

# Seagoe Parish Magazine.

OCTOBER, 1929.

## RECTOR:

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

## LAY READER (Bishop's Licence):

Mr. Robt. Gracey, 23 Railway Street, Portadown.

## CHURCHWARDENS:

Rector's—George Henry Wilson.

People's—John Harrison Twinem.

## Harvest Thanksgiving Services.

The annual Services of Thanksgiving for the Blessings of Harvest will be held (p.v.) in the Parish Church on Thursday, October 17th, at 8 p.m., and on the following Sunday at 8 a.m., 11-30 a.m. and 7 p.m.

The Rev. W. T. Grey, M.A., Deputation Secretary for the Jews' Society, and formerly a Curate of Seagoe, will preach at the Thursday evening Service. The offerings will be on behalf of Foreign Missions. Mr. Grey was for many years a Missionary in Tokio, Japan, and is therefore specially qualified to plead for Foreign Missions.

At 8 a.m. on the Sunday there will be a celebration of Holy Communion. This is the great Thanksgiving Service of the Church, and we invite to it all who wish to express their thanksgiving in our Lord's own appointed way.

The Rev. A. D. Mitchell, Rector of Eglantine, Hillsborough, will preach at Morning Prayer, and the Services will be continued at Evening Prayer at 7 p.m. The Rev. Canon Manning, M.A., M.C., Rector of Holywood, will preach at the Evening Service. The offerings on Sunday will be given to the Parochial Church Fund.

## District Harvest Services.

The following District Harvest Services will be held (p.v.) during October:—

Carne—Sunday, October 6th, at 3-30 p.m.

Monday, October 7th, at 8 p.m.

Drumgor—Sunday, October 13th, at 3-30 p.m.

Monday, October 14th, at 8 p.m.

Levaghery—Sunday, October 27th, at 3-30 p.m.

Monday, October 28th, at 8 p.m.

Edenderry—Sunday, November 3rd, at 3-30 p.m.

Monday, November 4th, at 8 p.m.

The offerings at these Services on Sundays will be on behalf of the local Sunday School Funds, and on Mondays on behalf of Foreign Missions.

## Sale of Work.

At a meeting of Seagoe School Committee held in Seagoe School on Thursday, Sept. 26th, it was decided to hold a Sale of Work on behalf of the Renovation Fund of the School, on Thursday and Friday, December 12th and 13th. A large and representative

general committee has been formed and they have already got to work. Stall committees have also been formed. Mr. R. Scott has been appointed Hon. Secretary, and Mr. George Wilson, Hon. Treasurer. The upkeep of the Parochial School is an object of much importance. It is more used than any other building in the Parish. Architecturally, it is a very handsome structure, with its massive belfry and fine windows and picturesque porches. It has also some interesting carved stone-work. It contrasts well with the ugly, barrack-like rectangular buildings which now in many places do duty for schools. We appeal to all the parishioners to help the committee in their efforts to make the school buildings worthy of the Parish and of its high traditions.

## Our Losses.

Our burial notices this month contain the names of some who were well-known and highly esteemed in the Parish. The death of Robert Henry Hopps of Balteagh is specially sad. It was only in April last that his brother, Thomas Hopps, passed away, and now the younger brother has been taken, leaving his aged mother bereft of all her family. Robert had been in failing health for some years, but the end came suddenly. He was greatly beloved by all who knew him and his early death is much regretted. The shock of his brother's death had seriously affected his health. His quiet faith and steadfast hope sustained him to the end. We print here some verses written by him in pencil a few days before his death:—

Lead me on, O Saviour,

Lead me all the way,

Lead me on to Calvary,

There my sins I'll lay;

For there Christ shed his precious blood

To wash my sins away.

Come now, come now, ye sinners,

As vile as vile can be,

And be ye cleansed with Jesus' blood,

'Twas shed at Calvary.

Just think, just think, dear sinners,

The love of Christ for thee;

He shed His blood at Calvary,

He died to set thee free.

I'll thank the Lord, I'll thank Him

For what He's done for me;

He shed His blood on Calvary,

He died to set me free.

Accept it now, dear sinner,

Accept it now, to-day,

Now is the time to take it,

Salvation just to-day.

R. H. Hopps.

### Summer-Time.

On Sunday, October 6th, we bid good-bye with regret to Summer Time. Each year it seems to become a greater benefit to the community. The extra hour of daylight means much in the way of health and enjoyment. Put back your clocks one hour on Saturday night.

### Seagoe Mothers' Union.

The opening meeting of the Session will be held (p.v.) in Seagoe School on Tuesday, October 8th, at 7-30 p.m. Tea will be provided and a full attendance of all the members is requested. The Mothers' Union stands for the sanctity of home life. We invite new members to join. The Union meets each month on the second Tuesday, either in Seagoe School or in Edenderry Parochial Hall.

### Seagoe Wedding in the States

Last month we recorded the marriage of Miss Charlotte Allen to Mr. Allan Gracey at Windsor, Vermont, U.S.A. A local paper gives the following interesting account of the wedding:—

A very pretty wedding was solemnised in St. Paul's Episcopal Church on Wednesday evening when Allan Gracey and Charlotte Allen, both of Portadown, Ireland, were united in marriage by Rev. Robert Child Wilson, pastor of the church.

The bride wore a pretty dress of ivory satin with a veil to match and carried a shower bouquet of bridal roses.

Miss Isabelle Ferguson, also of Portadown, Ireland, acted as maid of honor and was attired in a charming dress of shell pink georgette. She carried a bouquet of pink roses.

Frederick Goodale acted as best man.

In the absence of the bride's father, the bride was given in marriage by O. P. Nordlund of Windsor.

A voluntary was played by Miss Lucy McClary, organist, assisted by Miss Ruby Corral on the violin. After which Mrs. Arthur W. Quimby, of Cleveland, O., rendered in a most pleasing and effective way, the song "O Promise me."

The procession was then marshalled by the ushers, Leslie Parks and John Harris, followed by the maid of honor, with the bride on the arm of Mr. Nordlund.

After the ceremony the party marched out to the Parish House to the air of the bridal march where a reception was given by the choir, led by Miss McClary, with the Women's Auxiliary and Guild.

The Parish House was tastefully decorated for the occasion by members of the above organisations.

The bridal cake was of pretty design and was cut by the bride, ably assisted by Mrs. Thornton Hynson of Washington, D.C.

Selections were given by Miss Ruby Corral, violinist, and by Frederick Goodale, vocalist.

The happy couple were the recipients of many beautiful and valuable gifts from friends both in and out of town. They then left for a honeymoon trip to Ocean Grove, N.J.

### Seagoe P.E. School

The teaching staff and the pupils attending the School contributed 17/6 for the Cripples' Institute in Belfast on the occasion of the recent "Cripples' Day." They also contributed a handcart laden with fruit, flowers and vegetables for the same object.

### The Annual Report

The Annual Report is now in the hands of the parishioners. It contains a full statement of all the sums received and paid out in connection with the Parish. We hope the parishioners will study it carefully and if they discover any mistakes that they will mention them to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Hugh Stoops, Killicomaine Road. The Report discloses the most successful year that Seagoe has ever had. The amount subscribed is in advance of any previous year. The various accounts represent a total £1,074. A new feature in the Report is the list of recent gifts and Bequests made to the Parish.

### Parish Register for September Baptisms

The following were Baptized in Seagoe Parish Church on 7th September, 1929:—

**M'Loughlin**—John Douglas, son of Joseph and Florence Jane M'Loughlin, of Lower Seagoe.

*Sponsors*—Ella M'Loughlin, Florence J. M'Loughlin.

**M'Cormick**—Cecil, son of Thomas John and Elizabeth M'Cormick, of Ballyhannon.

*Sponsors*—Eliza Jane M'Kerr, Elizabeth M'Cormick.

**M'Cormick**—Leslie, son of Robert and Emily M'Cormick, of Portadown.

*Sponsors*—Eliza Jane M'Kerr, Emily M'Cormick.

**Treanor**—Ivy, daughter of James and Violet Constance Treanor of Drumnagoon.

*Sponsors*—Margaret Jane Treanor, Violet Constance Treanor.

### Marriages.

**Pentland and England**—15th August, 1929, at the Knox United Church, Calgary, Canada, by the Rev. J. Knox Clark, B.A., Thomas Richard, fourth son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Pentland, of Ballyworkan, Portadown, to Jean, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. England, of Knock Portadown.

**Grimley and M'Cormick**—Sept. 11th, 1929, Thomas James Grimley, of Portadown, to Elizabeth M'Cormick, of Edenderry.

**Boyd and Tate**—Sept. 12th, 1929, David Boyd, of Edenderry, to Minnie Tate, of Edenderry.

### Burials.

**Hopps**—Sept. 15th, Robert Henry Hopps, of Balteagh, aged 38 years. Interred in Knocknamuckley Graveyard.

**Wright**—Sept. 20th, Hannah Wright, of Drumnagoon, aged 85 years.

**M'Clelland**—Sept. 29th, Thomas Edward M'Clelland, of Knockmena, aged 65 years.

**Sands**—Sept. 30th, James Sands, of Edenderry, aged 2 months.

### **Congratulations.**

We congratulate Mr. John G. Gracey, of Balteagh, on his appointment as Justice of the Peace. His election as Chairman of Lurgan Rural Council carries this honour with it. At a meeting of Seagoe Select Vestry held on Tuesday, October 1st, a vote of congratulation to Mr. Gracey was passed by acclamation.

### **Seagoe in Atlantic City**

Tom Webb, late of Railway St., sends us a splendidly got-up Municipal guide to Atlantic City, U.S.A. Atlantic City is out to beat the record as a seaside resort, and its Corporation has erected a hall which holds 90,000 people.

### **Thanks**

A sum of ten pounds has been subscribed in the Parish to provide a surgical chair for little Vera Rainey, who is unable to walk through spinal injury due to a motor accident. We thank all who so kindly helped.

### **Sympathy**

In addition to the loss sustained by the Parish by the death of Robert Henry Hopps, we mourn the loss of several others. Mrs. Hannah Wright, of Kernan, has passed away at the ripe age of 85 years. She was always a most loyal member of the Church and loved its ministrations. Thomas Edward McClelland, of Knockmena, was called away suddenly after an operation. He was much respected in the Parish and has left behind him a cherished memory for quiet diligence and Christian uprightness. A little infant, James Sands, has been called hence after a brief two months of life. We offer our sincere sympathy with those who in the Providence of God have been called on to suffer bereavement. "We sorrow not as those without Hope for them that sleep in Him."

### **A Palestine Evening**

The Rev. W. T. Grey, M.A., formerly Curate of Seagoe, is to hold a "Palestine Evening" on Friday, Oct. 18th, at 7-30 p.m. in Edenderry Parochial Hall. Tickets, one shilling each, are now on sale. Tea will be provided for all who attend. This will be a most interesting and instructive entertainment of a novel kind. Mr. Grey has gone to much trouble arranging a travelling exhibition of Palestine life. It includes costume displays and everything which can help us to see Palestine as it was in our Lord's day. Everyone interested in the Bible, especially Sunday School teachers, should not fail to be present.

### **Old Seage Notes**

**Sermon by Archdeacon Saurin, preached in Seagoe Church on October 15th, 1848.**—The following extracts from a sermon preached by Archdeacon Saurin 81 years ago in Seagoe Church. It is written in a fine, clear, bold hand and covers 27 pages of manuscript. It has been kindly lent by Mrs. V. Wilson, of Oakfield:—Ezekiel xviii, 27: "When the

wicked man turneth away from his wickedness that he hath committed, and doeth that which is lawful and right, he shall save his soul alive." The first and fundamental doctrine of Christianity is that of repentance. Before the advent of our Saviour this doctrine was unknown to the world; it could not be discovered by reason, and it was but obscurely shadowed out by revelation. Reason told mankind, that God, as their Creator, had a right to the whole of their services during the whole course of their lives. If, therefore, they fell into error, what atonement could they make for their transgression? All they could hereafter do would be but their bounden duty; it could be no satisfaction to the Almighty for that which they had heretofore done amiss. Thus they had nothing to rely upon, but

### **A Vague And Uncertain Hope**

in the clemency of their Creator; a fearful expectation that his mercy would at last be greater than his justice, and that he would never be extreme to mark what was done amiss by the feeble and erring creatures which His own hands had fashioned.

Nor was the doctrine of atonement for sin made much clearer, even by the light of the Mosaic revelation. It is true that the law of Moses enjoined many sacrifices for sin, which prefigured that one all-sufficient sacrifice, which was afterwards to be offered for the sins of the whole world—but still, the sacrifices themselves were no atonement whatever; they could not wipe out the stain of sin committed—they could be no compensation to the Deity for the violation of his precepts; the blood of bulls and goats, as the Apostle expresses it, could never take away sin. (Even the text itself, which to us who understand its prophetic signification, so clearly intimates the efficacy of repentance, conveyed no such meaning to those to whom it was immediately addressed). When the prophet Ezekiel spoke in the words of the text to the Jews they were captives in Babylon. Thither they had been carried in consequence of the

### **Prediction, which foretold**

that when they had filled up the measure of their forefathers' iniquities their country should be laid waste, and their religion and temple be trodden under foot of the Gentiles. This prediction they had remembered—but they had forgotten their own manifold transgressions. They murmured, therefore, against the dispensations of the Almighty, and complained that it was for no fault of their own that this calamity had befallen them. "The fathers," say they, "have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge." That is, our fathers have transgressed, and we, their children are punished for their transgressions. This was the error which it was the prophet's object to correct. He wished to convince them that it was for their own sins that they were justly punished. "The soul," saith he, "that sinneth it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the

righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him. When a righteous man turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, and dieth in them; for his iniquity that he hath done shall he die. Again, when the wicked man turneth away from his wickedness that he hath committed, and doeth that which is lawful and right, he shall save his soul alive. Such was the sense of the passage, as it was originally spoken; it was intended as a justification of the conduct of God, who had given up His chosen people as a prey unto their enemies, not, as they alleged, for the transgressions of their forefathers but for their own personal and crying sins.

But, tho' the efficacy of repentance for sin was thus

#### Beyond the reach of reason,

and left thus in the dark by the revelation of Moses and the prophets, it was the earliest and most important doctrine which Christianity revealed to mankind. Before our Saviour's advent, John was commissioned to announce his coming to the world, and prepare it for the reception of its Redeemer; and the doctrine which he preached, as an indispensable qualification for the Gospel Kingdom, was the doctrine of repentance: "Repent ye," says he, "for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand." And when John's ministry was ended, and he was cast into prison, our Saviour himself commenced his preaching with the same doctrine—"the time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God is at hand; repent ye and believe the Gospel." This also was the doctrine first taught by the Apostles, when, on the feast of Pentecost, they had been endowed with power from on high to preach the Gospel to every creature. The multitude, awakened by the power of their teaching, "were pricked in the heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the Apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? Then said Peter unto them, Repent,

and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

Thus, then, we see, that the doctrine of repentance is the first and most important of the Gospel covenant.

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**Did a Seagoe man fight at Waterloo?**—This is a question we should like to have an answer to. It seems almost certain that one or more Seagoe men were in action on that famous battlefield, but who were they? Mr. Cochrane (of the composing staff of the "Portadown News") thinks that a man named Sprint from Edenderry fought at Waterloo, also that another named McDowell of Killicomaine was at the battle. Perhaps some of our readers can clear up the matter.

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**Seagoe Choir in 1890.**—Much interest has been taken in a photograph of Seagoe Choir in 1890, which has recently been on exhibition in Mr. Moffett's window in Edenderry. It belongs to Mr. T. H. Wilson, organist of Seagoe, who is seen seated in the middle of the group. It is just 39 years since the photograph was taken.

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**Silhouette of Bishop Saurin.**—Bishop Saurin, father of Archdeacon Saurin, was a frequent visitor to Seagoe in the earlier years of the last century. A striking silhouette or shadow-picture of the Bishop is in the possession of the Rector, who got a block and copies made from it some years ago. The picture was made in 1833 by the most famous silhouette artist that ever lived, August Edouart, a Frenchman. He came to Ireland in 1833 and set up an establishment in Westmoreland St., Dublin, and in a short time made no less than 6,000 portraits. Bishop Saurin of Dromore was one of those who patronised Edouart's studio.

## 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 8 p.m. during Advent and Lent.

**EVENING PRAYER**—Sundays 7 p.m.

### DISTRICT SERVICES.

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

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

**Edenderry**—Wednesdays at 8 p.m.

## CLASSES, &c.

**ADULT CLASSES**—Sundays at 10 a.m.

For Men—Edenderry. 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.

**Mothers' Union**—2nd Tuesday of each month.

**DAY SCHOOL**—Seagoe, 9-30 a.m. Principal—Mr. R. Scott.