

# Seagoe Parish Magazine.

NOVEMBER, 1933.

## CLERGY :

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

Rev. W. F. Hayes, B.A., The Bungalow, Lower Seagoe, Portadown.

## CHURCHWARDENS :

Rector's—Mr. James Twinem.

People's—Mr. Wm. White.

## Harvest Thanksgiving Services.

The annual Services of Thanksgiving for the blessings of Harvest were held in the Parish Church on Thursday, Oct. 19th, and on the Sunday following. At the Thursday service there was a large congregation. The Rev. C. J. Cleod, Rector of Maralin, preached. He spoke of the urgency of the call to the Foreign Missionary work of the Church. The Harvest truly is plenteous but the labourers are few. Our prayers should ascend to the Lord of the Harvest that he would thrust forth labourers into His Harvest. The anthem was sung with great heartiness and fervour by a large Choir. The solo was taken by Miss Montgomery. It was one of Barnby's fine anthems and gave full scope to soloist and choir. The Rev. G. H. Daunt read the 1st lesson. The offerings were on behalf of Foreign Missions. The Church had been very tastefully decorated by many willing helpers. There was a splendid abundance of beautiful fruit and flowers, the product of this golden summer and autumn.

On Sunday, October 22nd, the Services were continued and were attended by large congregations. In the evening seats had to be placed in the aisle to accommodate those who failed to find places in the pews. At Morning Prayer the preacher was the Rev. R. H. White, Rector of Holy Trinity Church, Belfast. His earnest words interpreted for all present the duty of heartfelt thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father for the great gift of the Harvest. The Anthem and musical portion of the service was beautifully sung.

An impressive service was held at 3.30 for the children attending Seagoe Afternoon Sunday School. The hymns were heartily sung and the children listened with great attention to the kind words spoken by the Rev. R. H. White. The offerings were on behalf of Seagoe Sunday School Fund. Mr. T. H. Wilson presided at the organ. On Sunday evening the Church was crowded some time before the Service began. The antiphons were sung to special settings. The service was very hearty and a true spirit of thanksgiving seemed to inspire it. The Rev.

Precentor Hurst, Rector of Moira, preached. The solo in the anthem was sung by Miss Montgomery. Our special thanks are due to Mrs. Casey, who presided at the organ at each of the services. The offerings on Sunday were given to the Parochial Fund for the upkeep of the Church and its services. We thank very heartily all those who so kindly sent gifts of fruit, flowers and corn for the decorations.

## District Harvest Services.

Thanksgiving Services were held during the month of October in no less than five of our district centres. On Sunday, October 1st **Levagherey** had its Service of Thanksgiving, which was continued on the following Monday. The Rector preached at the Sunday Service, and Mr. J. Sandford, junior, on the Monday evening. At both Services the school was filled. The decorations were beautiful and some splendid fruit formed a notable feature. Miss Selina Bradshaw conducted the musical part of the Services, and three members of the Choir sang an anthem.

**Drumgor** held its Services on Sunday, Oct. 8th, and the following Monday. The Hall had been tastefully decorated and there were large gatherings at both Services. The Rev. W. F. Hayes preached on Sunday, and the Rev. W. G. Kerr, Curate of St. Mark's, Portadown, at the Monday Service. At the latter Service the lesson was read by the Rev. G. H. Daunt. Miss Gracey presided at the harmonium. Just prior to the Service on Monday evening, those who were coming to the Service witnessed the great shower of meteorites and were greatly impressed by the sight. Services were held at **Carne** Church Hall on Sunday, Oct. 15th, and Monday, Oct. 16th. As at the other centres there was a crowded attendance on both occasions. Much trouble had been taken in decorating the Hall. The Rector preached at the Sunday Service, and the Rev. G. H. Daunt on the Monday evening. Members of the Parish Church Choir gave useful help in the singing, and Mr. T. H. Wilson kindly presided at the harmonium. The Services were very hearty.

**Bocombra** new Church Hall was crowded for the Services held in it on Sunday, Oct. 29th, and Monday, Oct. 30th. It was the first occasion on which Harvest Services had been held in the Hall. It was brightly lighted with new lamps suspended from the ceiling. The decorations were very fine, including branches of crab-apples crowded with fruit. The Rev. F. J. Halahan, Rector of Drumree, was the preacher at the Sunday Service, and on Monday the Rev. G. H. Daunt, formerly Rector of Knocknamuckley. The lesson at the Service on Monday was



read by Mr. James Twinem, to whose exertions we owe the existence of the Hall. Miss Hilda Walker kindly and efficiently presided at the harmonium at both Services. The offerings on Sunday were devoted to the furnishing of the Hall and on Monday were equally divided between the Sunday School Prize Fund and Foreign Missions.

### **New Gates at Bocombra.**

Our new Church Hall at Bocombra has been further improved and completed by the erection of new pillars and gates. Seagoe Mothers' Union contributed liberally towards them. Mr. James Twinem himself made and designed the ornaments on the pillars.

### **The New Plot.**

The preparation of the new plot of ground beside the Church has made great progress during the past month. Permission was obtained from the Rural Council to open the roadway, and a main drain has been laid from the present Church ground, under the road and through the School ground to the ditch in the Grove Field. Permission was also obtained from the Diocesan Council and the Representative Church Body to cut down three trees in the Church ground so as to allow of the passage of the main drain from the new ground through the Church ground. In the new plot a drain six feet deep has been dug under the main central path, and four equally deep drains have been cut at right angles to it. This system of drains will ensure that the new plot will be thoroughly drained. A deep man-hole has been constructed in the lower corner of the present Churchyard, and this will catch the drainage from the old as well as the new ground. The new gates have been made and will be erected at the entrance to the new plot without delay. All the work at the new plot has been done by men from the Parish who have been unemployed, and this spell of employment has been a great help to them. They have done the work with great zeal and efficiency.

### **Prime Minister of Ontario.**

The Right Hon. George Henry, Prime Minister of Ontario, whose father was born and brought up in Bocombra, has sent a subscription of £2 to Mr. James Twinem towards the cost of the new Hall at Bocombra. Mr. Henry is very popular with all parties in Canada. He visited Bocombra three years ago and was greatly interested in seeing the place where his ancestors had lived. His daughters, the Misses Henry, visited Seagoe two years ago. The many parishioners of Seagoe who live in Toronto and the Province of Ontario are to be congratulated on having a Seagoe man as their Prime Minister.

### **The Wednesday Service.**

A Service is held on each Wednesday evening in the Parochial Hall at 8 o'clock. It takes the form of a short service, followed by a half-hour Bible study. The subject for next Wednesday's study is Acts, chap. 1.

### **Seagoe Mothers' Union.**

A most enjoyable social evening was held at the M.U. in Seagoe School on Tuesday, October 10th, at 7.30 p.m. There was a very large attendance. The President, Mrs. James Twinem and the committee had arranged all kinds of games and amusements for the mothers, which were thoroughly enjoyed.

The next meeting of the Mothers' Union will be held in Seagoe School on Tuesday, November 14th, at 7.30 p.m. Tea will be provided for all who come and the Rector will give an address.

### **The Parish Almanac.**

Copies of the Parish Almanac will be on sale at Mr. Vance's, in Bridge St., and from the Sunday School Superintendents on and after Dec. 1st, price twopence. It contains thirty beautifully coloured pictures and a text from Scripture for every day in the year 1934. Get your copy early as the numbers available will be limited.

### **Edenderry Harvest Festival.**

On Sunday, Nov. 5th, Harvest Thanksgiving Services will be held in Edenderry Parochial Hall at 3.30 p.m. and will be continued on Monday, Nov. 6th, at 8 p.m. An anthem will be sung by a special choir which has been trained by Miss Hilda Walker. The offerings on Sunday will be on behalf of the Parochial Hall Fund and on Monday for Foreign Missions.

### **A Strange Visitor.**

Seagoe Parish was honoured by a strange visitor last month. About four o'clock in the afternoon Mr. Hugh Carville was out with a gun in Killicomaine, and thinking he saw a hawk he fired at it. It happened to be, not a hawk but a bird of about the same size and of beautiful plumage. The body was of chocolate brown colour, the tail was black, with a cluster of white downy feathers round it. The bill was black with a white feathered patch at each side. The wing feathers were black and white. The most notable feature in it were a series of small bright blue feathers on each wing. No one has been able to identify the bird, which is evidently of foreign origin. No doubt the fine hot summer induced it to leave its usual habitat and visit our northern lands. Mr. Carville has stuffed it.



### Armistice Day Services.

On Sunday, Nov. 12th, Special Armistice Day Services will be held in the Parish Church. Seagoe C.L.B. will parade at the Service, and a wreath will be placed at the Memorial Pillars. The collection at Morning Prayer will be on behalf of Earl Haig's British Legion Fund.

### Change of Address.

The Rev. W. F. Hayes has moved from Edenderry and is now residing at The Bungalow, Lower Seagoe.

### Parish Register for October Baptisms.

The following were Baptized in the Parish Church on October 7th, 1933:—

**Bonis**—Samuel, son of Robert John and Elizabeth Bonis, of Kernan.

**Sponsors**—Anne Wilson, Elizabeth Bonis.

**Carville**—Alma Victoria, daughter of Hugh and Cora Holroyd Carville, of Killicomaine.

**Sponsors**—Sarah Carville, Cora Holroyd Carville.

**Hall**—Thomas Raymond, son of William John and Elizabeth Sophia Hall, of Lower Seagoe.

**Sponsors**—William John Hall, Elizabeth Sophia Hall.

**Mullan**—Caroline Webb, daughter of Herbert and Amelia M'Mullan, of Lylo.

**Sponsors**—Caroline Webb, Amelia M'Mullan.

### Marriages.

**Dawson and Fryers**—Oct. 20th, 1933, James George Dawson, of Tarson, to Mary Alice Fryers, of Knocknamuckley, Parish of Knocknamuckley.

**Harra and Jackson**—Oct. 26th, 1933, Victor Harra, of Edenderry, to Ethel Jackson, of Portadown.

### Our Sunday Schools.

We are drawing near the end of the Church's year, and on Advent Sunday, Dec. 3rd, the new Sunday School Calendar will begin to be studied. The new Calendars will be distributed through the Sunday Schools on Sunday, Nov. 26th.

### F. W. O.

The new sets of envelopes for the year 1934 will soon be ready. They are in two colours, red and yellow. An appropriate text is printed on each envelope. We hope that any of the parishioners who may not have given in their envelope offering will do so without delay. Bring your envelope to the Church and reverently place it in the offering. It is your gift to God. Almsgiving, as we learn from the book of the Acts of the Apostles is regarded by God as an act of worship.

### Annual Subscriptions.

Annual subscriptions to the Sustentation Fund should be paid in not later than the middle of December. All Parish accounts close on December 31st.

### Subscriptions to the New Plot.

A full list of the sums collected towards the completion of the new plot beside the Church will be published in an early issue of the Magazine.

### C.L.B. Concert.

On Thursday, Nov. 16th, a splendid entertainment of a most novel kind will be given in the Parochial Hall by the C.L.B. We recommend our readers to secure their tickets at once. The price of the tickets is 9d and 6d. The proceeds will be given to the C.L.B. Funds.

### 25 Years Ago. NOVEMBER, 1908.

We resume our notes of 25 years ago which last appeared for March 1908 in our April issue. In this year the Curate was the Rev. Walter R. Crichton, B.A., living at Seagoe Villa. He is now Archdeacon of Madras. The local matter records Harvest Services in the Parish Church, at Carne and at Hacknahay. The Rev. G. G. Mervyn, Vicar of Ballymacarrett, was the preacher on Thursday in the Parish Church and on the Sunday the Rev. S. P. Mitchell, Rector of St. Nicholas's Church, Belfast. The anthem was "Praise ye the Lord," and Mr. T. H. Wilson presided at the organ. At Carne the Rev. J. W. Johnston, Curate of Drumcree, preached. At Hacknahay the Rev. J. Taylor, Curate of St. Thomas's, Belast, was the special preacher. Seven Baptisms are recorded, as well as three marriages. One of the marriages was of two sisters to two brothers. Four Burials are recorded. A Harvest Service is announced to be held at Drumgor on Nov. 9th, and the preacher was to be the Rev. J. J. O'Malley, Curate of St. Mark's. The Select Vestry have decided to build an addition to the Church stables. In the Old Seagoe notes a reference is made to the "Big Wind" of Sunday, January 6th, 1839. It began from the S.S.W. at 10 p.m. and raged till 4 a.m. It blew the spire off Lurgan Church.

### Old Seagoe Notes.

A Statistical Account of Parochial Survey of Ireland, drawn up from the communications of the clergy by William Shaw Mason, Esq., M.R.I.A., Volume II. Printed at the Hibernia Press Office, Dublin, 1816.

"Page 520, et seq. Parish of Seagoe (County of Armagh). By Lieut.-Colonel Blacker, of the Armagh Militia.

(Continued from our last issue.)

Two great leading roads pass through this



parish, viz., the road from Armagh to Belfast, and that from Portadown to Banbridge, to which may be added a new line made within the last twenty years leading to Waringstown, Dromore, and the County of Down in general. . . . The roads are generally good, though it is by no means easy to keep them so from the immense numbers of narrow-wheeled carts which are constantly traversing them. The farmhouses exhibit much appearance of comfort; those on Carrick estate are remarkable for their neatness and comfort; but in many places are to be seen cabins of the most miserable description; the numbers of the latter are happily on the decrease. The scenery in the summer is rich and varied; the prospects from the rising grounds, of the Bann, Lough Neagh, Mourne Mountains, etc., are strikingly beautiful.

The only ancient building is the Church, which is now more than half buried in the graves with which it is surrounded. The pews and pulpit are of old black oak of curious workmanship; the latter exhibits a date on the front of 1666. Within the last three years an exhibition of taste took place here which should be handed down to posterity. This fine old black pulpit and reading desk were—"risum teneatis," actually painted a muddy yellow. There remain two of the old circular raths, one at Lisnisky, the other at Lisnamentry.

The population of this parish has been ascertained by the late returns to exceed 5,000 souls, nine-tenths of whom are concerned more or less in the linen manufacture, the children of both sexes being initiated into the work at a very early age.

The appearance of the people indicates a high degree of civilisation. On Sundays and at fairs their dress is remarkably neat and cleanly; their

habits are in general industrious; they are loyal, peaceable and generally speaking religious.

Some years ago when the North of Ireland was disturbed by those deluded wretches called Hearts of Oak and Hearts of Steel, this parish came in for its share of the contagion. The meetings took place at a cross-roads called from a large rock on the spot, "The Blue Stone." A dreadful murder was committed near the spot in the year 1781, and the perpetrators being brought here for execution, their bodies were thrown into a hole by the side of the rock, which was heaved on top of them. Some days afterwards their friends having shown a disposition to take up the bodies a spirited magistrate repaired to the spot, where they had actually commenced operations. He then had the remains dug out, and having burned them, swept the ashes into the hole, burying the rock with them below the surface of the road, where it has lain undisturbed to this day. From this period the morality and general good conduct of the people appear to have been progressive. It is but a short time ago since they were much addicted to the barbarous custom of cock-fighting (the which nothing is more pregnant with mischief to the individual and the community), and they are fast laying aside. The law for preventing riotous assemblies, which these meetings always are, has been exerted once or twice and explained to the people with the best effects and there is every reason to hope that this inhuman practice will in a very short time be unknown.

As to personal appearance, the females are generally handsome; their occupation (spinning) by confining them much within doors, contributes to render them more delicately fair than the women of other districts.

## 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 each 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 thankoffering. (See Book of Common Prayer.)

**MORNING PRAYER**—Sundays and Chief Festivals, 11-30 a.m.

**EVENING PRAYER**—Sundays, 7 p.m.

### DISTRICT SERVICES

**Hacknahay**—Last Sunday of Month at 3-30 p.m.

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

**Edenderry**—Wednesdays at 8 p.m.

## CLASSES, &c.

**BIBLE CLASS FOR MEN** in Edenderry on Sundays at 10 a.m.

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

**MOTHERS' UNION**—2nd Tuesday of each month at 7-30 p.m.

**CHURCH LADS' BRIGADE** in the Parochial Hall on Tuesdays and Fridays.

**GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY** in Seagoe School on Mondays at 8 p.m.

**SEAGOE P.E. SCHOOL**, 9-15 a.m. Principal—Mr R. Scott.

**MARRIAGES** must be performed between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Licenses are issued by Rev Canon Hannan, Rector, 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 3/- per annum.