

# Seagoe Parish Magazine.

NOVEMBER, 1927.

## CLERGY :

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

Rev. W. A. Henry, 21 Edward St., Portadown.

## CHURCHWARDENS :

Rector's—Thos. E. Maginnis, Breagh.

People's—John R. Reid, Portadown.

## Sewage Tanks in Seagoe.

A very serious injury is about to be inflicted on Seagoe and its neighbourhood by the Urban Council of Portadown. It seems to be the intention of the Council to construct the sewage tanks for the new main drainage scheme in Seagoe. We hope our readers will realise what this means. Simply this: that all the sewage of Portadown will be dumped down in their midst, and our pretty townland, associated for so many centuries with the worship of the Church and the bright voices of the school children and the quiet of the old graveyard will for the time to come be disturbed by all the activities connected with the modern disposal of the refuse and sewage of a large and growing town. This would be intolerable, and must not be permitted. We have no quarrel with the Urban Council on the score of a main drainage scheme. What we do object to is that when there are many uninhabited areas in the neighbourhood of Portadown suitable for sewage works, they should without regard to the feelings of the people of Seagoe or the associations of the place plant it down in our midst. The action of the Council has already given rise to much indignation among the residents in this neighbourhood, and we are quite certain that organised and strenuous opposition will be given to the proposed scheme. A public meeting will shortly be held to voice the feelings of the residents on this question and to consider the best means for opposing and preventing it.

## Harvest-Time in Seagoe.

Every year as the season of Harvest comes round a splendid wave of thanksgiving passes over our people. Our Parish Churches and our local schools are filled with interested and devout worshippers, who gather together for prayer and praise in a combined act of Thanksgiving to the Lord of the Harvest for the renewal of His promised gifts.

## IN THE PARISH CHURCH.

Thursday, Oct. 20th, and Sunday, October 23rd, were the days fixed for the services in the Parish Church. Kind and reverent hands had decorated the walls and furnishing of the Church with the glorious ripe products of garden, field and orchard. The Church seemed to be more fully decorated than in other years. Of course the best decoration of all is a crowded congregation, and this was present at all the services. Our old friend and former Curate, Canon Taylor, preached, and urged with his familiar earnestness on all present the Duty of Salvation. His text was: "The Harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." On Sunday the Rev. H. W. Rennison, once again back as Curate in Drumcree, was with us as preacher. His subject was "Salvation through the Commonplace." His text was, God's signal to David, "the sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees." At the Evening Service the Rev. Percy Marks, B.D., Rector of Ballymore (Tandragee) preached on the Spiritual Harvest of Human Life. The Harvest music calls for special note. Mr. and Miss Wilson and the choir gave much and careful attention to the Anthem, the Canticles and the Hymns. Practices were held three times a week for several weeks. All the members attended with great regularity. The result of all this diligent preparation was apparent in the Services. The Anthem, "Glory, honour, praise and power," by the famous French musician, Berthold Tours, was sung with great power and expression. It was a real song of Thanksgiving. The "Te Deum" was sung as a special act of Thanksgiving at the close of the Service on Sunday evening.

We thank all those who kindly sent fruit, flowers and corn for the decoration of the Church. This year, for the first time, the Harvest Thanksgiving Services in the three Parishes of Seagoe, Portadown and Drumcree were held on the same week-night and Sunday. The effect of this was that practically all the worshippers in each Parish Church were drawn from its own Parish, and so the Thanksgiving had a deeper meaning and greater reality as a local Festival.

## Armistice Day.

Sunday, November 6th, will be observed in the Parish Church as Armistice Sunday. A collection will be made on behalf of Earl Haig's ex-Servicemen's Fund. Our thoughts will go back to that day in November, 1918, when Peace was proclaimed after the horrors of the Great War. We will also remember all those who at the call of King and Country went forth to the conflict. On Friday, November 11th, Armistice Day, a short service will be held in the Parish Church at 10.45 a.m., and the two minutes silence will be observed at the Memorial gates at 11 a.m. We hope that ex-service men will wear their medals at these services.

**Seagoe to Toronto and Back.****BOB SHERMAN CONCLUDES HIS INTERESTING STORY.**

Tuesday, 12th July.—We watched the long procession to-day, which passed along Queen St. to the Exhibition Grounds. This afternoon we went with one of the Lodges to Tobico Creek, where we had a very enjoyable afternoon.

Wednesday, 13th July.—We visited Mr. Jack Stoops to-day. He is manager of Aked & Co., a large woollen firm. This evening we drove to Musselman's Lake, about 35 miles from Toronto. Amid thunder and lightning we had a dip, which was enjoyed by all.

Thursday, 14th July.—About 1 p.m. to-day we left for Oshawa, where we visited the Pontiac Motor Works.

Friday, 15th July.—We intended to visit Niagara Falls to-day, but it rained so hard that it was impossible to go. We consoled ourselves by writing letters and arranging our snap-shots.

Saturday, 16th July.—As our visit was nearing an end so we went to Hamilton to visit Mrs. Best and Miss Flarnigan, former Seagoe parishioners. We left Toronto at 2 p.m., and after a delightful sail across the Lake we arrived at Hamilton. We went to the foot of the mountain in the street car, and then boarded the incline car, which took us to the top of the mountain. The air on the mountain is wonderful, and one obtains from it a superb view of Hamilton and Lake Ontario. After a very enjoyable evening we returned to Toronto by the Canadian National Railway.

Sunday, 17th July.—We left Toronto for Barrie (60 miles North of Toronto) this morning at 8.30 a.m., and arrived about 10.30 a.m. Barrie is situated on Lake Simcol, so we were enabled to have a swim in the Lake. We arrived home about 12 p.m.

Monday, 18th July.—We visited the Spinning Works of Aked & Co., seeing each process, from the arrival of the thick wool to the finished product.

Tuesday, 19th July.—At 9.15 a.m. we left on the steamer "Cayuga" for Niagara. At 12 noon we landed at Queenstown, and then followed the wonderful "Gorge Trip to Niagara Falls. It is a sight not easily forgotten; far below we could see the river rushing madly on and throwing itself into a great foam. But this is small compared with the first sight of Niagara Falls, surrounded by all kinds of amusements and souvenir shops. We visited one of the great power stations, which is quite close to the Falls.

Wednesday, 20th July.—After yesterday's fatiguing journey we remained indoors to-day.

Thursday, 21st July.—The greater part of to-day was spent in packing for the "home journey."

Friday, 22nd July.—We left Toronto for Montreal this morning at 9.15. The train journey was a little tiresome, though we arrived in Montreal about 5 p.m. From the station we went directly to the S.S. Doric. When we had located our cabin we

walked to Notre Dame Cathedral. We retired about 10.30 p.m.

Saturday, 23rd July.—We arose at 7.30 a.m. After breakfast we watched the tugs pull the ship into position. The scenery along the St. Lawrence was wonderful; en route we passed the S.S. Albertic and Montcalm. About 7 p.m. we passed under the famous Quebec bridge. We stopped about an hour at Quebec, where some passengers came aboard. Before dark we saw the Montmorency Falls, which are 100 feet higher than Niagara.

Sunday, 24th July.—We attended morning service. It was a very dull and misty day.

Monday, 25th July.—The mist of yesterday had turned into a thick fog, and we had to stop about three hours in the Strait of Bellisle. We had a physical training class to-day.

Tuesday, 27th July.—After breakfast we had our usual physical training class, and for the remainder of the day played shuffle-board and deck-quoits.

Wednesday, 28th July.—The sea was very rough to-day; a great many people were sea-sick. It was almost impossible to play deck games, as the boat was lurching badly.

Thursday, 28th July.—The sea yesterday was calm compared with to-day. Great waves came lashing over the bow of the ship, and it was impossible to go on top deck. The daily life-saving practice of the crew gave one dear old lady a great fright; she thought the ship was sinking when she saw them run past with their lifebelts.

Friday, 29th July.—The sea was still very rough this morning, and a strong gale was blowing. About noon the sea became fairly calm and the gale ceased. We had a great masquerade to-night, followed by a grand concert.

Saturday, 30th July.—We awoke to find the sun shining and a fresh breeze blowing. We watched all day for signs of the Irish coast, but they did not appear.

Sunday.—We were up about 6 a.m., and when we came on deck Rathlin Island was just coming into view. The scenery from this point onwards was magnificent. At 10 a.m. we left the Doric and arrived once more in Belfast at 12.15 a.m., and then we came on to Edenderry and good old Seagoe.

**Congratulations.**

We heartily congratulate Mrs. Sally Neill, formerly of Hacknahay, and now of Moyallon, on completing her 90th year on October 22nd. Mrs. Neill is still active and strong, and has always been interested in the welfare of Seagoe Parish.

**An American Tea.**

To complete payment for recent improvements in Edenderry Parochial Hall, an American Tea will be held in the Parochial Hall, Edenderry, on Wednesday, November 16th, from 3.30 to 5.30 o'clock. Bring an article value 2s. Buy an article value 2s. Tea. All will be welcome.

**District Harvest Services.**

In addition to the Services of Harvest Thanksgiving held in the Parish Church, there have also been special services in each District of the Parish. The first of these services was held in Hacknahay on Sunday, September 25th, at 3-30, and on the following Monday at 8. They were attended by large numbers. The School was beautifully decorated with quantities of roses from the Portadown nurseries. The singing was bright and hearty. The preacher on Monday was the Rev. J. W. Rogers, A., Curate of St. Mark's Parish, Portadown. Miss Wilson presided at the organ and gave good help in the music.

**Edenderry** held its services quite early this year, on Sunday and Monday, Oct. 2nd and 3rd. On Monday the congregation was large, but on Monday it was small. Great trouble had been taken by hand helpers in decorating the Hall with a mass of beautiful flowers, and Mr. T. H. Wilson kindly supervised the music. On the Monday evening the Rev. J. W. Rogers, of St. Mark's, again kindly assisted by preaching. The offerings were for Foreign Missions.

On Sunday, Oct. 16th, and the Monday following, **Evaghery** held its Festival. The old School was very bright with flowers and fruit. The Rector preached on Sunday, and on Monday the Rev. J. F. Armstrong, B.D., Curate of St. Mark's, preached on behalf of Foreign Missions. Miss Selina Bradshaw had charge of the music, and the hearty singing added much to the brightness of the Service.

**Carne** held its Services on Sunday, Oct. 30th, and Monday, the 31st. The School, which has recently been renovated, looked its best with its garlands of flowers and its furnishings of fruits and vegetables. The room was quite full. The Rector preached on "God's gift in the Harvest." The members of Seagoe Choir led the singing of the Psalm and hymns. Mr. David Murray presided at the harmonium. The singing, which was partly unaccompanied, was remarkably good. We have never heard better in Seagoe Parish. Altogether the service was exceptionally helpful. On Monday, Oct. 31st, the service was continued. The singing was again very good and hearty. The Rev. J. W. Appelbe, B.A., Curate of Shankill, preached and made an appeal on behalf of Foreign Missions.

**Seagoe Almanacs and Kalendars.**

This year we will have a Seagoe Parish Almanac, price 2d, and a Seagoe Kalendar, price 1½d. They are very bright, and each contains a verse from the Bible for every day in the year. They will be on sale on and after December 1st, at Mr. Vance's, Bridge Street, and from the Superintendents of Sunday Schools. If any Parishioner requires one of them for the Australian post please apply to the Rector.

**Drumgor Harvest Services.**

The last of our Harvest Services this year will be held (D.V.) in Drumgor Church Hall on Thursday, Nov. 10th, at 8 p.m., and on Sunday, Nov. 13th, at ¼ p.m.

**Parish Register for October.**

**Baptisms.**

The following were Eaptized in Seagoe Parish Church on Oct. 1st, 1927 :-

**Crawford**—John Gardiner, son of Nicholas John and Margaret Crawford, of Ballyhannon.

*Sponsors*—Mary Maria Crawford, Margaret Crawford.

**Fenton**—Mary, daughter of William John and Harriett, Fenton, of Knockmena.

*Sponsors*—Emily Jane Orr, Harriett Fenton.

**Clayton**—William George, son of George and Martha Clayton, of Killicomaine.

*Sponsors*—Martha Glassey, Martha Clayton.

**Lyness**—Anne, daughter of John and Alicia Lyness, of Carne.

*Sponsors*—John Lyness, Anne Fitzsimons, Alicia Lyness.

**S.S. School Deficit.**

The following have kindly subscribed to cover the deficit of £9 which was incurred on this year's Sunday School excursion—Miss Calvert, £1; 10s each from Messrs. D. Rock, R. McClements, J. Vance, J. Dermott, S. Rennix, Mrs. Stoops, Miss Atkinson, Rev. Canon Archer; 7s 6d from W. Sherman; 5s each from Rev. W. A. Henry and "Anon"; 5s from T. E. Maginnis—Total to date, £6 4s 6d. We would be very glad if others will help, and so finally clear the debt. Subscriptions may be sent to the Rector, and will be acknowledged in our next issue.

**Old Seagoe Notes.**

**Further note on the Cuppage Family of Silverwood.**—Robert Berry, of Kinnego, Lurgan, formerly of Silverwood, kindly sends us the following notes on the Cuppage family in recent years :—The children of Thomas and Frances Cuppage numbered thirteen, comprising six daughters and seven sons, viz., Mary, Sarah, Frances, Gatherine, Elizabeth and Jane. The sons were—William, Henry, Thomas, George, John, James and Adam. Two of these gentlemen were surgeons on board ship, whether serving on H.M.S. or otherwise I cannot state. Harry became a Major-General, and was killed on the railway a short distance from his own home. He was interred in the family burying-ground in Shankill, Lurgan, about the year 1872. Adam was a Church of Ireland clergyman, his last parish being Dundrum, Co. Down. He

died in the year 1898. I have made enquiries re visiting Seagoe Church, and in the words of one who had often seen them proceeding to worship there, "it was a grand sight to see them drive off in the landeau with coachman and footman. In the later years of their life the ladies spent most of their time in the Island of Jersey. Two or three are laid to rest there. One, in fact, died at Silverwood some 14 or 16 years ago, and she was interred in Shankhill, but a few years ago her remains were disinterred and brought over to Jersey. Whatever instructions she had made in her will was probably the cause, and of course the late war was responsible for the delay.

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**A Seagoe Wedding in olden days.**—It was the custom in old days in Seagoe for the bride and bridegroom to walk with their attendant guests in couples all the way, no matter how far from their house to the Parish. Mrs. Berry, of Kinnego, recalls how her mother told her that in the year 1853, when she was married, they had 13 couples in the wedding party, and they walked all the way from Annaloist to Seagoe Parish Church and then home again, a distance of fully ten miles. In those days and up to 1874 Annaloist was in the Parish of Seagoe. It was always considered that the larger the number of couples who went to the wedding the more important were the people who were getting married. What a change has taken place in seventy years! The modern motor wedding presents a striking contrast to the long line of gay but tired couples walking for miles along rough roads to the Parish Church.

**Lady Moira and the Rev. Richard Buckby, Vicar of Seagoe.**—The note on Lady Moira which appears in our last issue opens up, as was then stated, a wide field of investigation. To understand its significance aright we have to recall the various logical currents (which flowed as strongly in the eighteenth century as they do to-day) must be taken into account. The key to an explanation of Lady Moira's dislike of the Rev. R. Buckby depended apparently on his attitude to the visit of the Rev. John Wesley to Seagoe. Lady Moira was the daughter of the famous Selina, Countess of Huntingdon, John Wesley's champion and rival, and shared her mother's views.

**Seagoe Church Workers.**

On Wednesday, Nov. 23rd, a social meeting of the Church Workers of Seagoe Parish will be held (p.v.) in Seagoe Parochial School. Tea at 7.30. All those who received invitations to the recent Church Workers' Rally in the Town Hall, Portadown, are invited to be present. Cards of invitation will be issued.

**Sergeant Russell's Diary.**

We regret very much that we are unable to print as promised, in this month's issue, Sergeant Russell's notes on his experiences in the Matabele campaign of 1893, but we hope to insert them in next month's issue, without fail.

**ITEMS.**

The Men's Recreation Room is again open and being well availed of by the Edenderry men.

The Mothers' Union at their last meeting had a stirring address from Miss Colley, of London.

**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. It will be a help to the Clergy if they are notified of the arrival of new Church families in the Parish.

A copy of the Magazine will be sent post free to any subscriber for 3s per annum.

**CLASSES, &c.**

**ADULT CLASSES**—Sundays at 10 a.m.

For Men—Edenderry. 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.