

# Seagoe Parish Magazine.

OCTOBER, 1912.

ULSTER DAY, SEPTEMBER 28th, 1912.



## SIGNING THE COVENANT AT SEAGOE CHURCH.

THE above Photograph will be an interesting remembrance of Ulster Day in Seagoe. The Signing of the Covenant was preceded by a Solemn Service in the Parish Church, at 3 o'clock, and then the men and women present filed out from the doors of the Church and signed the Forms. 569 signed at the Church doors, and many other signatures have been since added throughout the Parish. The first to sign in Seagoe was Major Stewart Blacker, then the Rector (Rev. J. E. Archer), and after him in order Mr. Wolsey Atkinson, Rev. G. Bloomer (Curate), and Messrs. T. J. Atkinson and W. Bickett, Churchwardens. In the Photograph many of the men are seen holding in their hands the Parchment Certificate, with which each person who signed was presented.

## Harvest Thanksgiving Services.

Seagoe Parish will hold its annual Thanksgiving Services for the Blessings of Harvest in the Parish Church, on Thursday evening, October 17th, at 8 o'clock, and on Sunday, October 20th, at 11-30 a.m., 3-30 p.m. (children's service), and 7 p.m. The offerings at the service on Thursday will be in aid of Foreign Missions, and on Sunday, on behalf of our Parochial Funds. The following clergy have kindly consented to preach at the services:—On Thursday, the Rev. R. H. S. Cooper, M.A., until recently rector of Whitehouse, and now rector of Christ Church, Lisburn. Mr. Cooper is an enthusiastic supporter of Foreign Missions, and, we hope, will stir up Seagoe Parish to a still greater interest in this grand work of extending Christ's Kingdom. On Sunday at morning Prayer the Rev. J. M'Endoo, M.A., Rector of Ballymore (Tandragee) will preach, and on Sunday evening, the Rev. T. G. G. Collins, B.D., rector of

St. James's Church, Belfast. The afternoon service will be held specially for the children attending Seagoe and Edenderry Afternoon Sunday Schools, and the offerings at that service will be devoted to the South American Missionary Society, in which the Misses Dawson are active workers abroad.

We will be glad to receive material for the decoration of the Church on the Wednesday morning and Thursday morning before the Service, between 10 and 12.

## Hacknahay Harvest Service.

The Annual Thanksgiving Services will be held in Hacknahay School on Sunday, October 13th, at 3-30 p.m., and on Monday, October 14th, at 7-30 p.m. The offerings will be devoted to the Hacknahay Day School Fund. The preacher on Sunday will be the Rev. R. S. Morrison, B.D., and on Monday the Rev. J. W. Johnson, B.A.

**Items.**

A great C. M. S. Demonstration will be held in the Ulster Hall, on November 4th, at 8 o'clock.

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Edenderry made a splendid display with cannon, rifles, ambulance and nurses, on Wednesday, 25th September, the day of the great meeting in Portadown. The English papers all referred to this part of the procession.

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Mr. Samuel M'Kegney, who has frequently conducted District Services in Seagoe Parish, on Sunday evenings during the past four years. left Belfast last week for London, Ontario, Canada, to undertake work in the Diocese of Huron. Our good wishes go with him in his new sphere of labour.

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The Annual Examination of Hacknahay Day School will be held this month, by the Diocesan Inspector, Rev. Canon Clarke, M.A.

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Miss M. Irwin, lately Monitress in Seagoe School, has been admitted to the Church of Ireland Training College, Kildare Place, Dublin.

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Mrs. Heney (formerly Miss Mary Walker), of Philadelphia, has kindly sent £2 to the Sale of Work funds, through her sister, Miss Emma Walker, of Seagoe. We are much obliged for this kind contribution.

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Dr. Orr, LL.D., of Belfast, conducted the service in Drumgor, on Sunday, September 29th, and was assisted by Mr. Good, Auditor of Belfast Theological Society.

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Many of the children attending Edenderry Morning Sunday School may be seen coming to school on Sunday mornings without hats. The love of fresh air seems to be growing in the younger generation.

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A sturdy young sycamore tree has planted itself on the ledge half-way up Seagoe Church tower, and is growing vigorously.

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Mr. Jack Shanks, the Head Porter at Portadown Station, did a smart thing on the platform, on Monday, September 16th. As the 2.47 p.m. train for Belfast was leaving the station, a lady finding she was in the wrong train, opened the carriage door and was about to jump out when Mr. Shanks sprang along the platform and was just in time to push her back into the carriage, otherwise it is possible she might have fallen under the train and been killed. The train was then stopped and the lady alighted in safety.

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Three Seagoe boys are at present being educated free of charge at the Hewetson School, Clane, County Kildare.

Constable Bunting, R.I.C., who was very popular in Edenderry, has recently been transferred to Brown Square Barracks, Belfast.

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A very interesting series of articles on Old Portadown is appearing in the "Portadown Express."

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The Subject of the Harvest Anthem this year in Seagoe Church, is Exodous xxiii. 15. "Thou shalt keep the Feast of Harvest.

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The Annual Report is now in print, and will be issued to the Parishioners this month.

**Week-night Bible Classes.**

The Men's Bible Class in Tamnificarbet will meet for the Winter Session on Tuesday, October 8th, at 8 o'clock. Announcements regarding the Drumgor Lane Class will be made next week.

**Singing Class.**

The Singing Class will meet in Seagoe School, on Monday, Oct. 21st, at 8 o'clock. Terms for Quarter—Men, 1/6; Women and Girls, 1/-; payable in advance. Instructor—Mr. H. H. Hallows. A punctual attendance is requested of all who intend to join the class.

**The Recent Census.**

The returns of the recent Government Census have just been published. The results for Seagoe Parish are most interesting, and reveal the progress of the Church in this district. In the combined parishes of Seagoe and Knocknamuckley there is an actual increase of 555 in the members of the Church of Ireland during the past ten years. Only one other parish in the North of Ireland shows a larger increase. The total Church of Ireland population for the two parishes is as follows:—1901—3721; 1911—4276.

**The Church Flags.**

Account of Collection furnished by Mr. T. J. Atkinson, LL.B.

To Mr. G. Calvert's Collection,	£0 17 0
" " W. Bickett's "	0 10 8
" " T. Atkinson's "	0 17 9
" Subscription from Seagoe L.O.L.	0 5 0
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	£2 10 5

**EXPENDITURE.**

By Ropes, ...	£0 2 6
" Flags, ...	1 19 5
" Balance in hand ...	0 8 6
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**Offertories for September.**

Sunday Mornings, ... ..	£6 10 3
"    Evenings, ... ..	2 13 7
Wednesdays, ... ..	0 5 0
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From the Collection on Sunday, Sept. 8th, £3/3/0 was deducted for the Diocesan Fund for Poor Parishes.

**Baptisms.**

"I will write upon him my new name."

Baptized on Sept. 7th, 1912.

William John Graham, son of Robert and Sarah Jane McCann.

Margaret, daughter of Thomas and Mary Jane Major.

Alexander, son of Alexander and Rachel Quinn.

Mary Adelaide, daughter of Henry and Caroline Lavery.

Sarah Isabel, daughter of James and Sarah Simpson.

Privately Baptized, September 26th, 1912.

Mabel, daughter of David and Jane Webb.

**Marriage.**

"The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich."

Aug. 28th—Ephraim Best, of 130 Park Road, Portadown, to Anna Maria Roney, of Railway Street, Edenderry, Portadown.

**Burials.**

"Thine eyes shall see the King in his beauty."

Sept. 6th—James Clements Albin, Edenderry, aged 71 years.

Sept. 8th—Thomas Magill, of Belfast, aged 51 years.

Sept. 12th—Anne Gregson, Balteagh, aged 77 years.

Sept. 13th—Mary Anne M'Crory, of Killycomain, aged 61 years.

Sept. 20th—Mary Robinson, of Edenderry, aged 34 years.

Sept. 25th—Bella Vaughan, of Edenderry, aged 17 years.

Sept. 27th—Margaret Moore, of Belfast, aged 57 years.

Sept. 27th—Mabel Webb, Lylo, aged 7 days.

**Death of Mr. Albin.**

We record with sincere regret the death of Mr. J. C. Albin, who for many years had been a most active Church-worker in Seagoe Parish. He had filled almost every position of trust in connection with the Church, and had also given valuable help in holding services in outlying districts, and conducting a Men's Bible Class in Edenderry for many years. He has gone to his eternal reward, and his works do follow him. His bright example of faithful service will be an inspiration to many. "The memory of the just is blessed."

**Hymns for October.**

"Speaking to yourselves in Psalms and Hymns and Spiritual Songs."

MORNING.

6th	13th	20th	27th
273	491	429	560
399	388	Anthem	514
591	553	550	489
467	460	428	335
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EVENING.

200	279	455	243
277	445	Anthem.	219
192	276	630	215
284	557	430.	379
285	280	233	508

On Thursday, Oct. 17th, the following Hymns will be sung—39, Anthem, 619, 106, 233.

**"It will never pass Portadown."**

This famous sentence which has been printed in innumerable papers and quoted in every great speech within the last few months was first uttered by a Seagoe man. Last January the Rector was conversing with an old man in the Parish on the subject of Home Rule, when the Parishioner remarked, "Well, yer Reverence, it may pass the House o' Commons, but I doubt it'll never pass Portadown." The saying seemed to sum up the situation so neatly, and with such humour that the Rector repeated it to some others, among them Major Blacker, and in turn it passed on to our Member, Mr. Moore. The latter in an open-air address outside the Club in Belfast a few nights later gave it a wider publicity, and from that day to this it has been heard of everywhere. During the past week the English newspapers have attributed it to Col. Saunderson, and to a speaker at the Convention of 1892, but the source of it is in Seagoe Parish, and the Rector regrets that he cannot recollect the individual who, in a casual roadside conversation, first uttered the famous words.

**Letter from Rev. W. T. Grey.**

The Rev. W. T. Grey, writing from St. Andrew's House, Shibo, Tokyo, Japan, under date August 15th, 1912, says—You know of course that the Emperor of Japan died on July 31st, so we are now in the midst of national mourning. It is quite wonderful the way the Japanese were affected by his illness and death. At this time of the year owing to the intense heat everyone who can do so goes away to the sea or to the hills, but when it became known that the emperor was seriously ill, numbers who had already gone away returned to Tokyo, and others gave up their contemplated holiday in order to show sympathy, feeling that enjoyment at such a time was out of place. That week I had arranged to spend a few days at a popular seaside resort near Tokyo, with a

Japanese friend, but he wrote to me to say that he felt bound in loyalty to remain in Tokyo, now that the Emperor's life was in danger. In front of the Imperial Palace there is a great open space, and the week before his death this space was daily thronged by huge crowds who came there to pray for the Emperor. Numbers of them were to be seen kneeling or prostrated on the ground, the majority stood with bowed heads toward the Palace and prayed for his recovery. Here and there a picture of the Emperor was fastened to a tree, and many came and stood for a minute or two before the picture in prayer. How far the prayers thus being offered up were intelligent, and whether or no those who offered them had any clear idea about the Being to whom they were praying, is hard to say: but for all that, the scene was extraordinarily impressive to those who witnessed it.

According to the daily papers, several people went out of their minds when the news of the Emperor's death was published, and there appear to have been a good many cases of persons, who, declaring their wish to follow him into the spirit world, committed suicide. Every house is flying the National Flag draped, and everyone is wearing some token of mourning either a band of crape on the arm or a black badge pinned to the kimono. The funeral is not to take place till September 13th. I suppose this long interval is necessary, not only for the purpose of giving time for the various preparations, but also that the European courts may have time to choose and send suitable representatives.

Our Bishops are drawing up a special form of service to be used in all our churches on the day of the funeral.

### Nature Notes.

Mr. Thomas Caddell, of Killycomaine, last month found an enormous mushroom, which was 9 inches in diameter and weighed 1 lb.

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The swallows remained longer than usual with us this year, some being seen as late as September 24th.

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Squirrels have recently been seen in the Parish in considerable numbers.

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Hedgehogs were plentiful this year along the railway line.

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Robins seem more tame than usual this Autumn.

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The silver poplar in Seagoe School ground was very pretty this year, the under side of the leaf seemed whiter than usual.

### Girls Friendly Society.

The opening meeting of the G.F.S. will be held (D.V.) in Edenderry Parochial Hall, on Tuesday, November 5th, at 8 o'clock.

### The Sale of Work.

This month we have only space to give the completed totals from the recent Sale of Work. They are as follows:—

Receipts, ... ..	£141 6 10
Expenses, ... ..	4 12 1
Net Balance, ... ..	£136 14 9

### Old Seagoe Notes.

**Anecdote of Archdeacon Saurin.**—There are many quaint and amusing stories of Archdeacon Saurin floating about through the parish. The following is well authenticated—The Rev. Capel Wolseley who was Curate of Seagoe in the middle of last century, was a great favourite with the Archdeacon. When he got married, the Archdeacon determined to give him a surprise, and so on the night when the happy pair were returning to Seagoe from their honeymoon, the Archdeacon dressed himself up in the coachman's livery, mounted the box of the carriage and drove down to the station to meet them. When they emerged from the station, the Archdeacon hiding his identity as much as possible graciously saluted the new arrivals, and whipping up the horse drove smartly to Mr. Wolseley's residence, where the latter for the first time realised that the coachman on the box was none other than the Venerable Archdeacon Saurin.

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**The Bard by the Bann.**—This is the title of an interesting little book of local verse, published by a Mr. John Smith, of Gilford, in the year 1864. It contains among other pieces—"An hour on Castle Hill, 1853"—"Harvest Home, 1856"—"On Moyallon House, 1863,"—"Gilford on a Pay-Day, 1854."

Here is a verse from the piece on "Castle Hill," describing the Express Train and the Telegraph, then wonderful novelties—

Then see the train—the express train,  
Like some mad thing infernal,  
Like fury drive through bog and glen,  
With smoke and fire internal:  
And something yet you cannot see—  
Your faith is now at stake, sir,  
A spirit flies with lightning speed,  
Which men have made to speak, sir.

A copy of the book has been kindly lent to us by Mr. John Waugh, of Portadown.