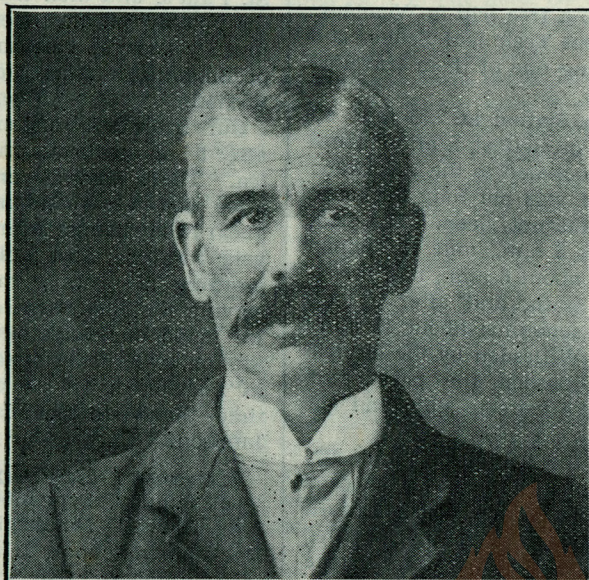


# Seagoe Parish Magazine.

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**The Late Mr. Joseph M'Cabe.**

## **Harvest Thanksgiving Services. Change of Date.**

Owing to the lateness of the Harvest this year it has been decided to postpone the Annual Thanksgiving Services from the dates originally fixed to the following dates—

**Thursday, October 23rd, at 8 p.m.**

**Sunday, October 26th, at 11.30 and 7.**

We regret that the Rev. Alfred Sills, who had kindly arranged to come at the earlier date, will be unable to visit Seagoe. The preacher at the Thursday evening service will be the Rev. F. B. Aldwell, LL.D., Rector of Drumbo. Dr. Aldwell is known to many among us in connection with his work as Trainer of the Choirs for the Lurgan Choral Union. The preacher at the Sunday Services will be the Rev. Frederick Hatch, B.D., Curate of St. Nicholas' Church, Belfast, and formerly general Clerical Secretary of the Church of Ireland Men's Society in Clarence Place, Belfast. The Offerings on Thursday will be for Foreign Missions, and on Sunday on behalf of our Parochial Expenses Fund.

Contributions of Fruit, Flowers and Corn for the Decoration of the Church should be sent to the Church on the Thursday morning at 10.30.

## **The Weekly Envelopes.**

We are glad to record an improvement in the contributions received through the Envelopes, but

there is room for much further improvement. We are not yet receiving a sum sufficient to cover our increased liabilities as a Parish. It has been suggested, and it may be possible to carry it out, that a list of the Envelopes with amount received during the previous month should be published in the Magazine. Please bring in your Envelopes regularly and put in if possible an increased amount, even a small addition will materially help us.

## **Death of Mr. Joseph M'Cabe.**

We regret to record the death, after a long continued illness, of Mr. Joseph M'Cabe, of Lower Seagoe, who for the past 19 years acted as caretaker of Seagoe graveyard. Mr. M'Cabe succeeded the late Mr. William Simpson in that responsible post in the year 1905. During his long tenure of that post he came into close touch with many of our Parishioners in times of sorrow and affliction. To such he was always most kind and sympathetic. He knew what sorrow was himself, for since his coming to Seagoe he had lost two of his sons, one of them, Alexander, being classed as "missing" ever since the fatal 1st of July, 1916, at the Ravine at Hamel. Our sympathy goes out to Mrs. M'Cabe and the members of her family in their bereavement. He who assisted in laying to rest so many of our loved ones in the old graveyard is now himself laid there to rest.

### **A Trip to Wembley.**

By TOM HALL, of Upper Seagoe.

On the 28th June an examination was held by the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland which entitled those who passed to a free trip to Wembley. Out of Portadown Municipal Technical School sixteen boys passed, and I being one of them travelled with the party.

The party left Portadown Station at 7.35 p.m. on the 25th August, arriving in Belfast Station about 8.10 p.m. From here we proceeded to the Fleetwood Boat, sailing at 9.15 p.m. I was not long on board until I went to bed, but did not sleep. The boat arrived in Fleetwood about 5 a.m., and we joined train, which left Fleetwood about 6 a.m., had breakfast soon after getting on train, and after a long journey arrived at Euston sometime about 11 a.m., proceeding from Euston to Willesden by the electric train. On arriving at Willesden the party was taken to the hostel where we were to stop, and got something to eat.

We were then taken to the Exhibition, and Mr. Jamison, who was in charge of the boys, took us to the Palace of Engineering, which consists of all classes of machinery and modern inventions. After taking a general look round this we went to the Indian Pavilion. Here we saw some beautiful Indian art work in the line of carving and inlaying with ivory, also a lot of the native fauna. Next Pavilion visited was Burma; this is a very nice building, and on the top of it are hanging little gilded bells, which ring at the will of the wind, and serve to call your attention to this Pavilion. Our day was now almost up, as we had to return to the hostel at 7.30 p.m.

Next morning everyone was up early and after having breakfast started again for Wembley. Arriving there we started with Canada. This is a most beautiful pavilion inside, showing scenes of some Canadian fields and fruit farms, also gold and silver in their raw state. Then came Australia, fruit being one of the most notable exhibits in it, to some of which Mr. Jamison treated us. We visited Gold Coast and Nigeria, then the Palace of Industry, where most of the world's greatest industries are to be seen represented, and it is here the Ulster Pavilion is. Next New Zealand, and after visiting it we proceeded to one of the Lyons' tea shops, where we had our tea. When tea was over we went to the Stadium to see the Pageant of Empire. This gives most of the history of the British Empire, and we fully enjoyed ourselves for nearly three hours listening to the beautiful choir and band and seeing all the great historical men of the Empire parading. This and many other attractive scenes made the time pass all too quickly, bringing another day to a close.

Thursday being our last day in London we visited Wembley for a few hours in the morning, doing some of the smaller Pavilions such as East Africa and Palestine, bidding the Exhibition farewell at

12 o'clock. The afternoon was spent by a drive through London in a char-a-banc, stopping at Westminster Abbey, into which we were taken and saw the Unknown Warriors' grave. Our next stop was St. Paul's, and then the Tower of London, most of the notable buildings being pointed out to us on the journey such as Buckingham Palace and the Bank of England, our drive coming to an end at Euston Station.

Our train left Euston Station at 4.30 p.m., and after being on the journey for sometime we had our tea. There was a very long wait at Crewe, but after that we soon made Fleetwood. On getting aboard the steamer everyone went to bed, and being very tired we slept well. We were in Belfast next morning at 6 a.m., and had our breakfast before leaving the boat. On leaving the boat about 7 a.m. we made our way to the Great Northern Railway Station, where the train left at 8.25 a.m., arriving in Portadown at 9.15 a.m., after a very enjoyable time—thanks to the Ministry of Education and Mr. Jamison.

### **Harvest Services at Hacknahay.**

On Sunday, September 28th, and on Monday, the 29th, Harvest Thanksgiving Services were held in Hacknahay School. The Services were attended by large numbers, the School being quite full. The room looked very pretty, having been beautifully decorated by many willing workers. The supply of fruit was not so large as in other years owing to the inclemency of the season, but there was an abundance of beautiful flowers, especially roses, which were most kindly given by Mr. Walsh of Drumcree Nurseries. The Rector preached at the Service on Sunday, and the Rev. D. Orr, Rector of Gilford, at the Service on Monday evening. Miss Mary Wilson, daughter of the Organist of Seagoe, conducted the musical portion of the Services with her usual efficiency.

### **District Harvest Services.**

The following Services have been arranged to be held in the various Districts of the Parish—

**Edenderry Parochial Hall**—Thursday, October 9th, at 8 p.m. Preacher—Rev. F. O. Egerton, M.A., Curate of St. Mark's, Portadown. Offerings will be divided between Foreign Missions and Edenderry Hall Fund.

A Service will also be held on Sunday, October 12th, at 3.30 p.m. Offerings on behalf of the Parochial Hall Fund.

**Carne Church Hall**—Sunday, October 12th, at 3.30 p.m., and on Monday, 13th, at 8 p.m.

**Levaghery School**—Sunday, October 19th, at 3.30 p.m., and on Monday, 20th, at 8 p.m.

The date of the Service in **Drumgor Church Hall** will be announced in our November issue.

The Offerings at the Sunday Services will be on behalf of the Local School Expenses Fund, and those at the week-night Service will be for Foreign Missions unless otherwise announced.

“Honour the Lord with thy substance and with the first fruits of all thine increase.”

### **Dromore United Choirs Festival.**

On Saturday, 6th September, in Maralin Parish Church, the Annual Festival of the United Choirs of this portion of the Diocese of Dromore was held. The Choirs assembled at the Church for their rehearsal of the service, which was fully choral, at 3 p.m. The inspector of the choirs was the Rev. F. B. Aldwell, LL.D., Rector of Drumbo Parish, and Mr. S. P. B. Smith, A.R.C.O., presided at the organ. The following Parishes—Maralin, Seagoe, Aghalee, Moira, Dromore, Donaghcloney, and Aghaderg. Divine Service, which consisted of shortened Evensong and the Anthem "O clap your hands," by Stainer, was held at 4.30 p.m. The Church was well filled in every part, the nave and south transept being reserved for the choirs. The Service was conducted by Rev. Dr. Aldwell. The Rev. Canon Cocke, B.D., read the first lesson. The Very Rev. the Dean of Dromore, D.D., read the second lesson. The sermon was preached by the Ven. S. Hemphill, D.D., Litt.D., Rector of Drumbeg, who preached from the text—Ephesians, ch. 5, verse 19 (R.V.), "Speaking one to another in psalms and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord." The learned preacher emphasised the point which was not so clear in the Authorised Version translation, that silent worship was not referred to by the Apostle as was clear by the words "with your heart." He also pointed out the importance of the words "to the Lord." Much of the music and art of that period was dedicated to heathen gods and heathen worship, e.g., to Bacchus and Venus. Even now much music was desecrated in such places as Paris and London. He also emphasised the fact that the choir performed a duty in leading the praise portion of the Service. To recollect this would make members of choirs more punctual in attendance and less likely to "huff."

The following Clergy, in addition to those above-mentioned, took part in the Service:—Revs. Canon Clarendon, B.D.; W. E. Hurst, M.A.; W. R. M. Orr, LL.D.; J. B. Bradshaw, B.A.; T. Martin, W. R. S. Clarendon, B.A.; J. T. Belton, M.A.; W. T. Wilson, M.A.; H. Hughes, B.A.; and R. W. Johnston, L.Th.

### **Letter from the Rev. W. R. Crichton, M.A.**

Blacker's Gardens, Madras,

26th August, 1924.

The above address has a Seagoe sound. I am not in residence there yet, but hope to move in next week. At present I am in Bishop's House with the Commissary, and am picking up a lot of inside information about things diocesan.

I had rather an interesting journey back to India. My wife and I crossed from Dover to Calais at the beginning of July, and did Paris and Lausanne on our way to Chateau d'Oex. I was there for about ten days, and then caught my boat at Marseilles.

Probably I told you that Chateau d'Oex is where my wife intends to spend this winter. It is a charming little place and is only about 2½ hours in the train from Montreux. It seems to be a favourite spot with people from India, and life is much the same as it is out here. Of course the heat is not so bad. In fact it is very cold for part of the year.

On arrival at Bombay I found that I was posted to Madras. I am Junior Joint Chaplain of the Cathedral. The Senior man is also Archdeacon, and consequently has little time for routine work. He does the music, and I have the services and preaching. There does not seem to be much ordinary parochial work. Hitherto my energies have been expended on riding round members of the Cathedral congregation. Madras is "a city of magnificent distances," and we have people all over it. I like the post very much, and hope I shall be left here when the Bishop returns from England. Unfortunately we are woefully under strength these days. Shortly before I returned the chaplain had to go home on Medical Certificate, with the result that his station is left high and dry without a parson. We are down to the numbers proposed by Government for 1929, and there has been no time to make provision for the changed conditions.

I was very sorry not to be able to spend more time in Seagoe when I was on leave. All being well, I shall be able to wander round for a longer spell when I go home again. If it can be managed, I shall not stay out very long this time. I stayed much too long last time.

When I settle down and get the lie of things, I shall see if Madras will furnish any items for your Magazine. It is very rich in historical lore. Perhaps one could connect Blacker's Gardens with Carrickblacker.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

W. R. CRICHTON.

### **To Seagoe Abroad.**

Perhaps in a distant land you will read this. You are remembering the old Church at home or the Sunday School Class or the time you knelt in the Sanctuary to receive the Bread of Life. It all comes back to you like a dream. How much your present spiritual life was moulded and directed by the ministrations of the Old Church at home! You can help us still by your prayers and sympathy, and if you so wish by your gifts. A subscription towards our Sustentation Fund if sent to Mr. Hugh Stoops, Hon. Treasurer, Killicomaine Road, Portadown, will be thankfully acknowledged. It will come as a Christmas gift, and you will have the satisfaction of feeling that you have again in a practical way helped along the old Parish.

### **Congratulations**

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Major on their recent marriage, and wish them much blessing and happiness in their future life. Mrs. Major

has for years been a most useful distributor of the Magazine in Edenderry. Every month some 60 copies of the Magazine pass through her hands. We never hear a complaint, for Mrs. Major has never failed to give out the Magazines as soon as they are published. Mrs. Major has by her kind efforts done much to further the usefulness of the Magazine and to extend its circulation.

**Parish Register for September.  
Baptisms (August)**

**Milligan**—August 2nd, 1924, Dorothy Winifred, daughter of Robert George and Eleanor Milligan, of Edenderry.

*Sponsors*—Elizabeth Milligan, Eleanor Milligan.

**Hickland**—August 2nd, 1924, Anne, daughter of John and Lucinda Hickland, of Breagh.

*Sponsors*—Sarah Anne Simpson, Lucinda Hickland.

The following were Baptized in Seagoe Parish Church on September 6th, 1924—

**Magee**—David Victor and Alfred, sons of George and Margaret Magee, of Tarsan.

*Sponsors*—Julia Magee, Margaret Magee.

**M'Alister**—Sarah Jane Kathleen, daughter of David Frederick and Sarah M'Alister, of Hacknahay.

*Sponsors*—David Frederick M'Alister, Sarah M'Alister.

**Gracey**—Cecil Lewis, son of John George and Sarah Jane Gracey, of Balteagh.

*Sponsors*—John George Gracey, Sarah Jane Gracey.

**Simpson**—William Abraham, son of William and Deborah Maria Simpson, of Kilvergan.

*Sponsors*—Marjorie Russell, Deborah Maria Simpson.

**Dickson**—Henry Dynes, son of Henry and Agnes Dickson, of Drummagoon.

*Sponsors*—Emma Jane White, Agnes Dickson.

**Marriage.**

**Major and Malcomson**—September 17th, 1924, William John Major, of Lower Seagoe, to Sarah Malcomson, of Edenderry.

**Burials.**

**M'Cabe**—September 10th, Joseph M'Cabe, of Lower Seagoe, aged 59.

**Montgomery**—September 15th, Eleanor Montgomery, of Kilkeel, aged 72.

**Death of Miss Eleanor Montgomery**

We record with much regret the death of Miss Eleanor Montgomery, which occurred at the residence of her brother (Mr. T. J. Montgomery) on September 13th. In recent years Miss Montgomery had resided in Kilkeel, but before that she was a resident in Seagoe, and had taken an active part in Parish work. She never lost her love for the old Parish, and she always attended the Services in the Parish Church when she visited the neighbourhood. She passed away after a lingering illness. We express our deep sympathy with Mr. T. J. Montgomery and his family in their loss.

**Seagoe Mothers' Union**

The Countess of Roden, who is much interested in the work of the Mothers' Union, has kindly consented to address the members of the Seagoe branch in Edenderry Parochial Hall on Tuesday, October 7th, at 4 p.m. A full attendance of all the members is requested. The arrangements for the Winter Session will be announced at this meeting. We hope also to see many new members, who will be proposed for membership. Those wishing to join the Union should send on their names without delay to Miss Collen, Stewart Avenue, Portadown.

**Men's Recreation Room.**

The Rector has secured the large Recreation Room in Bridge Street, Edenderry, for the use of the men of Edenderry as a place for reading newspapers and Magazines and enjoying games and competitions of various kinds during the long winter evenings. It will be thoroughly cleaned and brightened up, and will be ready for opening in the course of a week or two. A small subscription fee will be charged for membership. We would be very glad to receive some gifts towards the furnishing of the room. We need some chairs, a few small tables, a lock-up press and some table games such as draughts, halma chess or such like. The gift of a dartboard would be very acceptable, also an air gun. Perhaps some generous parishioner who reads this will help by a gift or subscription towards the necessary fitting up of the room. A meeting of the men of the District will shortly be held for the appointment of a Committee and officers.

**Re-opening of Drumgor Hall.**

On Sunday, October 5th, a service of Re-opening and Dedication will be held (D.V.) in Drumgor Church Hall at 3.30 p.m. The Hall has been thoroughly renovated and is now one of the most attractive of our Parochial Buildings. By an arrangement with the Landlord, Mr. John G. Gracey, of Balteagh, favourable terms have been settled, so that the Committee felt justified in expending a considerable sum on the renovation of the building. The improvements consist of a new outer staircase and entrance door, new flooring, new ceiling, new windows opening on quadrants, the walls coloured, and a wainscoting round the whole room. Two steel beams have been inserted to strengthen the floor, and a new stove has been purchased. Harvest Festival Services will be held (D.V.) in the Hall at a later date. At the Service on Sunday a Collection will be made on behalf of the Renovation Fund. A sum of £30 will be required to cover the cost of the improvements over and above the sum received from the recent Sale of Work. The work at the Hall has been carried out most successfully and satisfactorily by Mr. M'Cullough, Contractor, Balteagh.