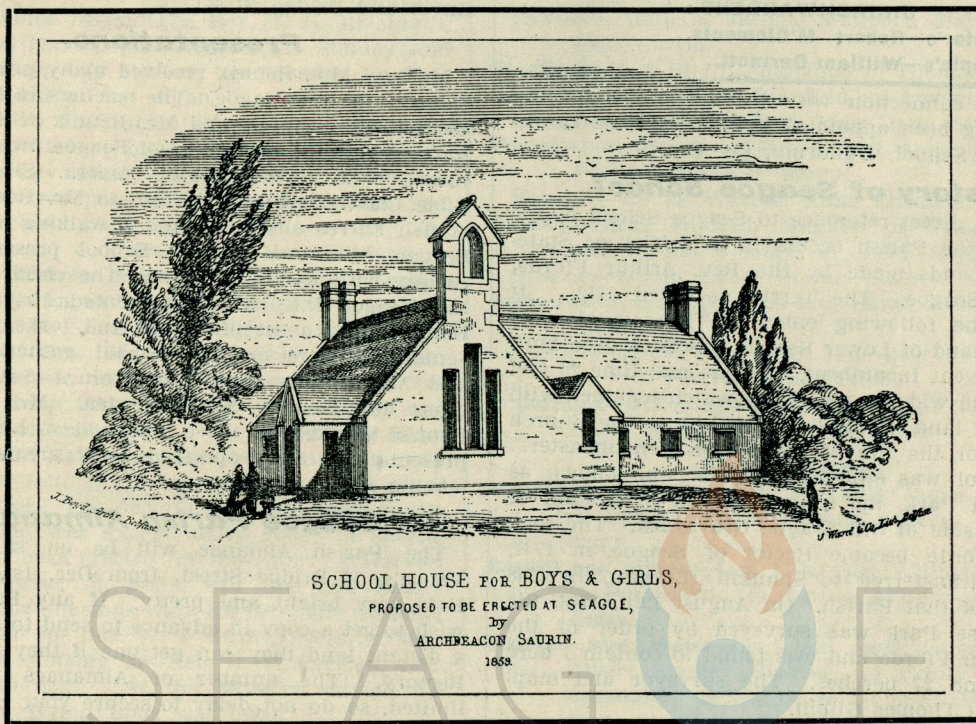


# Seagoe Parish Magazine.

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## Seagoe P.E. School.

We present our readers this month with a pretty picture of Seagoe P.E. School. The School has been prominently before the public during the past month. The attempt which was made to close it called attention to the interesting history of the School and the good work which it has accomplished in its long career extending over 200 years. The picture of the School reproduced above is of special interest. It was the very first sketch ever made of the School, being the plan drawn by the architect, Mr. Boyd, of Belfast, for Archdeacon Saurin before the School was built. The inscription under the block explains how the sketch came into existence. The old-fashioned dress of the man and his wife and child seen on the path leading up to the School carry us back over seventy years.

The School was built by money subscribed by the parishioners, and we are fortunate in being able to print here the actual statement of accounts as issued by Archdeacon Saurin in 1863.

## Seagoe School-House.

Dr.	£ s d
1860—July 10th :	
To Building, etc., as per Ledger	366 4 8
1863—Jan. 12th :	
To Flooring	5 0 0
	£371 4 8
Cr.	£ s d
1862—March 13 :	
By Subscription List, Bazaar, etc., etc., as per Ledger	309 0 8
By Cash from Jas. Blacker, Esq.	10 0 0
By Balance due Archdeacon Saurin	52 4 0
	£371 4 8

From 1859 until 1874 the School was carried on under the Church Education Society of Ireland. Miss Allen taught in it for many years. In 1874 it was brought under the National Board, the late Miss Kinnear being appointed Principal, and the late Miss Isabella Bailey being the assistant. Miss Kinnear was succeeded by Mr. Thos. Stothers (now the Rev. T. Stothers). When he resigned in 1908 Mr. Chambers was appointed Principal, and he in 1918 was succeeded by Mr. Samuel Rennix, who has just



**CLERGY :**

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

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

**LAY READER (Bishop's Licence) :**

Mr. Robt. Gracey, Railway Street, Portadown.

**CHURCHWARDENS :**

Rector's—Robert M'Clements.

People's—William Dermott.

ceased his connection with the School on October 31st, having been appointed Principal of the Downshire P.E. School, Dundrum, Co. Down.

**History of Seagoe School.**

The first direct reference to Seagoe School in the annals of the Parish occurs in a Terrier or Statement of Lands made by the Rev. Arthur Fforde, Vicar of Seagoe. The Terrier is dated 1742. It contains the following entry: "There is also on this Townland of Lower Seagoe a Schoolhouse built by the present Incumbent, of stone and lime 20 feet long and 16 wide in the clear, which together with an acre of land, is conveyed by him to the Church wardens for the life of the Parish Schoolmaster." This School was situated in what was known as the School Park, the triangular plot of ground at the lower side of Old Seagoe Graveyard. The Rev. Arthur Fforde became Rector of Seagoe in 1731, and was transferred to Shankill (Lurgan) in 1748 as Vicar of that Parish. On August 19th, 1743, the Schoolhouse Park was surveyed by order of the Rev. Arthur Fforde and was found to contain 1 acre 2 roods and 27 perches. The surveyor and map-maker was Thomas Gilpin.

**Schoolmasters of Seagoe**

The first schoolmaster of Seagoe whose name appears on the page of history is William M'Guire, who held that post in 1768. In 1774 he was succeeded by Francis Dogherty. In 1810 Mr. George M'Caughaley was the teacher in Seagoe School. He was succeeded by Mr. Forsythe, of Derryvore. In 1859 the present School was built. A great bazaar was held to raise money to cover the building expenses, and the School was formally opened on Wednesday, May 2nd, 1859. The National Board of Education was instituted in 1833, but Seagoe School was already in existence and doing useful educational work 100 years before the first National School was opened in Ireland. No less than twenty generations of Seagoe children have been educated in Seagoe.

**Royalty in Seagoe.**

It is not often that Royalty visits Seagoe, but on Thursday, October 11th, the King's daughter Princess Mary, Viscountess Lascelles, began her visit to Northern Ireland by arriving at Portadown Station. The children of Seagoe School, with children from the Portadown Schools, were drawn up in the Station square. Seagoe had the place of honour next the Station. The Princess and Viscount Lascelles were somewhat late in arriving, but when the

Princess appeared she was greeted with a hearty cheer from the children. Railway Street and part of Bridge Street were gaily decorated and dense crowds from all parts had assembled to welcome the Princess. She drove to the Governor's House at Hillsborough by motor, passing along Railway Street and Bridge Street.

**Presentations.**

Mr. and Mrs. Rennix received many presentations before they left Seagoe. The teachers in Edenderry Sunday School presented Mr. Rennix with a handsome umbrella. The Choir of Seagoe presented Mr. Rennix with a photographic camera. Seagoe Girls' Bible Class chose as their gift to Mr. Rennix a set of fish knives and forks and a walking stick. The Seagoe Afternoon Sunday School presented Mrs. Rennix with a fountain pen. The children attending Seagoe P.E. School presented Mr. and Mrs. Rennix with a set of knives and forks. The presentations were made at social gatherings. Mr. and Mrs. Rennix kindly entertained Seagoe Bible Class and Sunday School to tea. Mr. and Mrs. Rennix thanked all those who had so kindly given presentations and expressed their great regret at leaving Seagoe.

**Seagoe Parish Almanac.**

The Parish Almanac will be on sale at Mr. Vance's, 16 Bridge Street, from Dec. 1st, price 2d. It is very bright and pretty. If any Parishioners wish to get a copy in advance to send to a friend in a distant land they can get one if they call at the Rectory. The number of Almanacs is strictly limited, so do not delay to secure your copy.

**Levagherey Harvest Services**

The last of our Harvest Services will be held (p.v.) in Levagherey School on Sunday, November 4th, at 3-30 p.m., and on Monday, Nov. 5th, at 8 p.m. The preacher at the Service on Sunday will be the Rev. T. G. R. Magill, M.A., Curate of St. Mark's Church, Portadown.

**Harvest Thanksgiving Services**

The Harvest Services in the Parish Church were held on Thursday, Oct. 18th, and on the following Sunday. The congregations were very large, especially on Sunday evening. The Anthem, "Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem," was well sung by a large choir, Mr. David Murray taking the tenor solo. The Church looked very pretty in its garnishing of fruit, flowers and palm trees. The Rector of Donacloney (Rev. R. J. M'Donald) preached on Thursday for Foreign Missions, and on Sunday the Rev. J. J. M'Clure, Rector of Tartaraghan, preached in the morning and the Rev. Canon Marks, Rector of Tanderagee, at the evening service. The services concluded with a Te Deum sung at the close of the service on Sunday evening. The musical portion of the service, under the direction of Mr. T. H. Wilson and Miss Wilson, added greatly to the beauty and heartiness of the services.

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### District Harvest Services.

During October Harvest Services were held in all parts of the Parish. They were attended by large congregations in every case, and the services were hearty and devotional. **Hacknahay** held its Festivals on Oct. 1st. The decorations were beautiful, mostly of choice roses. The Rev. T. G. R. Magill, Curate of St. Mark's, preached on the Sunday and Mr. R. Gracey, Lay Reader, on Monday. Miss Wilson presided at the organ.

**Carne** had its Festival on Oct. 7th and 8th. The Hall was crowded at both services. The preachers were the Rev. Canon Archer and Mr. R. Gracey. Mr. David Murray presided at the harmonium, and a strong choir sang the hymns very heartily. The Hall was prettily decorated. The Harvest Services in **Drumgor Church Hall** were, as usual, attended by very large numbers. Mr. R. Gracey preached there on Sunday, Oct. 14th, and the Rev. W. A. Henry on Oct. 15th. Mr. Richard Robb sang a harvest sole anthem with much expression. Great trouble had been taken with the decorations, and the Hall looked very pretty. The Services in **Edenderry Parochial Hall** were held on Sunday, Oct. 28th, and Monday, Oct. 29th. The Hall was quite filled at each service. The decorations were very pretty, and the music was exceptionally good. A special platform had been erected for the choir. A Harvest Anthem, "Praise, oh praise our God and King," was sung. The offerings were liberal. The preacher on Sunday was the Rev. W. T. Ewart, Rector of Milltown, and on Monday the Rev. H. T. Egerton, Rector of Mullabrack. At the Monday service the Church Army Hymn Book was used.

### Jumble Sale

A most successful jumble sale was held in Edenderry Parochial Hall on Friday, Oct. 25th, at 7-30 p.m. The proceeds, which realised some £25, are on behalf of the projected Church Lads' Brigade. The hat trimming competition, in which Mr. Casey won first prize, was greatly enjoyed. The stalls were soon cleared and the few remaining articles were sold to the highest bidder. We thank all who helped to make the sale a success and we congratulate Mr. Gracey on all the hard work he put into it to make the sale a success.

### Thursday Services

Weekly Services will (p.v.) be held on Thursdays in the following centres on the dates mentioned:—

**Carne Church Hall**—On Nov. 8th and Dec. 6th.

**Hacknahay School**—On Nov. 15th and Dec. 13th.

**Levaghery**—On Nov. 22nd and Dec. 20th.

**Drumgor Church Hall**—On Nov. 29th.

These Services will be held at 8 p.m.

Beginning on Wednesday, Nov. 8th, a Service for children will be held (p.v.) in Edenderry Parochial Hall at 4 p.m. and on each succeeding Wednesday.

### Parish Register for October.

#### Baptisms.

The following were baptized in Seagoe Parish Church on October 6th, 1928:—

**Walsh**—Meta, daughter of Joseph and Jean Walsh, of Drumnacanvey.

*Sponsors*—William Jacobs, Florence May Jacobs, Jean Currie.

**Stanfield**—Ruth Phyllis, daughter of Thomas Edward and Mary Jane Stanfield, of Levaghery.

*Sponsors*—Mabel Stanfield, Mary Jane Stanfield.

**Porter**—James, son of David and Anne Elizabeth Porter, of Lower Seagoe.

*Sponsors*—Emma Watson, Anne Elizabeth Porter.

**Glassey**—Sarah Mildred, daughter of William John and Rosina Glassey, of Edenderry.

*Sponsors*—Sarah Kane, Rosina Glassey.

**Best**—James, son of James and Sarah Best, of Balteagh.

*Sponsors*—James Best, Anne Jane Best, Sarah Best.

#### PRIVATE BAPTISM.

**M'Cormick**—Oct. 6th, 1928, George, son of Robert and Emily M'Cormick, of Portadown.

#### Marriages.

**Watson and Gracey**—Oct. 8th, 1928, James Watson, of Portadown, to Isabella Gracey, of Edenderry.

**Carvill and M'Kerr**—Oct. 17th, 1928, William Carvill, of Portadown, to Letitia M'Kerr, of Edenderry.

**Cleaver and Webb**—Oct. 18th, 1928, after banns, Albert Stanley Cleaver, of Priory Parish, Dunstable, Bedfordshire, to Eva Webb, of Clanrole.

#### Burials.

**Gilpin**—Oct. 1st, Jane Anne Gilpin, of Carne; aged 71 years.

**Hall**—Oct. 6th, James Hall, of Belfast, formerly of Edenderry; aged 60 years.

**M'Cormick**—Oct. 7th, George M'Cormick, of Portadown; aged 12 days.

**Freeburn**—Oct. 22nd, James Freeburn, of Edenderry; aged 78 years.

#### Archdeacon-Elect of Madras

The Rev. W. R. Crichton, a former curate of Seagoe and well-known to so many of our readers, visited Seagoe on Monday, Oct. 29th. Mr. Crichton is on holiday from Madras, India. We heartily congratulate him on his appointment by Bishop Waller as Archdeacon of Madras. He is to be instituted to that high and responsible office on his return to India next February. He will then be the Venerable W. R. Crichton.

#### The Annual Report

The Report is now in the hands of the Parishioners. It is very clearly arranged and contains a full statement of all moneys received and disbursed in connection with the Parish. If any errors happen to be noticed will you please communicate with the Hon. Treas., Mr. H. Stoops, Killicomaine Road.



**Annual Sustentation Envelopes**

It is most important that those Parishioners who give annual subscriptions towards the Sustentation Fund should send the amount to the Hon. Treas., Mr. Hugh Stoops, Killicomaine Road, if possible early in December. The Parish accounts close on Dec. 31st each year, but if the annual subscriptions are not sent in in good time it materially delays the closing of accounts and the publication of the annual report.

**Church Lads' Brigade**

A meeting will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 7th, at 8 p.m. in Edenderry Parochial Hall. Lads will be enrolled between the ages of 15 and 20.

**Seagoe Mothers' Union**

A meeting of the Mothers' Union will be held (p.v.) on Tuesday, Nov. 15th, at 7-30 p.m. in Seagoe School. Tea will be provided for the members, and a full attendance is requested.

**Seagoe School Items**

On Thursday, Nov. 1st, Mr. F. L. M'Kee and Mrs. Abraham took up work as temporary Assistant Teachers pending the appointment of a permanent Principal and Assistant Teacher.

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A deputation consisting of Messrs. R. M'Clements, H. Stoops, J. Twinem, D. Murray and T. E. Maginnis, together with the Rector and Major Shillington, M.P., were received by Viscount Charlemont, Minister of Education, at the Ministry of Education, Parliament Buildings, Belfast, on Thursday, Oct. 25th, in connection with the protest against the closing of Seagoe P.E. School. Mr. Bonaparte

Wyse, Secretary, and Mr. Yates, Assistant Secretary, were also present.

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The Minister of Education has written to the Rev. Canon Archer intimating that Seagoe P.E. School is not to be closed.

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We are indebted to Miss Atkinson, of Eden Villa, for the original of the picture of Seagoe School printed in this issue of the Magazine.

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The Rector, as tenant of Drumgor Church Hall, has furnished an account for £20 to the Armagh Regional Committee for 9 weeks' use of the Hall by Balteagh P.E. School, from August 13th to Oct. 13th.

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The Select Vestry of Seagoe at their last meeting passed a unanimous resolution that the Rector is the tenant of Drumgor Church Hall, and requesting the payment to him by the Armagh Regional Committee of £2 per week for the use of the Hall by Balteagh P.E. School and additional payment as compensation if any injury be done to the Hall during its use by the School.

**Golden Wedding**

Hearty congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. John Flannigan, of Bridge Street, on reaching their Golden Wedding Day. They were married in Drumree Parish Church on Oct. 19th, 1878. Mr. Flannigan was married on his birthday. Mr. and Mrs. Flannigan are very highly esteemed by all who know them. We wish them many further years of happy wedded life.

**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 8 p.m. during Advent and Lent.

**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.

Mothers' Union, Edenderry, 2nd Tuesday of each month.

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