Common Prayer.)

**MORNING PRAYER**—Sundays and Chief Festivals 11.30 a.m.

**EVENING PRAYER**—Sundays 7 p.m., Wednesdays 8 p.m.

**DISTRICT SERVICES.**

**Hacknahay**—Last Sunday of Month at 3.30 p.m.

**Drumgor**—Second Sunday of Month at 4 p.m.

**MARRIAGES** must be performed between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Licenses are issued by Rev Canon Hannon, Rectory, Lurgan. Due notice (48 hours) must be given to the Rector of intended weddings. **FEES**—By License—Labourers 5/-, Tradesmen 10/-, Merchants and Farmers 15/-, Professional £1. By Banns 5/-. **FUNERALS** will be attended by the Clergy if proper notice be given. **SICK CASES** should be notified to the Clergy without delay. **FEES FOR CERTIFICATES** BAPTISM, 3/7; Children (Factory), 1/- and 2/- (non-residents); **MARRIAGE**, 3/7. An extra search fee is chargeable in certain cases. A copy of the Magazine will be sent post free to any subscriber for 3s per annum.

**Nine Years Ago**

Diary of the late H. W. Murray.

**SOAKED WITH RAIN.**

**Thursday, May 25th**—Raining in morning. Afternoon marched up to "Belgian Castle" and took over billets from No. 1 Company. Night fatigue, digging trench for cable. Rain came down very heavy last two hours. Quit about 11-30 and got back soaked about 12 o'clock.

**DIGGING IN THE DARK.**

**Saturday, May 27th**—Moved back to F Camp again. Evening, fell in for fatigue at 8 o'clock. Took 'buses up to Ypres and walked to Zillebeke Lake. Dug communication trench. Returned about 3 a.m.

**AT CHINA WALL.**

**Monday, May 29th**—Lay around all day. Night fatigue, carrying party from "China Wall" R.E. Dump to R.S. 2, and filled some sandbags. Got 'bus about daybreak. Some rain.

**NOWHERE TO SLEEP.**

**Wednesday, May 31st**—Mess orderly. Left for trenches about 7 o'clock. Walked all the way to front line, right of Hooge, arriving about 11 o'clock. Relieved 49th. Eight men in a bay. No dug-outs. Nowhere to sleep but on the trench mats. Posted on sentry from 12 to 2 German trench about 60 or 70 yards away. Everything quiet.

**CLASSES, &c.**

**ADULT CLASSES**—Sundays at 10 a.m.

For Men—Edenderry and Seagoe. For Women—Seagoe School.

**SUNDAY SCHOOLS**—10 a.m. Edenderry Parochial Hall and Seagoe School. 3 p.m. Seagoe, Edenderry Parochial Hall, Levaghery, Hacknahay, Carne, Drumgor.

Men's Recreation Room, Bridge St., open every night from 7 p.m.

Seagoe C.L. Brigade in Edenderry Parochial Hall, on Tuesdays at 8 p.m.

Mothers' Union, Edenderry 1st Tuesday, at 4 p.m.

**DAY SCHOOL**—Seagoe, 9.30 a.m. Principal—Mr. S. Rennix.