

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

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The Mission.



It is with a feeling of deep thankfulness to Almighty God that we record the success of our Parish Mission. This success we attribute not merely to the careful organisation beforehand for the Mission, but much more to the earnest prayers which we know ascended to the Throne of Grace from many believing and trusting hearts. Ten days ago our Missioner, the Rev. Willoughby Bryan-Brown, came amongst us a comparative stranger, but we feel now the truth of those words which he wrote to the people of Seagoe in his touching Letter—"I trust I shall make friends with many of you." A great many who have received great spiritual blessing during these Ten Days have learned to look upon Mr. Bryan-Brown as a very true friend, and we know the reason for this is, because he has taught us to know better than ever before the Lord Jesus Christ—"the Friend that sticketh closer than a brother."

The opening service on Saturday, September 22nd, was preceded by a social gathering in the school-house at Seagoe, when over 80 of our Mission Workers had an opportunity of meeting personally the Mission Preacher. The nave of the Church was quite filled for the service at 7.30, and a special service for the Reception of the Missioner was conducted by the Rector. The subject of the address was "The Need of Preparation."

Sunday, September 23rd, was a very busy day. At 8 a.m. a large number assembled for the early celebration of Holy Communion, and some straight words of counsel were spoken to those present.

At 11.30 a.m. the Church was crowded. The service of prayer and praise was joined in heartily by all present, and an impressive address was delivered on "The Master's Call." Holy Communion was celebrated, and a goodly number partook of the Feast of Love Divine.

At 3.30 the Church was once again filled with a splendid gathering of children and young people. The Church Army Captain sang as a solo "Shall we gather at the River." The Missioner held the attention of the children in an address on the word "W-e-l-c-o-m-e."

At 7 p.m. the Church Bell summoned the Parish to Evening Prayer. Extra seating accommodation had to be provided for the large numbers who came.

Again a hearty service, again an earnest address, this time on "The True Friend." At the close of the service a searching Instruction followed.

During the week the Church was quite filled at each service, and almost all remained for the special "Instruction" at the close of the service. A feature of the Mission was the large number of intercessions placed in the Missioner's box. It will be long before we forget the solemn voice uttering the now familiar words "Lord, hear our prayer," followed by the earnest supplication of many hearts and voices "And let our cry come unto Thee."

We give here a list of the subjects dealt with each evening, as we are sure many would like to remember them—

Monday—Repentance.

Tuesday—The Responsibility of Sin.

Wednesday—The Burden of Sin.

Thursday—Holy Communion.

Friday—The Swelling of Jordan.

Towards the close of the week thanksgiving mingled with our intercessions. Thanksgiving for the numbers attending, for the splendid weather, for souls released from sin, for hearts touched by the fire of God's love.

After such a week of spiritual inspiration, it was only natural that the second Sunday (September 30th) would be marked by much power and blessing. At the early Communion there was a large attendance of earnest and devout communicants, and the Missioner gave a touching address on the Power of Christ to save.

A combined Sunday School consisting of the children attending Edenderry and Seagoe Schools, was held in Seagoe School at 10.15. The school was crowded, and the Missioner, who seems to have a special gift for speaking to children, addressed those present on "As a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings."

The Morning Service in the Parish Church was attended by a crowded congregation, and the Mission Preacher spoke with great power on "One thing I do." At the Celebration a large number of the Parishioners communicated.

The afternoon service for men was held at 3.30. The nave of the Church was well filled with men who sang the stirring hymns heartily, and listened with deep attention to the Missioner's words on "Behold the Man."

In the evening the Church was again filled. The subject of the address was "Behold I stand at the door and knock." In very earnest words the Preacher pressed home upon his hearers the duty of admitting the Saviour to their hearts and lives.

Monday evening (October 1st) brought the Mission to a close. The Church was again full, and everyone

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present seemed to realise the greatness of the opportunity. The subject of the address was from Ps. 85, 10, "The Lord will speak Peace."

At the close of the service the Memorial Cards were distributed at the chancel rails to the clergy, churchwardens, choir and congregation. 120 cards have already been distributed. The service closed with a very solemn and impressive Te Deum, a true Thanksgiving for what all present felt to be a time very real Blessing.

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OFFERTORIES FOR AUGUST.

	Morning	Evening
Sep. 2nd—12th Sun. af. Trinity	£1 7 9	
" 9th—13th "	0 7 3	0 12 9
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" 23rd—15th "	0 3 3	
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" " " Children's Service		0 14 3
" " " Week Day Offerings		3 10 6
" 30th—16th Sun. af. Trinity	0 5 10	
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" " " Men's Service		0 10 7
" " " Thank-offering	5 0	
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Baptisms.

"As many as have been baptised into Christ have put on Christ."

- Sept 1st—Robert, son of Alexander and Sarah M'Cormick, Ballyhannon.
- " Anne, daughter of Samuel and Minnie M'Kee, Glasgow.
- " Samuel, son of George and Caroline Jennett, Breagh.
- " Elizabeth, daughter of James and Alice Wilson, Edenderry.
- " 6th—Victor, son of Thomas and Elizabeth Cassidy, Edenderry,
- " 9th—Joseph, son of James and Jane Eliza Hynes, Edenderry.

Marriage.

"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

Sept. 28th—William Flannigan, Edenderry, to Mary Albin, Edenderry.

Burials.

"The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord."

Sept 1st—Sarah Ellen Webb, Clanrolla, aged 9.

Oct. 2nd—William Robinson, Balteagh, aged 73.

" Robert Sherman, Edenderry, aged 25.

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It is with great regret we record the death of Robert Sherman. He was a diligent member of the Men's Bible Class, and was unsparing in his efforts to promote the interests of the Reading Room. His death will leave a great blank among the men of Edenderry, and we tender our deepest sympathy to his parents and friends in their sad bereavement. The members of the Edenderry Bible Class sent a handsome wreath to testify their affection and esteem.

Seagoe Men's Bible Class.

A Bible Class for men will be started in Seagoe Orange Hall on Sunday morning, October 14th, at 10.15 o'clock. This class is for all the men in the country parts of the Parish. The subjects will be Christian Doctrine and Practice as taught in the Gospel for the day, and also lessons on the History of the Reformation. Mr. Taylor will try to make these as interesting as possible, and he earnestly hopes that all the men, both old and young, will endeavour to attend the class regularly and encourage the effort by inducing others to come. Every man in the Parish, unless absolutely prevented by work or infirmity, ought to be at either the Edenderry or Seagoe Bible Class on Sunday morning.

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Thanksgiving Services.

All services on Sunday next, October 7th, will take the form of SPECIAL THANKSGIVING SERVICES for the blessing vouchsafed during the Mission. There will be a celebration of the Holy Communion after Morning Prayer.

Church Attendance Cards.

The Church Attendance Cards have been a great success. The children on the whole have been most loyal to them, and many a little one is now in the Lord's House on Sunday, who formerly never thought of entering there. The conduct of the children, too, has been very good, and the word of God read and preached, together with the spirit of reverence, which they see around them, must necessarily leave an impression on their young hearts and lives. The new Quarterly Cards will be issued next Sunday, and we would appeal to the parents to see that the children wait for Church and also to examine their cards to see what their record has been for the quarter. It is most important that the parents should take a personal interest in the spiritual training of each of their children. All cards for the past quarter must be handed in to the various superintendents on or before the second Sunday in October.

* * * The Church Army.

We feel under a deep debt of gratitude to Captain Gaskell and Lieutenant Simmons for their assistance during the Mission. They have been indefatigable in their efforts to promote its success both during the preparation for it and when it came on. It is with great regret that we take leave of them, and we earnestly hope that God's blessing will continue to rest upon them in the various parts of His Vineyard in which they will be called to labour. Captain Gaskell hopes to go to County Tyrone, and Lieutenant Simmons will soon be proceeding to the Church Army Training Home in London. During the Mission the Captain's singing was much appreciated.

* * * Special Service.

On Wednesday evening next, October 10th, a Special Service will be held on the completion of the improvements now being made in the Parish Church. The service will begin at 8 o'clock. We believe the new installation of Gas in the Church will be much appreciated by the Parishioners, and add much to the comfort and convenience of the worshippers.

* * * Congratulation.

We offer our hearty congratulations to Mr and Mrs Flannigan on the occasion of their marriage. It is seldom that we have to chronicle the union of two such useful Church workers. Mr Flannigan has in many ways helped forward the work of the Church, especially by assisting in superintending the Afternoon Sunday School at Edenderry. Mrs Flannigan has for long acted as Sunday School Teacher at both Morning and Evening Schools at Edenderry, and has also been a most useful member of the choir. We wish the young couple all happiness and prosperity with God's blessing in their future life.

Mission Notes.

Mr. Bryan-Brown hopes to hold his next Mission in St. Stephen's, Belfast. The prayers of our people are asked for a blessing.

Miss Walker's solos during the Mission were very much appreciated. Her fine voice was heard with good effect and conveyed very solemn lessons to those who heard it.

No rain fell during the Mission except on the last day. We thank God for the splendid weather.

Get your Memorial Cards framed and hung up in your room. It will help to keep them in your mind and heart.

Any who have not yet filled up the "After Mission" papers will please do so, and drop them into the Box at Church door next Sunday.

We were glad to see so many elderly folk attending the Mission, and we hope to see them often worshipping with us in the House of God.

Read the Tracts which were distributed at the services and keep them carefully for future reference.

Thanks.

We heartily thank all our workers who so loyally assisted during the Mission, especially the Organist, Choir, Churchwardens and others connected with the Church. Our Band of Mission Workers rendered splendid help in the preparation for the Mission.

* * * The Rev. W. Bryan-Brown, M.A.

Some of our readers would, we are sure, like to know something about the life and work of our Mission Preacher, the Rev. W. Bryan-Brown. Mr Bryan-Brown is an Englishman by birth, and was educated at a private school, after which he entered Brasenose College, Oxford, where he had a distinguished undergraduate course, obtaining amongst other honours a Colquitt and Halmeian Exhibition. He graduated in 1870, and was ordained in 1871 by the Bishop (Mackarness) of Oxford. For two years he acted as curate at St. Ebbe's, Oxford, and in 1873 was appointed rector of East Shefford, Berkshire. He remained at East Shefford until 1881, when he obtained the important living of Amberley, Gloucester which he held until 1892. In this latter year he joined the staff of the Church Parochial Mission Society, and has since then, for a period of fourteen years, acted as Mission Preacher in various Dioceses. He has held missions not alone in England, Scotland and Ireland, but also in many parts of Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the United States. He is a very close friend and admirer of the Rev. Canon Hay-Aitken, so well known as the founder of the Church Parochial Mission Society. Mr. Bryan-Brown has conducted over 150 missions, and is much in request as a Mission Preacher. He is the author of a number of striking Tracts based on his mission experiences, some of which have attained a wide circulation. An excellent photograph of the Rev. W. Bryan-Brown may be had at Moffett's Photographic Studio.

Winter Work.

(1) On Wednesday evenings for the future a service will be held in the Parish Church at 7-30. It is intended for worshippers from all parts of the Parish.

(2) On the recommendation of the Missioner the evening service on the last Sunday in each month will be a Special Mission Service, when the Mission Hymn Book will be used and an appropriate sermon preached. The Parishioners are requested to make this service a special subject of prayer and to endeavour as far as possible to be present.

(3) We hope to have a Band of Hope Meeting in the Parochial Hall once a month to which young and old will be invited. Our people must be taught to look upon indulgence in strong drink as a sin.

(4) It is hoped to have a singing class in the Parochial Hall during the Winter months. Many of our people would like to learn to sing from note, and a competent instructor will be appointed.

Items.

We regret the delay in issuing the Annual Report, but we hope to have it ready in a few weeks.

Miss Armstrong, who has returned from a well earned holiday, hopes soon to start her missionary class.

We have to congratulate Mr. David Murray on his success since taking over the charge of Carne Sunday School. Many records have been made in the attendance.

Mr Murray is assisted by a splendid band of helpers, and we hope there will be no diminution in the numbers during the winter months.

The Rector has just received a letter from Mr. Grey. He seems to be longing for news of Seagoe, and we hope some one will write and tell him of the Mission.

Mr. Grey seems to be enjoying good health, and is continuing to make good progress in the Japanese language.

Although the Church Army is leaving us Miss Connor will still continue to circulate the C.A. Gazette. This excellent publication is only one halfpenny, and we would like to see it in every house in the Parish.

The Mission Meeting of Railwaymen at the Station was a great success. Open-air meetings were also held at the two Factories in Edenderry, and were largely attended. A successful Conference of Church workers was held on Saturday at Seagoe School.

We are glad to welcome Miss Sarah Montgomery and Miss Jane Porter to the teaching staff of Seagoe Sunday School, and also Miss Gertie Montgomery to Edenderry. May much blessing rest on their labours.

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Old Seagoe Notes.

These notes are unavoidably held over this month owing to pressure on our space.

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