

# Seagoe Parish Magazine.

NOVEMBER, 1934.

## CLERGY :

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

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

## CHURCHWARDENS :

Rector's—Mr. John Harrison Twinem.

People's—Mr. Robert M'Clements.

## Harvest Thanksgiving Services.

The Annual Services of Thanksgiving for the Blessings of Harvest were held in the Parish Church on Thursday, Oct. 18th, at 8 p.m., and on Sunday, October 21st, at 8 a.m., 11.30 a.m., and 7 p.m. The Church had been beautifully decorated by a band of willing helpers, and we have never seen such a splendid offering of fruit and flowers and foliage at any previous service. The Church was also more completely decorated than ever before. A still better decoration was to see the crowds who filled the Church at all the Services. Especially at the service on Sunday evening there was not sufficient accommodation for all who came, and the aisles were filled as well as the pews. Mrs. Casey presided at the organ, and the choir, which had been very carefully trained by Mr. T. H. Wilson, helped splendidly in the service. Dr. Hopkin's setting of the Te Deum was sung at Morning Prayer, and after the Service at Evening Prayer. It is a very fine setting, not too classical, but a reverent and impressive interpretation of the Church's Song of Praise. The Anthem was Caleb Simpson's tuneful setting of the great 104th Psalm, certainly the greatest of our Harvest Psalms. Canon Moore, Rector of St. Donard's, Belfast, was the special preacher at the Thursday Service, and on Sunday morning Canon Marks, Rector of Tandragee, preached. The preacher at the Evening Service was the new Rector of Mullavilly, the Rev. J. I. Lea, B.A., who was for many years a Missionary in India.

## District Harvest Services.

The Harvest Services at Carne were held on Sunday, October 7, at 3.30 p.m., and on the following Monday at 8 p.m. The Hall had been decorated with great taste. Mr. T. H. Wilson had charge of the musical portion of the service, and the singing was very hearty and devotional. There was a large attendance, the room being filled. The Rev. W. F. Hayes preached, and the offerings were on behalf of the local Hall Expenses Fund. On Monday evening the Hall was again filled. The Rev. J. Douglas, Curate of Maralin, preached on behalf of Foreign Missions.

Drumgor had its special Harvest Services on Sunday, October 14th, and on Monday, October 15th. A new feature in the Services at Drumgor was the holding of a special Children's Service at 2.30 p.m., prior to the usual Service at 3.30 p.m. There was a large gathering of the Sunday School children. The Service was arranged and conducted by Mr. Wm. Hutchinson, who is the Superintendent of the School and takes a very special interest in its welfare. Suitable Hymns and Prayers were joined in and the children sang very nicely four special Choruses. The Rector and the Rev. W. F. Hayes assisted at the Service. Mr. Hutchinson gave the address. The children brought in special offerings in envelopes for the Sunday School. The sum contributed amounted to £1 9s 9d. At the Service which followed there was a large attendance. The Rector preached, and Miss Gracey kindly helped with the music. On Monday the Rev. J. Boulger, Curate of Shankill, preached, and the offerings were for Foreign Missions. The Hall had been very tastefully decorated for the Services. Special Services were held at Levaghery on Sunday last, October 28th. Kind helpers had decorated the School. Miniature stacks of corn were a prominent feature, and there was a splendid display of dahlias, which seem this year to have exceeded all previous years in the glory of their colour and size. The Service on Sunday was conducted by the Rev. W. F. Hayes. The Rector preached on "The Manna, Bread from Heaven." Miss Selina Bradshaw kindly conducted the musical portion of the service. On Monday the Rev. J. Egerton, Curate of St. Mark's, Portadown, gave the address. The offerings were on behalf of Foreign Missions.

## Edenderry Harvest Services.

The closing Services of the season of Harvest will be held in Edenderry Parochial Hall on Sunday, November 5th, at 8 p.m. The offerings on Sunday will be on behalf of the Parochial Hall Fund, and on the Monday on behalf of Foreign Missions. The Rev. Canon Hurst, Rector of Moira, will preach at the Service on Sunday, and the Rev. J. Hamilton, Curate of Donaghcloney, at the Monday Service. A local choir, under Miss Hilda Walker, have arranged for an anthem and special music.

## A Jubilee Sale.

A G.F.S. Jubilee Sale of Work is to be held in the Lodge, Donegall Pass, on the 9th November. The Sale will be opened by Lady Dixon, D.B.E., at 3 p.m. A special effort is being made to make the Sale a success. Our local Seagoe Branch is taking part in the Dromore Stall, and gifts or subscriptions, which will be gratefully received, can be sent on or before the 7th inst., to Mrs. Scott, Grove Lodge, Seagoe.

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

The next meeting of the Mothers' Union will be held (D.V.) on Tuesday, November 13th, in Seagoe School at 7.30 p.m. Tea will be provided for the members. An interesting programme has been arranged. The last meeting on October 9th was largely attended. It took the form of a musical evening. Songs and recitations and instrumental items were given by many kind friends. The Rector, who presided, expressed his sincere thanks to all who had so kindly helped. A charge of 6d admission was made. The proceeds go towards the Christmas Mothers' Union Coal Fund.

### **The Annual Report.**

The Annual Report is now being circulated through the Parish. It is a very important Financial statement. We hope the Parishioners will read it carefully, and if they note any inaccuracy kindly communicate with Mr. Moses Gilpin, Hon. Sec., Drumnagoon.

### **Annual Subscriptions.**

Those who have not yet taken the Weekly Free-will Offering Envelopes but who give an annual Subscription to the Sustentation Fund are asked to kindly send in their subscriptions early in December, as our Parish Accounts close on December 31st, and any sums received after that date must go into the following year's accounts. We would also ask our Annual Subscribers, if possible, to kindly increase their Subscriptions. The amount received each year falls short of the amount required for the upkeep of the Parish. If all who subscribe either by envelope or annual subscription could give a larger sum our difficulties would vanish.

### **Parish Register for October.**

#### **Baptism.**

**Dilworth**—Oct. 6th, 1934, George Gordon, son of Ezekiel and Helina Isabella Dilworth, of Upper Seagoe.

#### **Privately Baptized.**

**Freeburn**—Oct. 24th, 1934, Marion Louisa and Margaret Jean, twin daughters of Thomas Henry and Lilian Elizabeth Freeburn, of Edenderry.

#### **Burials.**

**Fox**—Oct. 9th, Samuel Fox, of Edenderry, aged 70 years.

**Best**—Oct. 17th, William Henry Best, of Edenderry, aged 77 years.

**Brown**—Oct. 26th, Margaret Robina Brown, of Edenderry, aged 19 years.

**Metcalf**—Oct. 31st, Thomas Metcalfe, of Edenderry, aged 70 years.

### **Sympathy.**

We desire to record our sincere sympathy with the relatives of those who during the past month have been bereaved of their loved ones by the hand of Death. Early in the month Samuel Fox was called away after a long and painful illness. He was very well known and much respected in Edenderry. At an age when he might have remained at home, he went to France and served with our 9th Battalion during the Great War. His son, Samuel, was killed in the War and is buried outside Albert. William Henry Best passed away after a long period of weakness. He also was an old resident of Edenderry and was much esteemed for his quiet and kindly nature. The death of Margaret Robina Brown at such an early age and within a year after her marriage, was very sad. Thomas Metcalfe, who was so well known and respected by all among us, had a sudden call. He was engaged in his usual occupation up to a month before his death. He died after an operation in Lurgan Infirmary. To young and old among us Death comes. Amidst the sorrow of separation there is sure comfort in the words of Him who said: "I am the Resurrection and the Life."

### **Armistice Day.**

Armistice Day, November 11th, this year falls on a Sunday, and the following arrangements have been made for its observance in the Parish Church. At 10.45 a short Service will be held at the Memorial Pillars and Gates, and the two minutes' silence will be observed there. If the weather is inclement the Service will be held in the Church and the two minutes' silence observed there. The Seagoe Company of the C.L.B. will parade and will lay a wreath at the Pillars. The usual Service will begin in the Church at 11.15 a.m. instead of at 11.30 a.m. The offerings at Morning Prayer will be given to Earl Haig's Fund for Ex-Service men.

### **ITEMS.**

Major Fanning, of the Inniskillings, who has been on a visit with Mr. John Montgomery, of Lyndale, is leaving for India next week. We wish him a pleasant voyage.

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Miss Joan Blacker, younger daughter of Colonel Blacker, has just arrived in India on a four months' tour.

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We appeal to those who took sets of Envelopes last January and have not yet begun to use them to please bring them in without delay, as the accounts will soon be closing.

**Presentation.**

Edenderry Afternoon Sunday School sustained a serious loss in the departure of Miss Sarah Halliday. For many years she had been a most diligent and painstaking teacher of the Senior Girls' Class, and had helped in connection with every effort for the welfare of the Sunday School and the upkeep of the Parochial Hall. Her bright and happy manner endeared her to all. It was fitting that her departure from among us should not be allowed to pass unnoticed. Her Girls' Class and some friends have sent to her a handsome chiming clock as a parting gift, and Miss Halliday has written thanking the girls for their valuable gift and expressing her regret at leaving the Parish where she had spent so many happy years.

**C.L.B. Concert.**

On Thursday, Nov. 1st, a splendid Concert was given by the C.L.B. Cadets and Training Corps in the Parochial Hall at 8 p.m. The Hall was more crowded than we have ever seen it before. The gallery and even the staircase were crowded. A roomy stage had been erected, with electric footlights. Each item was announced by a junior member of the Training Corps coming forward and holding up a card in front of him. The Rector presided, and opened the proceedings with the Brigade Prayer. The first item was a Band selection, played by the Seagoe Pipers and Drummers, one of whom wore the uniform which is proposed to be worn by the band. Songs were sung by the Cadets Choir and by the Training Corps Choir. A troupe of C.L.B. minstrels singing negro songs, with blackened faces, caused much interest and amusement. Professor Shandra's conjuring tricks were very puzzling and clever. Staff-Sergeant Hynes excelled himself in his songs and sketches. "The Irish Way" created great laughter. Cadet Hoy played violin solos and Corporal Donaldson delighted with good effect. Captain Mitchell sang two fine songs. Every item was good and was loudly applauded. A very interesting and impressive sketch brought the programme to a close. It was written for the occasion by Captain Mitchell, entitled "Life's Chance." In six "Acts," it showed what the C.L.B. can do in the training of a lad's character as well as in the redemption of his Home life. Early in the programme a clever Football Sketch, "Konky," was given by some of the Training Corps. At the close of the evening the chairman thanked Captain Mitchell and Miss Wilson for their splendid help in arranging the programme. Miss Wilson played all the accompaniments. The National Anthem was heartily sung and the proceedings then terminated.

**Acknowledgment.**

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of £1 from Mrs. Lyness, of Levaghery, towards Levaghery Sunday School Fund.

**Board of Education.**

The total sum contributed recently in offertories and by subscriptions to the Board of Education amounted to £5 12s.

**Parish Almanacks.**

We are getting towards the end of the year, and people are beginning to think of the New Year Almanacs. This year, in Seagoe there will be two Parish Almanacs. The price of each will be two-pence. One of them is the usual Seagoe Parish Almanac, and the other is "Seagoe Kalendar." The central picture on the former is "Pulling Together" and on the latter "Jesus calls us." The Almanacs will be on sale at Mr. Vance's, Bridge St., from Dec. 1st., and at an earlier date from the Rector at Seagoe Rectory. Your friends across the sea will be delighted to have one for Christmas and the New Year.

**Twenty-five Years Ago.**

NOVEMBER, 1909.

This issue of the Magazine was a very notable one, for it contained a fine portrait of the Rev. John Campbell, who was Vicar of Seagoe from 1687 to 1730. He was present in Derry with the Rev. George Walker all through the famous Siege, and also accompanied Walker to the Boyne. He was buried in Seagoe within the walls of the Old Church, on Dec. 2nd, 1730. Seven Baptisms are recorded, three Marriages and one Death. The Death recorded is that of Miss Wade, sister-in-law of the late Dean Dawson, who died at Knock, Belfast, on October 27th, 1909, aged 83 years. At the Annual Harvest Thanksgiving Services the preachers were the Rev. T. J. M'Endoo, Rector of Tandragee, and the Rev. Bedell Stanford, Rector of Holy Trinity Church, Belfast. The death of Mrs. Erskine (formerly Neilson, of Seagoe Parish) of 2998 Percy Avenue, New York, U.S.A., is recorded at the age of 99. She had a great love for Seagoe, and was Baptized in the Old Church in 1809.

**Seagoe G.F.S.**

A meeting of the G.F.S. will be held (D.V.) in Seagoe School on Monday, November 19th, at 8 p.m.

**Old Seagoe Notes.**

**Seagoe, The House of Goban.**—A peculiar fact connected with the history of Seagoe is that the Church was always up to the end of the 16th century known as the House of Gobhan. Tegdogobha is the form the name usually assumes, but about the 14th century it was familiarly known as Tydba, evidently a shortened form of Tegdogobha. When Gobhan had built his rude Teg or House on the site where the ruins of the old Church now stand he would gather the simple country folk together and teach them the sacred truths of the gospel story. But a day came when the aged and faithful Gobhan passed away to his eternal rest. Reverent hands laid the body of the Saint in a grave under the shadow of the "House" where he lived and taught. His group of Christian converts would still assemble for prayer and worship where he had taught them. So by degrees the "House" became a place of public prayer and a centre of Christian influence among the neighbouring tribes, but the people did not call it a Church for they loved to think of it still as Tegdogobha, the House of Gobhan.

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**The Cloch Bann or Old Bell of Seagoe.**—The old Bell of Seagoe which is reproduced on our Magazine cover now occupies the most prominent position in the collection of old Irish Bells in the Museum in

Kildare Street, in Dublin. It is the largest and finest of the Bells and attracts attention at once, not only for its greater size but also because of its bronze colour and the very noticeable inscription in Irish characters on its side. This inscription can be traced in the photograph on the cover of the Magazine. The inscription is important because it enables us to fix the date of the Bell at A.D. 919. Another remarkable feature of the bell is that it has a perfectly smooth surface which reflects the light. This is due to the fact that the Bell, unlike other ancient Bells, was cast in a mould and not hammered out in the rough.

**Private Roads in Seagoe in the 18th Century.**—Roads were classified as "Private" Roads and "Great" Roads in Seagoe Parish in the 18th century. There were only two "Great" Roads in the Parish. One of the Great Roads was otherwise known as The King's Road. It is the old Road running through Edenderry, Killicomaine and Crossmacaughily to Lurgan. These Great Roads had Turnpikes on them at special points. One Turnpike was just at the point where Goban Street leaves Bridge Street. There was another Turnpike where Church Lane branches off at Killicomaine. The other Great Road was the Low Road to Lurgan, passing through Seagoe, Kernan and Drumnagoon. All the other roads in the Parish were termed "Private" Roads and were kept in repair by local labour.

**SERVICES—The PARISH CHURCH**

**HOY 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, Rectory, Lurgan. Due notice (48 hours) must be given to the Rector of intended weddings. **FEEES**—By License—Labcurers 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. **FEEES 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.