

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

OCTOBER, 1919.

Seagoe War Memorial.

A MEETING of those who subscribed to the War Memorial for Seagoe Parish will be held (D.V.) in Seagoe School on Tuesday evening, October 7th, at 7-30 to consider what form the Memorial should take. Lieut.-Colonel Blacker will attend. This will be an important meeting, and we hope there will be a full attendance of the subscribers. Over £300 is in hands from subscriptions. A few who promised to subscribe have not yet paid their subscriptions, and we hope they will do so at or before the meeting. It may be that there are some others who have not subscribed. If so they can send in their subscriptions to Lt.-Col. Blacker, Carrickblacker, or to Mr. W. R. Atkinson, of Eden Villa, Portadown. The names of those who fought on our behalf in the great conflict must be worthily perpetuated in their Parish. It is hoped that the Memorial will be in the truest and fullest sense a Memorial, and not merely some useful improvement in the Parish Church, or its surroundings which might be done by the parish apart from any memorial.

Seagoe Select Vestry.

The Balances from the Anniversary Stalls at Carrickblacker and Scarva having been handed over to the Select Vestry by the Stall Committee, the Vestry at a recent meeting decided to allot them as follows—£15 to the Church Parochial Fund, and £10 for the repair of Seagoe School. The gross Receipts at the Stalls totalled over £70, but the expenses being very heavy, the nett Balance only amounted to £25.

A Memorial Portrait.

On the occasion of the Harvest Service at Levaghery School a Memorial Portrait of the late Mrs. Kyle, superintendent of the school, was unveiled by the Rector. It is the kind gift of Mr. Kyle, of Edenderry. The portrait is a very pleasing one, and will for many years be a reminder of one who was most highly esteemed throughout Seagoe Parish for her kindly Christian character, and for her zeal in all good work. The portrait is handsomely framed and bears a suitable inscription on a brass plate. The Rector in unveiling the Portrait spoke of Mrs. Kyle's great interest in Levaghery School, and thanked Mr. Kyle (who was present) for his kind thoughtfulness in presenting the memorial. The portrait reflects much credit on Mr. Moffett, photographer, Edenderry, in whose studio it was prepared and completed.

Harvest Thanksgiving Services.

The Services of Thanksgiving to Almighty God for His gift of the Harvest will be held (D.V.) in the Parish Church on Thursday, October 9th, at 8 p.m., and on Sunday, October 12th, at Morning and Evening Prayer. The celebration of Holy Com-

munion on Sunday, October 5th, will have special reference to Thanksgiving for the Harvest. We ask our Communicants to bear this specially in mind, and we hope they will all try to be present.

The Rev. R. H. White, M.A., Rector of Holy Trinity, Belfast, will preach at the Thursday evening service, when the offering will be given to the Foreign Missions. On the Sunday following, the preacher will be Rev. J. E. Browne, B.D., Rector of St. Mary's Church, Belfast. At this service the offerings will be given to the Parochial Fund of the Parish. Maunder's fine Anthem, "Praise the Lord O Jerusalem." will be sung by the choir. There is, we believe, a true spirit of Thanksgiving abroad among the people for the gracious gift of the Harvest in this Year of Peace. In Orchard, Garden and Field, the bounteous hand of the giver of all has blessed us. In what more fitting way can we thank Him than by joining in an united act of worship in our Parish Church.

District Harvest Services.

Levaghery.

On Sunday, September 21st, at 3-30, a Harvest Thanksgiving Service was held in Levaghery Schoolhouse. The School has recently been repainted, and with its decorations of flowers and fruit it presented a very pretty appearance. Therewas a large attendance, and the musical part of the service was heartily sung by a choir, under the guidance of Mr. T. H. Wilson, who kindly presided at the harmonium. The Rector preached on "The Promise of the Harvest." The Services were continued on Monday evening, when an address was given by the Rev. G. W. Millington, M.A., Curate of St. Mark's, Portadown. The offerings were on behalf of Foreign Missions.

Hacknahay.

The Harvest Services at Hacknahay, were held on Sunday, September 28th, at 3-30. The room had been prettily wreathed with fruit and flowers, and the Service was attended by so many that places could scarcely be found for all. A strong and well trained choir was present. The Harvest Anthem was Simper's—"Thy Barns shall be filled with plenty." Much credit is due to Mr. Gracey, principal of Bleary National School, who trained the choir, and played the harmonium. The Rector preached on "Our Daily Bread." On Monday evening the School was again crowded. The Rev. H. E. Rennison, Curate of Drumcree, preached on "The Labourers in the Vineyard." A liberal offering was made by those present for Foreign Missions.

Collections at District Services.

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District Harvest Services.

The following Harvest Services will be held (D.V.) during October—

- Carne**—October 5th, Sunday—3-30 p.m.
6th, Monday— 8 p.m.
- Edenderry**—October 19th, Sunday—3-30 p.m.
,, 20th, Monday— 8 p.m.
- Drumgor**—October 26th, Sunday—3-30 p.m.
,, 27th, Monday— 8 p.m.
- Tamnificarbet**—Nov. 2nd, Sunday—7 p.m.
Nov. 3rd, Monday—8 p.m.

The offerings at the Sunday Services will be on behalf of local Sunday School Funds, and at the Monday Services on behalf of Foreign Missions. Contributions of fruit, corn and flowers are asked for in connection with the services, and may be sent to the various centres on the Saturday preceding the services.

Seagoe Day School.

The "Rural Science" Course, outlined by the National Board of Education has been adopted in Seagoe School. The importance of a knowledge of this most useful subject is now widely recognised, and the pupils of Seagoe School will now have an opportunity of studying it in its various branches. Seagoe School is the third school in County of Armagh to take advantage of the scheme.

Clocks in Portadown.

Hitherto it has been very difficult to get correct time in Portadown and the neighbourhood. Most people set their watches by the Post Office Clock, this Clock being of cheap construction, varied at times in a most uncertain manner. Thanks to the enterprise of the G.N.R there need no longer be any uncertainty as to the correct time. Four immense electrically controlled clocks have been installed in the Station, which keep absolutely correct time. They are controlled by an ingeniously constructed clock, or rather skeleton clock, in the Stationmaster's Office. This central clock consists only of a pendulum and a single ratchet wheel, and yet it is capable of keeping exact time itself, and of governing four other clock faces. A system of electric batteries forms the motive power, and if perchance they should run down or weaken, an alarm bell is automatically rung. The minute hands of the clocks are moved forward every half-minute. When will the town authorities have the town clock regulated by electric control and secure for the town an adequate Time-piece?

Seagoe in the States.

The following letter has been received from Mrs. W. J. Allen, of the Red Row, who, with her three little boys has, we are glad to hear, arrived safely at their destination—

Three Rivers, Mass.,
August 28th, 1919.

Just a few lines to let you know I arrived here safe and sound yesterday evening. We all had a very pleasant voyage. I was only a day sick, and Jimmie was a couple of days sick. Ernest and Jack were not sick. We had very nice weather, only one bad day.

We landed in New York late at night.

The minute we landed the Red Cross Nurse took us in charge, and brought us to a nice house, a soldiers' home. We spent the night there, and she put us on the train the next morning.

The people are all very good and kind. I am sure I shall get along very well, and it shan't be long before I shall be settled.

Give all my regards to my friends. My love to them all.

I wonder if you will speak to the Rev. Canon Archer and ask him if he would send me a nice letter for the children to give to the Sunday School Superintendent here.

Thank you very much.

Well I guess I'll say good night for now. My love and kind remembrances to you all.

Love and kisses from Jackie, Jimmie and Ernest to you all.

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Mr James MacDowell, of Killycomaine, has sailed for the States. He, like many others, found some difficulty in getting a return passage. Mr. MacDowell owns a pretty Bungalow at the famous seaside resort of the New Yorkers, Narragans Bay. A conspicuous feature of the Bungalow is its name, which appears printed in clear characters across its front—"Seagoe." He says many people have asked him "What is Seagoe?" or "Where is Seagoe?" and many of them make the remark, "What an appropriate name Seagoe is, for a Villa by the Sea," of course Mr. MacDowell then explains to the inquisitive Yankees that Seagoe has nothing whatever to say to the sea, but that it is the name of a famous and historical parish in the Old Country, where he and his forebears were born. Mr. MacDowell's two elder boys served during the war, one in the U.S. Army and the other in the Navy. At the last Presidential Election Mr MacDowell "plumped" for Teddy Roosevelt because he was the man of action, but he has a very high respect and admiration for President Wilson.

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The Rector had a visit last week from Mr. W. J. Craig, a native of Drumlispnagrilly, who has for the past 28 years been engaged in Shipbuilding in New York. Mr. Craig is interested in his native Parish.

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Mr. and Mrs. MacMullen and their little daughter, who have been on a visit with Mrs. MacMullen, in Drumgor, hope to return to Canada on Monday on the liner "Scandinavian." They have much enjoyed their holiday to the Old Country.

A Letter from the Rhine.

[The Rev. Alfred Murray who is doing good work in a Church Army Hut on the Rhine sends us the following interesting letter, dated September 22nd, 1919. Mülheim, Army of the Rhine.]

I came back to Cologne from Gladbach to take the place of a man who had to return to England before his term of service had expired. He is a Rector in England, who had to return to his Parish at the urgent request of his Bishop. I only stayed a few weeks there, and am now in a place called Mülheim, which is about 20 minutes in the train from Cologne, it is really a suburb of Cologne. It has a population of about 60,000, and was a very important place during the war, as it had many big munition factories, in one factory alone I am told they turned out shells at the rate of 5,000 a day, and much poison gas was also manufactured here, and it is also a place of interest, in that it has received many private visits from the Crown Prince of Germany, so Mülheim is no doubt a place of interest. There are two Church Army Canteens in Mülheim, one in the Infantry Barracks, and the other in the Town Hall (Stadt-Halle). I am in charge of the canteen in the Infantry Barracks. There are a good many troops still in the Barracks, though the men are being "demobbed" very quickly just now. One of the orderlies in the Barrack Canteen is an Irishman and comes from the town of Carlow; he knows Mr. Scanlon. I think I mentioned in my last letter that the value of the German mark had gone down so low that £1 was equivalent to 61 marks. Well, it has decreased in value very much more since then. The official army rate of exchange for September is 96 marks to the £1, and some of the German banks last week were giving at the rate of 124 marks to the £1. I received myself last week at the rate of 120 marks for £1. Before the war the German could have purchased a good suit of clothes for 120 marks; now it would cost him about 600 marks, and during the war as much as 1000 marks (£50). Germany is very quiet just now and one sees little signs of revolution anywhere. Perhaps it is because they work so hard that they have little time to think of anything else. Everybody works in Germany, both old and young. I saw many German prisoners coming home last week, and this week. They all seemed pleased to get back to Germany. I cannot say definitely when I shall be returning back to Ireland—of course I don't mean to suggest that I have been a prisoner out here. I think it has been very much the other way—but I hope to get away within the next few weeks. My co-worker at Berg-Gladbach has gone to Egypt with the Church Army.

ITEMS.

Everyone regrets the departure of Summer Time. We hope no clocks were broken in the process of being put back.

We are glad to notice an increased interest in the neatness and care of the graves in the grounds around the Church, but some of the plots are still uncared for and much overgrown. Some of the tombstones also need cleaning and repair. The Select Vestry has arranged that for an annual payment of 5s it will guarantee the special care of any graveplot.

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Old Seagoe Graveyard has been very bright with flowers this year. Never before have so many graves been made bright with lovely flowers. Snow-white Violas have been planted on many graves and look very pretty.

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On All Saints' Day, November, 1st, the graves of our dear ones who fell in France will be decorated and tended by loving French hands. How nice it would be if on the same day this year all our Home Graves were made clean and bright.

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New Rails of a much heavier pattern have been recently laid down on the Railway through Seagoe. They are almost twice as long as the rails which they displaced. The fast heavy traffic necessitated heavier rails.

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Mushrooms are very plentiful this year and are found growing in large quantities in most unusual places. One farmer had his turnips trampled down by children gathering mushrooms in a tilled field.

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The Diocesan Synod for the election of a Bishop of the Diocese will meet in Belfast on Thursday, October 9th. Four laymen from Seagoe Parish being elected Representatives have the privilege of voting.

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The Swallows departed from Seagoe on their Southern flight on September 24th.

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A pre-war Baptismal Ewer of fine design is available at a cost of £5 15s. It would make a very handsome and useful memorial gift to the Parish Church. Who will present it?

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Congratulation.

We congratulate Miss Mary Wilson, daughter of Mr. T. H. Wilson, Organist of Seagoe, on her appointment as Organist of Knocknamuckley Church in succession to Mr. Mann, of Lurgan, who has resigned owing to College duties. Miss Wilson received her musical education from Mr. Smith, Organist of Shankill (Lurgan) Parish Church.

PARISH REGISTER for SEPT., 1919.**Baptisms.**

The following were Baptized in Seagoe Parish Church on September 6th, 1919—

Best—Ida, daughter of Henry John and Helena Best, of Portadown.

Sponsors—Henry John Best, Helena Best,

Finn—Samuel Norman and Joseph Albert, twin sons of Moses Henry and Margaret Finn, of Portadown.

Sponsors—Moses Henry Finn, Margaret Finn.

Reid—Anne Jane, daughter of Samuel John and Anne Reid, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Anne Reid, Mary Elizabeth Reid.

Neill—Howard, son of James and Sarah Neill, of Killicomaine.

Sponsors—Mary Rachel Neill, Sarah Neill.

Watson—Cherry, daughter of Joseph and Anne Watson, of Killicomaine.

Sponsors—Cherry Bell, Anne Watson.

Donaldson—Mary, daughter of Isaac Robert (Pte. A.S.C. B.E.F., 1914-1919), and Mary Donaldson, of Killycomaine.

Sponsors—Sarah Jane Craig, Mary Donaldson.

Marriages.

Erskine and Nesbitt—10th September, 1919, James Erskine, of Edenderry, to Sarah Nesbitt, of Drumnagoon.

Allen and Watson—26th September, 1919, William Allen, of Edenderry, to Sarah Watson, of Portadown.

Burials.

Dickson—August 27th, Henry Dickson, of Drumnagoon, aged 69 years.

Rowlands—September 15th, John Alexander Rowlands, of Ballymacrandle, aged 2½ years.

Gilpin—September 19th, Sarah Gilpin, of Tarsan, aged 75.

Ruddell—September 24th, Sarah Jane Ruddell, of Balteagh, aged 25 years.

Obituary.

Our Parish Register for the month records the deaths of several who were well known in the Parish and whose departure from amongst us has caused regret to many.

We referred last month to the death of Mr. Henry Dickson, the notice of which was omitted by an oversight from our last issue. The death of little Alick Rowlands from Tetanus, the result of an accident was very sad. He was a very winning little fellow and precocious beyond his years, and a favourite with everyone, and the loss to his parents and brothers and sisters is deeply felt.

The death of Mrs. Ruddell is also much regretted. At an early age she has been called to her Eternal Rest. We sympathise deeply with the husband and relatives. Her funeral to Seagoe was largely attended. Mrs. Sarah Gilpin had been in failing health for several years, and never recovered from the shock of her son's death some years ago. The end came suddenly, and a patient sufferer passed to her rest.

OLD SEAGOE NOTES.

Archdeacon Saurin and his Horses—The Archdeacon was very fond of horses, and always had 5 or 6 riding or carriage horses in the Rectory stables. He was a skilful horseman and prided himself on being a first-rate judge of horses. Mr. Thomas Dawson, of Corcraigne, who has so recently supplied us with so many interesting facts of local Parish history, tells the following story illustrating the Archdeacon's interest in horses. One day in the "sixties" of last century Mr. Dawson happened to be driving a grey cob past the Rectory gate. Just at the same moment the Archdeacon chanced to be driving a grey cob down the Rectory avenue. He hailed Mr. Dawson and remarked on the curious coincidence that they were driving animals exactly similar in size and appearance. "Will you bring your cob up to the Rectory yard and we will see if they are an exact match." Mr. Dawson drove up to the Rectory, and when the cobs were unharnessed they were placed side by side. The animals seemed to be a perfect match, colour and shape, except that Mr. Dawson's was perhaps an inch less in height than the Archdeacon's. Mr. Dawson said—"I think, Archdeacon, they are perfectly matched," but the Archdeacon looked dissatisfied. "I don't think they are," said the Archdeacon. "Well," replied Mr. Dawson, "there may be an inch of difference in their height, but that is not of much consequence." "Well, Dawson," replied the Archdeacon in very grumpy tones—"You may not think so, but *an inch one way or the other makes a great difference in a man's nose.*"

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[The following note on Gobhan is not altogether complimentary to the founder of Seagoe, but we print it as we received it some years ago.]

St. Gobhan the Builder, 7th Century, Priest, Architect, Anchorite and Martyr.—Distinguished as a builder of Ecclesiastical edifices. He is believed to have built the Round Towers of Antrim, Kilmacduagh, and Glendalough, as well as many Churches. He followed St. Fursey to France, and became a hermit in the forest near the river Oise. Later he built a church near the Oise, named after him, St. Gobain. His head was cut off by German barbarians, who were unable to appreciate the odour of sanctity which surrounded him.

It is said that during the latter part of his life he was smitten with blindness as a punishment for the excessive charges made by him for building churches.