

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

NOVEMBER, 1930.

CLERGY :

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

Rev. F. W. Hayes, B.A., Edendale, CarrickBlacker Road, Edenderry, Portadown.

CHURCHWARDENS :

Rector's—Wm. H. England.

People's—Gilbert Price.

Harvest Thanksgiving Services

The annual Thanksgiving Services for the Blessings of Harvest were held in the Parish Church on Thursday, October 16th, and on the Sunday following. The Church looked very bright in its decorations of flowers, fruit and corn. Palms placed in many parts added much to the grace of the decorations. There was a large congregation notwithstanding the severity of the weather. The service was very hearty, and the Anthem sung by the choir helped to interpret aught the note of true thanksgiving. The Rev. Canon MacLaurin, Rector of Killaloe, preached, and the offerings were on behalf of Foreign Missions.

The Services were continued on Sunday, Oct. 19th. Holy Communion was celebrated at 8 a.m. and there was a fair attendance of Communicants. At 11.30 a.m. Morning Prayer was said and the Harvest Hymns and Anthem were sung. The Rev. R. War-rington, Senior Curate of St. Paul's Church, Belfast, preached the sermon on "Death unto Life." The Church was quite filled at the Morning Service. The weather in the evening was very unsettled but a large number braved the elements. The Rev. W. R. M. Orr, I.L.D., Rector of Gilford, was the preacher. The offerings at the services on Sunday were given to the Church Parochial Fund for the Parish. Mrs. Casey presided at the organ at the Sunday Services.

District Harvest Services

EDENDERRY.

The Harvest Services in Edenderry on Sunday, Oct. 5th, were attended by large gatherings and a spirit of reverent thanksgiving was present. The Hall had been transformed. A special platform was erected for the choir, and the decorations were very beautifully arranged. The music, sung by a large choir, was very nice and an Anthem was also sung. The Hall was crowded. The Rector preached and the offerings were given to the Parochial Hall Fund.

On Monday, Oct. 6th, the Services were continued. The attendance was large, and the special preacher was the Rev. F. J. Halahan, M.C., Rector of Drumcree. The offerings were on behalf of Foreign Missions.

LEVAGHERY.

On Sunday, Oct. 12th, Levaghery held its Harvest

Thanksgiving. The new enlarged hall looked very bright with its decorations. There was a large attendance. The Rev. F. W. Hayes, B.A., Curate of Seagoe, preached and the offerings were given to the local Sunday School Fund. Miss Selina Bradshaw presided at the harmonium. On Monday, Oct. 13th, the Services were continued, the Rector being the preacher, and the offerings were given to Foreign Missions.

DRUMGOR.

Sunday, Oct. 12th, was the day of Drumgor's Harvest Thanksgiving Services. The Hall had been prettily decorated and there was a fair congregation. The Rector preached. The Service was very bright and all present joined heartily in answering the Responses and in singing the Hymns. Miss Gracey presided at the harmonium. The services were continued on Monday, when the Rev. F. W. Hayes preached. On Sunday the collection was for Drumgor Sunday School, and on Monday for Foreign Missions.

CARNE.

The Service at Carne on Sunday, Oct. 26th, was largely attended, the Hall being quite filled. The decorations were very pretty and everyone joined heartily in the Service. The Rector preacher on "The Third Day of Creation." He appealed at the close for generous help towards the upkeep of Carn Church Hall. On Monday the Rev. W. G. Kerr, B.A., Curate of St. Mark's, Portadown, preached, and the the offerings were for Foreign Missions. Mr. Sidney Robinson, of Lower Seagoe, presided at the harmonium at both services and several members of Seagoe choir led the singing. There was a good attendance.

Harvest Services at Bocombra

Harvest Services will be held (p.v.) in **Bocombra** Orange Hall (kindly lent for the occasion) on Sunday, Nov 2nd, at 3.30, and on Monday, Nov. 3rd, at 8 p.m. At the Sunday Service the offerings will be given to the local Sunday School Fund, and on Monday the offerings will be given for the upkeep of the Hall, which has been very kindly lent by Bocombra L.O.L. for Sunday School purposes every Sunday.

Armistice Sunday

On Sunday, November 9th, a special Service will be held in the Parish Church. Seagoe C.L.B. Cadets and Training Corps will parade. The offerings will be given to Earl Haig's British Legion Fund.

Armistice Day

On Tuesday, November 11th, a short service will be held at 10.45 at the Memorial Gates and Pillars at Seagoe Church and the two minutes' silence observed. If the weather is inclement the Service will be held in the Church.

St. Mark's Tower

The Dedication of St. Mark's War Memorial Tower will take place on Saturday, Nov. 1st, All Saints' Day, at 3.30 p.m. This will be a very noteworthy event in the history of Portadown. Mr. Henry Seaver, a member of our Diocesan Council, is the architect of the Tower. Besides the building of the Tower a large addition has been made to St. Mark's Church. Rev. C. F. d'Arcy, D.D., will dedicate the tower. The Peal of Bells will be dedicated at a Service to be held on Sunday, December 14th, at 3.30 p.m. We offer our hearty congratulations to the clergy and people of St. Mark's on the completion of the Tower and of their Parish Church. The preacher at the Dedication of the Tower will be the Rev. F. M. Moeran, M.A., Rector of St. Mark's, Armagh, and formerly Rector of St. Mark's, Portadown. It is to Mr. Moeran (formerly Canon) that Portadown owes the inception of the Tower as a War Memorial. The Church of Ireland is to be congratulated on having in Portadown so fine and specious a Parish Church occupying such a magnificent site. The Churchmen of a hundred years ago (1827) acted with great wisdom and forethought when they chose such a site for the building of the Church.

Jumble Sale

A Jumble Sale will be held in Edenderry Parochial Hall on Friday, November 7th, at 7.30 p.m. The Sale is being organised by Seagoe C.L.B. in aid of their Bagpip eBand and portion of the proceeds will be given to our Parochial Sunday School Funds.

Cottage Services

Cottage Services will be held during November as follows:—

Tuesday, Nov. 8th, at 8 p.m., in Mr. W. J. England's house in Knock Lane.

Tuesday, Nov. 15th, at 8 p.m., in Mr. Thos. Dickson's house in Tamniflasson.

We invite to these services all who live in these districts of the Parish. Hymn Books will be supplied.

Another Burglary

We regret to have to chronicle another burglary in Seagoe Church. The Church was broken into only so recently as Saturday, August 24th, and now once again it has been desecrated by thieves on the night of Sunday, Oct. 5th. On the first occasion the thieves effected an entrance with the aid of a ladder by breaking the upper part of the window in the passage leading from the Vestry into the Church. On the second occasion they broke the lower part of the Vestry window with a large stone, thus enabling them to undo the bolt and open the window. They then made their way to the west door of the Church and turned on the gas. They lighted the gas in the Vestry and taking cushions from the seats near the Font placed them against the windows to shut out the light. An effort was made to open the safe but without success. A farthing and a small silver

U.S.A. coin which had been thrown into the drawer of the Vestry table were taken. An attache case belonging to the Rev. F. W. Hayes was forced open and a pair of gloves taken. Portion of a blood-stained handkerchief was found partly burned and pushed under the hearthrug. The felt under the Vestry carpet was singed. The key of the Vestry press is missing. Matches were scattered all over the Church, and spots of candle grease marked the aisle. Two men, Charles Skinner and Richard Dolan, giving a Dublin address, have been arrested in connection with the burglary and have been sent for trial to the Assizes. We congratulate the R.U.C. on the completeness with which the case was presented at the Court in Portadown. The Rev. F. W. Hayes and Mr. Robert Richardson, Sexton of Seagoe, gave evidence at the inquiry. The perpetrators of the first burglary have not yet been brought to justice. We hope that before long they may be identified. It is a source of much thankfulness that the Church has been saved from serious injury. Everything of value had been carefully locked up.

Sunday School Teachers

Miss Edith Ashe, a trained expert in Sunday School work, lectured in Edenderry Parochial Hall on Thursday, Oct. 23rd, at 8 p.m. Teachers from St. Mark's, Drumcree and Seagoe Parishes were present. With the aid of a blackboard, Miss Ashe gave a model lesson to a class of children. At the close of the lecture a discussion on Sunday School methods took place and much useful information gained. A vote of thanks to Miss Ashe for her interesting and useful lecture brought the proceedings to a close. Miss Ashe is employed as a lecturer by the Sunday School Society of Ireland.

Seagoe Mothers' Union

A meeting of the Mothers' Union will be held in Edenderry Parochial Hall on Tuesday, Nov. 11th (Armistice Day) at 7.30 p.m. Mrs. M'Donald, J.P., of Cranagill, has kindly promised to give an address to the members. A full attendance is requested.

Seagoe G.F.S.

The opening meeting of the Session was held in Seagoe School on October 27th, at 7.30. Miss Taylor, of Portadown, has kindly promised to give health lectures to the members on the third Monday of each month from November to March. Miss Taylor's first lecture will be given on Monday, Nov. 17th. Miss Taylor is a recognised authority on all subjects connected with health, and her lectures will, we believe, be most interesting and useful. A full attendance of the members is expected. Members of the G.F.S. working in Belfast or desiring to make a temporary stay there can obtain accommodation at the G.F.S. Lodge, Donegall Place, Belfast, for from 17/- per week. There are many other advantages available to members of the G.F.S., and every girl ought to join the Society.

A Canadian Tour

We have asked Mr. Bob Sherman to give us some jottings of his recent tour in Canada, and he has kindly sent us the following interesting notes:—

The siren screams, and we are outward bound, gliding majestically onward to the broad Atlantic. The initial hours on board are, to me, full of delightful anticipation, as I make a tour of inspection to acquaint myself with the ship and passengers.

It is certainly a pleasing occupation to spend a week at sea, laying in a deck-chair, joining in the deck games, or dancing, if you prefer it. The time slips quietly by until we are sailing up the mighty St. Lawrence, under cloudless skies.

No time now to see Montreal and Quebec—perhaps on our return journey! On to Toronto—Canada's Queen City—whose profile is dominated by the Royal York, the largest hotel in the Empire. Parliament Buildings, Public Buildings, Parks and Museums were all visited, and then to Northern Ontario. A week of care-free hunting and fishing formed a delightful contrast to the hurry and bustle of the city.

Wasaga Beach was our next objective. On the shores of the Georgian Bay (Lake Huron) the beach stretches about six miles and forms a wonderful speedway for cars. Here sun-bathing, swimming and dancing were freely indulged in, and need I add the time passed as on wings. All too soon we found ourselves in Toronto again.

From Toronto, via Hamilton and St. Catherine's we drove through the Garden of Canada, midst orchards and vineyards, to the far-famed Niagara Falls. The grandeur of the whole scene entrances us, we can only stand and gaze, but the memory lives on.

Now we must bid farewell to Toronto as our time is growing short. Later, we arrived in Montreal, with its narrow and crowded business centre. University Buildings, massive skyscrapers, beautiful Notre Dame Cathedral and Mount Royal standing sentinel like over the whole scene.

The weather clerk was again on his best behaviour as we steamed under the new Montreal bridge en route for Quebec. Passing under Quebec Bridge, the Heights of Abraham and the old Citadel confront us and then Quebec city, clinging to the slopes of the hill. After a tour of the city, with its quaint narrow streets, we passed the straggling village of Beauport—which has retained all the old-world charm of a French village—to Montmorency Falls, which tumble and foam down a cliff one hundred feet higher than Niagara.

The Albertic has cast her moorings—astern the lights of the fortress and town gleam brightly in the evening sky and finally disappear. Seven restful days at sea and our holiday is but a happy memory.

The Sustentation Fund

The year 1930 is drawing to a close and all subscriptions should be paid in without delay as the accounts close on Dec. 31st. More liberal offerings are asked for, as the amount now being contributed is insufficient to meet our outgoing expenses. Church-

men and Churchwomen should loyally and liberally support the old Church. Money is needed for various necessary purposes connected with the Church and many desirable improvements are held up through lack of funds. Please put a little more into your envelopes and if you are giving a subscription at the end of the year make it a little larger than last year. You won't miss what you give to God and His Church.

Parish Register for October Baptisms

The following were Baptized in the Parish Church on October 4th, 1930:—

Dickson—Dorothy Edith, daughter of Henry and Agnes Dickson, of Tannifiglasson.

Sponsors—Emma Jane White, Agnes Dickson.

Robinson—Thomas George, son of Richard and Lily Robinson, of Tannifiglasson.

Sponsors—Richard Robinson, Mabel Dickson.

Vennard—Josephine, daughter of James and Mary Vennard, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Jane Vennard, Mary Vennard.

Private Baptism

Dickey—Oct. 9th, 1930, Robert Henry, son of Francis Henry and Rachel Dickey, of Edenderry.

Marriage

Thomas and Major—Oct. 30th, 1930, William Thomas, of Portadown, to Margaret Major, of Edenderry.

Burials.

Dynes—Oct. 6th, Henrietta Dynes, of Crossmecaughily.

M'Kerr—Oct. 16th, Sarah M'Kerr, of Drumgor, aged 74 years.

Sympathy

We express our sincere sympathy with those amongst us who are sorrowing for the loss of relatives very dear to them. We record with great regret the death after a long and trying illness of Miss Henrietta Dynes, of Crossmecaughily, a member of a family long and honourably connected with Seagoe Parish Church. We offer our deep sympathy to her sister and to her nephew, Mr. Isaac Dickson, in their bereavement. The death of Mrs. M'Kerr, of Drumgor, after a brief illness was very sad. Her family have suffered a double bereavement, for her daughter, Mrs. Isaac Robb, of Lurgan, died on the day following her mother's death. Mrs. M'Kerr caught a chill while attending to her daughter and passed away just 24 hours before her daughter. Mrs. Robb was interred in Drumree on the day after her mother's funeral. The people of Seagoe will join with us in offering to Mr. M'Kerr and Mr. Robb and the members of their family our sincerest sympathy in their great trouble.

Almanacs

Early copies of Seagoe Parish Almanac for 1931, price 2d, may now be had from the Rector for Foreign Postage. The Almanac will be on sale at Mr. Vance's, Bridge St., from Dec. 1st.

The Annual Report

The Annual Report is in the printer's hands and will be issued shortly. It is very complete and we hope the Parishioners will study it with care. If any errors are noticed please communicate with Mr. Hugh Stoops, Killicomaine Road, the Hon. Treasurer.

Presentation

On Tuesday, Oct. 7th, a large gathering representative of the whole Parish assembled in Edenderry Parochial Hall at 8 p.m. Tea was handed round and then the Rector took the chair. On the platform beside him were the Rev. F. W. Hayes and Mr. Gilbert Price, People's Churchwarden, also the Rev. J. F. G. Magill and Rev. W. G. Kerr, from St. Mark's Church, Portadown. A programme of music and recitations followed, and at its close the Rector spoke and explained the object of the meeting. Mr. R. Gracey, Lay Reader, was about to leave the Parish, and they wished to give him a tangible proof of their feelings of esteem and affection for him. The Rector then called on Mr. James Twinem, who handed to Mr. Gracey a wallet containing a substantial sum in Treasury Notes. Mr. Gracey replied and expressed his sincere thanks for the kind gift which he had received. He had experienced the greatest kindness from everyone during his stay in the Parish of Seagoe for nearly three years. Many speeches followed, all expressing high appreciation of Mr. Gracey's good work in Seagoe Parish and the neighbourhood. The presentation was from the Parish, the Mothers' Union, Edenderry Sunday School and Bible Class. The meeting concluded with the singing of the hymn "God be with you till we meet again."

Old Seagoe Notes

A Seagoe Family in India.—On the 17th October, 1851, John Bickett, of Drumnagoon, was married to Matilda Russell, of Balteagh, in Seagoe Parish Church. They had a daughter Margaret and a son Robert. Margaret was baptized in Seagoe Parish Church. When Margaret was quite young her father, who was in the Army, was ordered to India. He brought his wife and two children with him. He and his wife instead of returning home remained in India. In course of time their daughter Margaret married a Mr. Burns. Mr. and Mrs. Burns had a large family of eight children, all of whom remained in India and are now occupying responsible posts throughout the Indian Empire. The eldest son Owen Harcourt Burns is engaged at the Military Works Services at Meerut in the United Provinces. Arthur Richard Burns is Assistant Government Secretary at Lucknow, Dr. Herbert Burns is a Civil Surgeon at Mirzapore, United Provinces, John Granville Burns is engaged at the Government Gardens, Fyzabad, Miss Kathleen Burns is a B.A. of Allahabad University and is now a teacher at Dow Hill College for girls at Darjeeling, in Bengal. Mrs. May Mar Eyre Walker is married at Gorahpore, United Provinces, Mrs. Dagmar Rollo lives at Khewra, in Jheelum District, Punjab. This is a very wonderful record and very credit-

able to the family. Mr. John Granville Burns and Miss Kathleen Burns are on a visit to this country and were at the Rectory last month. They are greatly interested in Seagoe Parish, the home of their ancestors. We will be very glad to hear from any members of the family at any time. There are few countries in the world where Seagoe is not represented.

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Death of Mr. Simon Tew Foot. A link with Old Seagoe:—The following interesting note is cut from the "Irish Times." The Rev. Simon Foot was Curate of Seagoe from 1829 to 1838 and Rector of Knocknabuckley from 1838 to 1855:—Those who remember the signature "S Foot" appended to the notes of the Bank of Ireland in the 'eighties and 'nineties of last century will, doubtless, be interested in the melancholy significance attaching to a recent announcement in the "Irish Times" that Mr. Simon Tew Foot, whose handwriting was so familiar to them, had passed away at a good old age. Mr. Foot, whose father was a former Curate of Seagoe, Portadown, retired a few years ago after long and faithful service to the bank. Of a genial and kindly disposition, he belonged to a respected family, long prominent in Dublin civic life. Memorials to some of them may be seen in Ringsend Church. The Foot family were connected with many other old Dublin families, such as the Tews and the D'Oliers, by marriage. The Tews have the distinction of having given two Lord Mayors to the City of Dublin in the eighteenth century—David and John, who were father and son respectively—and some of their descendants occupy positions of great eminence to-day.

Mr Gracey at Birkenhead

Mr. Robert Gracey has settled down to study at St. Aiden's College, Birkenhead. He received a very hearty welcome from the President, the Rev. E. Huizer. Mr. Gracey writes as follows:—"During one of my spare moments I am taking this opportunity of sending a few lines. I am sitting in my study working at a History of the Thirty-nine Articles. I like the College life well. I have played some football and hockey. I have made many good friends already. There are three students here from Ireland besides myself. The College is beautifully situated on high ground. I can never forget the kindness of the people of Seagoe. Now the dinner gong will soon be sounding so I must close this brief note. P.S.—There is a photograph of Mr. Hayes hanging just outside my door.

ITEMS.

Next month the list of subscriptions to the purchase of the Grove Field will be published in the Magazine.

The project for the creation of a new separate Bishopric of Down and Dromore has been postponed for further consideration.

Mr. Jas. Twinem has been re-elected a member of the General Synod and he has also obtained a place on the Supplemental List for the Diocesan Council.