

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

OCTOBER, 1926.

RECTOR :

Rev. Canon Archer, B.D., The Rectory, Seagoe, Portadown.

CHURCHWARDENS :

Rector's—Mr. James Twinem, Lylo and Edenderry.
People's—Mr. Moses Gilpin, Drumnagoon.

New Curate of Seagoe.

Mr. William Alexander Henry, son of Dr. Henry, of Clones, has been appointed Curate of Seagoe. Mr. Henry is a member of a family well-known in Ulster. He was a fellow-student with the Rev. R. W. Johnston, late Curate of Seagoe, at St. Aidan's College, Birkenhead. Mr. Henry has not yet been ordained, and therefore cannot enter upon his duties as Curate of Seagoe until the Bishop's Ordination is held. It is expected that he will be able to begin his work in the Parish at the end of December.

Harvest Thanksgiving.

The annual Services of Thanksgiving for the Blessings of Harvest will be held in the Parish Church on Thursday, October 21st, and on Sunday, October 24th. The preacher on Thursday will be the Rev. E. A. Myles, M.A., Rector of Tullylish. On Sunday the Rev. R. S. Breene, LL.D., Rector of St. Peter's Church, will preach. The offerings on Thursday will be on behalf of Foreign Missions, and on Sunday on behalf of our Parochial Church Fund. The anthem which will be sung at the services is by Charles Darnton, "I will sing of the mercies of the Lord for ever."

District Harvest Services.

The following arrangements have been made:—

Levaghery—Sunday, October 3rd, at 3-30 p.m., Monday, Oct. 4th, at 8 p.m.

Drumgor—Thursday, Oct. 7th, at 8 p.m. Preacher—Rev. T. G. Moore, B.A., Curate Assistant of Shankill. Sunday, Oct. 10th, at 3-30 p.m.

Garne—Sunday, Oct. 17th, at 3-30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 18th, at 8 p.m.

Edenderry—Thursday, Oct. 28th, at 8 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 31st, at 3-30 p.m.

The offerings at these Services on the week-nights will be given to Foreign Missions, and on the Sundays to the local Sunday School Fund.

Harvest Thanksgiving Service

This Festival Service was held on Sunday, Sept. 26th, at 3-30, and on the following Monday. On both occasions the large school was well filled. Beautiful decorations of fruit and flowers had transformed the old building. An abundance of roses were a feature of the decorations. Miss Mary Wilson presided at the harmonium, and the singing was very hearty. The Rector preached at the Sunday Service,

on "The Lord of the Harvest," and on Monday evening the preacher was the new Rector of St. Mark's, the Rev. G. W. Millington, whose subject was "Doing the Will of God."

Death of Miss Bailey.

We regret to record the death on Sunday, September 12th, after a brief illness, of Miss Isabella Bailey, formerly assistant teacher in Seagoe Parochial School. Miss Bailey filled that position for no less than 46 years, having been appointed by the late Archdeacon Saurin in 1874, and continuing at her post until 1920. During that lengthened period Miss Bailey was, we have heard, never once late at the School. She had charge of the Infant Department, and was most kind and sympathetic in dealing with the children. If a school generation is about 8 years from the ages of 6 to 14, then no less than nine generations of school children passed through Miss Bailey's hands while at Seagoe School, or in other words she had charge of the education of 1500 Seagoe children. The funeral took place to Drumcree on Tuesday, Sept. 14th, and the Rector was present as representing the Parish. The children of Seagoe School sent a handsome wreath. Many of those who read these words, perhaps in distant lands, will recall the days when as infants in Seagoe School they were taught their first lesson by Miss Bailey. She was a person of high principle and Christian character, with a keen sense of duty. We offer our sympathy with her sisters in their bereavement and also with her two life-long friends, Miss Kinnear and Mrs. Bright.

Seagoe Mothers' Union.

A meeting of the Mother's Union will (d.v.) be held in Edenderry Parochial Hall on Tuesday, October 5th, at 4 p.m. The Rector will conduct a Bible study on the Epistle of St. James, chap. 1. The second part of the meeting will be a business meeting for the arrangement of a programme and other matters. Tea will be kindly provided by the committee for the members who attend.

The Magazine Advertisements.

We invite our readers to study carefully the advertisements which appear in our advertising columns. It will be to their advantage. All copies of the Magazine are sold each month. It is difficult to get a copy three days after publication. The Magazine is an excellent medium for advertisements because it is as a rule treasured up and kept from month to month. The number of advertisements is strictly limited. We have often been asked to allow advertisements to appear on the front cover, but have always declined to do so. Magazines overcrowded with advertisements are not of interest to people. Our readers will notice that in all our advertisements quality rather than cheapness is the object aimed at.

Men's Recreation Room.

The Men's Room in Bridge St. was opened on last Friday evening, October 1st. The room has been cleaned and renovated and will prove a useful place of recreation for the men during the dark nights of winter. We would be greatly obliged to any kind friends who would send papers to the room. They could be left at Mr. Phillips' shop at the corner of Foundry St. Competitions in the air gun shooting and also in draughts are being arranged.

A Letter from Manitoba.

[The Rector has received the following letter from Mrs. M. Greenhalgh (formerly Miss M. Dickson, of Drumnagon). We hope Mrs. Greenhalgh will soon write us a letter describing her experiences in Canada. Our readers will sympathise with the Rev. Mr. M'Kinney and his parishioners in their sad loss.]
Neepawa, Manitoba, Canada, August 22nd, 1926.

Would you kindly insert the following in Seagoe Parish Magazine :—

Died suddenly at St. James' Church Rectory, Mrs. M'Kinney, wife of Rev. J. E. M'Kinney, Rector of the Parish, both formerly of Drumcree Parish, Portadown. Deeply regretted.
As the Magazine travels far and wide, no doubt lots of people will remember Mr. and Mrs. M'Kinney, from Drumcree Parish. They both used to sing in the choir there, and knew the Rev. Mr. Halahan well. We have met with a great loss by the death of Mrs. M'Kinney. She was loved by all who knew her, a wonderful church worker. She dropped dead this morning in her home. She had been troubled with high blood-pressure, but was feeling in her usual health. They have been in the parish for over two years now, and we all loved them both, they were so good and kind. They are the only people whom I have ever met from Portadown, and it was like going home to call at the Rectory, so I thought it would be nice to have it inserted in our Seagoe Magazine. Mother sends it to me, and I look forward each month to its arrival. After reading I always pass it on to the Rectory here, and the M'Kinneys enjoyed reading it, too. I have intended writing you a letter long ere this, from the far West, for the Magazine. I often see letters in it from the States. If you can insert Mrs. M'Kinney's death in your next issue I think it would be nice.

From Far Brisbane.

Mrs. M. Nesbitt, a subscriber to the Magazine, writes to us from far Brisbane:—

Paddington, Brisbane, Queensland,

June 2nd, 1926.

"Just a note to give you my new address. The Magazines arrive regularly each month. In this new suburb we have removed to we have come across people who were attenders of the Seagoe Church and Sunday School in Archdeacon Saurin's time. Through referring to the Magazine it has cemented a friendship with the Seagoites. Just heard there is a family coming from your parish to Brisbane. I understand they attend the services in the Seagoe Church. Hope they may have a pleasant voyage,

and I am sure they will get a warm welcome on their arrival here. Wishing the Magazine the success it deserves."

Captain Dobson in Nairobi.

[Captain J. J. Dobson has sent the Rector the following interesting letter from Nairobi, Kenya, East Africa] :— c/o National Bank of India, Nairobi, Kenya Colony, B.E.A., 6/8/26.

"Before writing to you I was anxious to see more of the country, and now I want to get a letter away, as the mail goes to-morrow. We were 28 days on the sea, calling at Marseilles, Port Said, Port Suez, Port Sudan, Aden, and arrived at Mombasa on May 14th, after a very interesting voyage. The Red Sea was mild and unusually cool, and we just missed the monsoons, otherwise we might have experienced an unpleasant time. We lunched at Mombasa and then caught the train at 4 p.m., arriving at our destination at 9 p.m. the following night. As our friend from Lord Delamere's place did not turn up with the car till the following morning, we had the excitement of sleeping in the waiting-room for the night. There were two beds and we had plenty of sheets and blankets and food, so we were quite happy. The train stops for all meals along the line, and the food is very good and well served. The country from Mombasa to Nairobi is reserved for big game. Bobbie was delighted with seeing all the wild animals from the train. I got an appointment in the Department of Agriculture. I am getting quite a useful experience and I hope to secure a better position later on, and after 2½ years I will get six months' home leave, with free passages for self and family. Most of the lawyers, medical men and vets. are Irishmen and Scotchmen. The chief of my department is a Colonel Doherty, from Enniskillen, and young Emerson, from Armagh, is in the same department—a vet.—one of the ablest men in his profession, I may say. Referring to the water question, the rain comes at regular intervals, and in some parts the drought is very bad indeed, which is a great handicap to stock and other farming. The Earl of Enniskillen's brother-in-law—Lord Delamere—is the ablest man in the country, and the colony owes more to him than to any other ten men. He is the pioneer of every venture that is best for the country, and a lot of people think he would make a first rate Chancellor of the Exchequer in the old country. Swahili is the general language spoken and is not difficult. There are other tribal languages but Swahili is the one that must be learned. The climate seems to agree with all of us fairly well, and we hope to go higher up country very soon where the altitude is about 7,000 feet, very much cooler and healthier. I forgot to say that the cost of living in Nairobi is just about twice as high as at home, and there is no reason for such a state of affairs, except greed for gold. I trust all the members of your flock are well and prosperous. The people of Seagoe and Portadown will always have a warm corner in my heart, and I shall always remember the interesting times I spent with you."

The Weekly Envelopes.

It is very important that those who have taken sets of envelopes should bring or send them in with regularity. At a meeting of collectors held in Seagoe School on Tuesday, Sept. 21st., the whole subject was carefully considered. The collectors in the various districts of the Parish do a difficult but very important work, and we ask for them a kindly and sympathetic welcome when they have occasion to call for the envelopes at your house. We hope that in the New Year many of those who have not yet taken the envelopes will secure a set for themselves. It is the best and surest way of helping the Church, and it is moreover the Bible way (see 1 Cor., xvi., 2.) We thank all those, many in number, who never fail to bring in their envelopes each week.

Seagoe Select Vestry.

At a meeting of the Select Vestry held in Seagoe School on Tuesday, September 14th, it was decided that the Vestry should meet on the first Tuesday of each month. A great deal of business has to be transacted at each meeting, and it was felt by the members that they should meet more frequently and at regular intervals.

Information Wanted

A New York solicitor has written to the Rector asking for information concerning William Currie, son of the late John Currie, of Lower Seagoe. If any one has any such information he should communicate with the Rector. William Currie emigrated to Australia some 40 years ago.

Parish Register for September.

Baptisms.

The following were baptized in Seagoe Parish Church on September 4th, 1926:—

M'Cann—Beatrice Jane, daughter of John George and Letitia M'Cann, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Elizabeth M'Cann, Letitia Isabella Magee.

Costella—James Frederick, son of James Atkinson and Margaret M. K. Costello, of Ballygawley, Co. Tyrone.

Sponsors—Ethel Hall, Margaret M. K. Costello.

Hughes—James, son of John and Anne Hughes, of Upper Seagoe.

Sponsors—Elizabeth Duke, Anne Hughes.

Magee—Sarah Jane, daughter of Joseph and Sarah Margaret Magee, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Emily Reid, Sarah Margaret Magee.

Twinem—Sept. 8th, 1926—Margaret Annette, daughter of John Harrison and Anne Jane Twinem, of Portadown.

Sponsors—John Harrison Twinem, Margaret Dewart, Sarah Boyce.

Old Seagoe Notes.

Past Curates of Seagoe.—Curates come and Curates go, but our Seagoe people have always a warm corner in their heart for the Curate and are always

sorry when the time comes for him to leave. Many of our readers will be interested in the following particulars regarding the Curates who have worked in the Parish since 1879, the year when Dean Dawson was appointed Rector on the death of Archdeacon Saurin. The dates given mark the first and last time when the successive Curates officiated in the Parish Church as Curates of the Parish. The Rev. George J. Lodge, July 6th, 1879 to December 25th, 1880. Rev. Robert Quirk, Feb. 6th, 1881, to December 2nd, 1900. Rev. W. T. Grey, December 25th, 1900, to April 10th, 1904. Rev. J. Jennings, June 28th, 1902, to February 26th, 1905. Rev. J. E. Archer, April 17th, 1904, to October 22nd, 1905. Rev. J. Taylor, April 9th, 1905, to April 28th, 1907. Rev. W. R. Crichton, October 13th, 1907, to December 17th, 1911. Rev. G. Bloomer, December 24th, 1911, to Oct. 31st, 1915. Rev. J. T. Scanlon, July 16th, 1916, to September 22nd, 1918. Rev. H. G. de L. Singleton, October 6th, 1918, to June 19th, 1921. Rev. A. O. Draper, October 2nd, 1921, to January 28th, 1923. Rev. W. T. Wilson, June 3rd, 1923, to July 26th, 1925. Rev. R. W. Johnston, July 9th, 1924, to August 11th, 1926.

ITEMS

Mrs. Draper, wife of the Rev. A. O. Draper, has been awarded a prize by "Home Words" for a household hint in the Magazine. It will appear in this or some other number.

The Rev. J. H. M'Leary will preach on behalf of Foreign Missions in the Parish Church on Sunday, October 3rd, at Morning and Evening Prayer.

The Rector has received from Brisbane a copy of the 80th Birthday number of "The Brisbane Courier." He thanks the sender. The paper is of immense size, 44 pages and 352 columns, and contains a facsimile of the first number printed on June 22nd, 1846. It is magnificently produced and contains much interesting matter and many photographs.

Summer Time comes to an end on October 3rd. Put back the clock one hour. The best way to do it is to stop the clock for an hour, not to put back the hands.

Professional beggars reap a rich harvest in Portadown on market days. Each of them gathers in at least £2 every Saturday. Some of them call round the houses also during the week and take in about 30s on the round. The average "earnings" of each for the week amounts to about £7. Most of them could get suitable work and have been offered it, but begging is more profitable. It is high time that the streets in our Ulster towns were cleared of the whole lot.

A Brass Font Ewer has been purchased out of the offerings at the Churchings, and will be a great improvement at the Baptismal Services.

The cause of the ugly damp patch on the wall of the nave of the Parish Church has, we think, been discovered. The inside of the Church needs renewal, and the Vestry are considering the matter.

We hope our parishioners in the States have escaped the destruction caused in Florida by the typhoon which wrecked the famous seaside resort of Miami.

The roads about Seagoe are being much improved by the laying down of tar surfaces, but some of the contractors do not seem to understand the danger of leaving rough stones unrolled on the road during the night. This has happened twice lately at Levaghery. Loose tar barrels are another source of danger. Two lives were lost recently in Wales from this cause.

Nine Years Ago.

Diary of the late H. W. Murray.
AEROPLANE DROPS BOMBS.

Monday, May 15th—Slept to about 11 o'clock, and were relieved by 43rd Batt. at 12 o'clock midnight. Walked to Ypres and got train to B. Camp, arriving about 4 a.m., to be welcomed by a Hun aeroplane dropping bombs near our camp.

A CONCERT BY THE GUARDS.

Tuesday, May 16th—Got up about 11 o'clock and did nothing during day. Evening fine concert in Y.M.C.A. hut given by the Welsh Guards. Splendid chorus of about 40 voices. Weather fine and warm.

A MIDNIGHT RAID.

Wednesday, May 17th—Woke up in middle of night

SERVICES.

THE PARISH CHURCH.

HOLY COMMUNION—1st Sunday after Morning Prayer; 3rd Sunday at 8 a.m., and on the Chief Festivals.

HOLY BAPTISM—1st Saturday of 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 thank-offering. (See Book of Common Prayer.)

MORNING PRAYER—Sundays and Chief Festivals 11.30 a.m.

EVENING PRAYER—Sundays 7 p.m., Wednesdays 8 p.m.

DISTRICT SERVICES.

Hacknahay—Last Sunday of Month at 3.30 p.m.

Drumgor—Second Sunday of Month at 4 p.m.

MARRIAGES must be performed between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Licenses are issued by Rev Canon Hannon, Rectory, Lurgan. Due notice (48 hours) must be given to the Rector of intended weddings. **FEES**—By License—Labourers 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. **FEES FOR CERTIFICATES** BAPTISM, 3/7; Children (Factory), 1/- and 2/-. (non-residents); **MARRIAGE**, 3/7. An extra search fee is chargeable in certain cases. A copy of the Magazine will be sent post free to any subscriber for 3s per annum.

by enemy aeroplane dropping bombs near camp. Parade and reading of orders in morning. Paid 20 francs. Evening, cinema and concert in Y.M.C.A. Weather very warm.

A GAS ALARM.

Thursday, May 18th—Woke up about 12-30 by gas alarm. Put on gas helmets, but found it was false alarm. Parade for inspection of rifles 10 o'clock. Evening, fatigue work. Took buses to Ypres. Walked through ruined city to R.E. Dump and carried sandbags up Hooze trenches to R.S. 3 building new trench. Got back by 'bus at dawn.

BASEBALL AND LACROSSE.

Friday, May 19th—Got up about 10 o'clock, and did nothing remainder of day. Baseball, football and lacrosse. In afternoon P.P. (Princess Patricia) concert in Y.M.C.A.

BAND AT CHURCH PARADE.

Sunday, May 21st—Church parade in Y.M.C.A. at 11 o'clock. Very nice service. Band of 49th Batt. rendered music. Service choral. Weather very warm.

DRILLED BY GRENADE GUARDS SERGEANT.

Monday, May 22nd—Rifle inspection by armoured 7 o'clock, parade and drill by Grenadier Guards Sergeant. From 11-12 and from 2-3 in afternoon fell in for fatigue. At 7-15 took 'buses to Ypres and carried cable irons to Maple Copse. Got back about 8 a.m.

ARTILLERY ACTIVE.

Tuesday, May 28th—Moved to F Camp. Got bath and bivouacked out till 6 o'clock. Fell in at 7 o'clock for fatigue, filling sandbags at Zillebeke lake. Got back about 2-30. Artillery pretty active.

CLASSES, &c.

ADULT CLASSES—Sundays at 10 a.m.

For Men—Edenderry and Seagoe. For Women—Seagoe School.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—10 a.m. Edenderry Parochial Hall and Seagoe School. 3 p.m. Seagoe, Edenderry Parochial Hall, Levaghery, Hacknahay, Carne, Drumgor.

Men's Recreation Room, Bridge St., open every night from 7 p.m.

Seagoe C.L. Brigade in Edenderry Parochial Hall on Tuesdays at 8 p.m.

Mothers' Union, Edenderry 1st Tuesday, at 4 p.m.

DAY SCHOOL—Seagoe, 9.30 a.m. Principal—Mr. Rennix.