

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

OCTOBER, 1930.

CLERGY :

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

Rev. F. W. Hayes, B.A., Edendale, CarrickBlacker Road, Edenderry, Portadown.

CHURCHWARDENS :

Rector's—Wm. H. England.

People's—Gilbert Price.

Harvest Thanksgiving Services

The Annual Harvest Thanksgiving Services for the Blessings of Harvest will be held in the Parish Church on Thursday, Oct. 16th, and Sunday, Oct. 19th. The Service on Thursday will be at 8 p.m., and the preacher will be the Rev. Treasurer MacLaurin, Rector of Killaloe Cathedral and Diocesan Secretary of Killaloe. Canon MacLaurin spent his early years in this neighbourhood, his father being for many years Rector of Mullaghbrack (Markethill), Co. Armagh. He now occupies a distinguished place amongst the Clergy of the Church of Ireland. The offerings at this Service will be on behalf of Foreign Missions. On Sunday, Oct. 19th, the Services will be continued at 8 a.m. (Holy Communion), 11.30 a.m. Morning Prayer and 7 p.m. Evening Prayer. The preacher on Sunday morning will be the Rev. R. Warrington, M.A., formerly Rector of Portage du Fort Montreal, Canada, and more recently Rector of Aghavea, County Fermanagh. At Evening Prayer the preacher will be the Rev. W. R. Orr, LL.D., Rector of Gilford. The offerings at these Services will be on behalf of our Parochial Funds.

District Harvest Services

Edenderry—Sunday, Oct. 5th, at 3.30 p.m. Preacher, Rev. F. J. Halahan, M.C., Rector of Drumcree.
Monday, Oct. 6th, at 8 p.m.

Levaghery—Sunday, Oct. 12th, at 3.30 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 13th, at 8 p.m.

Drumgor—Sunday, Oct. 12th, at 3.30 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 13th, at 8 p.m.

Carne—Sunday, Oct. 26th, at 3.30 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 27th, at 8 p.m.

Rev. F. W. Hayes.

The Rev. F. W. Hayes has entered upon his duties as Curate Assistant of the Parish of Seagoe. He was Ordained by the Bishop of Down on Sunday, Sept. 21st (St. Matthew's Day) in St. Patrick's Church, Ballymacarrett, Belfast. Mr. Hayes is residing at Edendale, CarrickBlacker Road, Edenderry. We give him, in the name of the Parishioners, a very hearty welcome to the Parish.

Mr. Robert Gracey.

Mr. Gracey, our Lay Reader, will be leaving the Parish during the first week of October. He goes to St. Aidan's College, Birkenhead, to study for the Christian Ministry. Everyone in the Parish and many outside it feel that in parting from him we are losing one who under God's blessing has been a source of great spiritual help to very many. His earnestness and energy have influenced the whole Parish. We hope to see him soon again when the Christmas holidays come round and his bright and happy presence will help us in our Christmas rejoicings. God changes His workers but carries on His work. We wish Mr. Gracey much success in his college career.

Presentation.

A very pleasant social gathering was held in Seagoe School on Thursday, September 18th. It was the occasion of a presentation from the choir and some friends to Mr. and Mrs. Casey on their recent marriage. There was a large attendance and after tea the Rector took the chair and in a brief speech welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Casey. Miss Nellie Montgomery, in making the presentation, spoke of the help which Mrs. Casey had given in connection with the music in the Parish Church, and expressed all good wishes for the happiness and prosperity of Mr. and Mrs. Casey. The gift presented was a handsome case of Roger's Sheffield cutlery. Mr. Casey, in replying, thanked those present for the kind and valuable gift they had given. He said he always felt that there was true friendliness in Seagoe. Mrs. Casey also expressed her thanks for the beautiful gift they had been given. Mr. Gilbert Price (Churchwarden), Mr. Scott and Mr. R. Gracey also joined in congratulation to Mr. and Mrs. Casey.

C.L.B. Church Parade

The Seagoe C.L.B., accompanied by the Armagh Companies of C.L.B. with Pipe Band, will parade at Seagoe Church on Sunday evening, October 5th, at 7 p.m. This is the first occasion on which the Armagh Companies have joined with the Seagoe Company and we give them a hearty welcome to the Parish.

Seagoe Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union will hold the opening meeting of the session in Seagoe School on Tuesday, October 14th, at 7.30 p.m. A full attendance of all the members is requested, and the names of new members will be handed in. The Mothers' Union meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month in Seagoe School and in the Parochial Hall alternately.

Gifts to Mr. Gracey.

Mr. Gracey received several presentations on the occasion of his leaving Seagoe. On Wednesday, Oct. 1st, the Carne Bible Class held a social in Carne Church Hall. There was a large attendance and the evening passed very pleasantly. The gift consisted of a well-furnished dressing case. Mr. Gracey, in replying, thanked the Bible Class for their kind gift and expressed the pleasure he had experienced in conducting the weekly Bible Class. On Thursday, October 2nd, a social meeting was held in Seagoe School, when the Choir of the Parish Church presented Mr. Gracey with a Fountain Pen. The presentation was made by Mrs. Robert Scott. The Rector expressed his sense of the loss which the Parish was sustaining in the departure of Mr. Gracey from amongst them and in the name of all present wished him "God speed" in his new sphere of work.

On Friday, October 3rd, the C.L.B. Cadets and Training Corps held a social in the Parochial Hall. There was a full attendance of the members. The Rector presided and during an interval in the programme referred to the occasion which had brought them together that evening. Mr. Gracey had organised the Brigades, both seniors and juniors, and had by his interest in the lads gained their esteem and affection. They wished to give him a parting gift. The gift consisted of a substantial cheque. Mr. Gracey, in acknowledging the gift, thanked the Brigade for their kindness and said how much he enjoyed his work with the Brigade in the Parish.

G.F.S.

The opening meeting of the G.F.S. for the winter session is being arranged and members will be notified of the date.

The Bells of St. Mark's.

Miss Mabel Dickson, of Tamnifiglasson, sends us the following interesting note on the Bells of St. Mark's:—When in London I visited the firm of Messrs. Gillet & Johnston, the bell founders, of Croydon, who are making the new bells for Portadown Church. An official of the firm conducted me through the works, and I saw the bells in the various stages of manufacture, from the building of the mould to the finished article. I saw one of the bells which was actually completed and was enchanted by its beautiful tone and was fortunate enough to see another one being tuned. The bell when cast is far from complete, and it has to be tuned by an expert, who by means of hieroglyphics indicates what alterations are necessary in order to obtain the correct blending of the tone. It is then fixed on a large revolving table where by means of a lathe the necessary alterations are made. After inspecting the oven in which the metal is melted, the clock room was inspected and there the most important exhibit was Portadown clock in skeleton and without the dial. Thanks to the kindness and courtesy of the firm's representative the visit

was most interesting and instructive, and should any other of our parishioners visit London they should visit the firm of Messrs. Gillet & Johnston.

ITEMS.

Isaac Clayton and William Watson have not missed a Sunday at the Edenderry Men's Bible Class for two years. We congratulate them on this good record.

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Some meadows in the Parish still remain uncultivated owing to the unsettled weather.

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All copies of the August and September numbers of the Magazine were sold within three days of publication.

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Many of the graves in Old Seagoe graveyard are now kept with great care and are beautiful with flowers. Some of the graves in our own Churchyard are much in need of attention. Will those who have burial rights there please take note.

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New houses are springing up in all parts of the Parish. Most of them are of good architectural design and are an ornament to the countryside.

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The panel system of medical attendance is now in force in Northern Ireland.

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Miss Norah Montgomery opened a millinery salon and showroom in Edward Street, Portadown, on September 24th. Her many friends in Seagoe have read her circular with pleasure and wish her every prosperity in her new venture.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

OCTOBER, 1906.

Seagoe Magazine for October, 1906, is largely occupied with an account of the successful Mission held in Seagoe Parish Church from Saturday, Sept. 22nd, to Monday, Oct. 1st. The Church was quite filled at all the Services. A Children's Service was held on the first Sunday at 3.30. Each Service during the Mission was followed by a special "Instruction." The subject dealt with by Mr. Bryan-Brown on the week nights were Repentance, Responsibility of Sin. The Burden of Sin, Holy Communion, and The Swelling of Jordan. A Service for men was held on the last Sunday afternoon of the Mission. The last Mission Address was on Psalm 85, 10: "The Lord will give Peace." A "Te Deum" very heartily sung brought the Mission to a close. Among other items in the local paragraphs is the announcement that the Rev. J. Taylor is beginning a Men's Class each Sunday morning in Seagoe Orange Hall. There are six Baptisms recorded, one marriage and three burials. A note is added recording the very fine weather during the Mission, rain falling only on the last day. Miss Connor still continues to circulate the Church Army Gazette. The Rev. W. T. Grey is hard at work in Japan.

Hacknahay Harvest Service

The first of our Harvest Services was held in Hacknahay School on Sunday, Sept. 28th, at 3.30 p.m. Mr. R. Gracey preached. There was a crowded congregation. The room was as usual beautifully decorated with flowers and fruit. The Services were continued on Monday, Sept. 29th, at 8 p.m. There was a large gathering present. The Rev. J. F. G. Magill, Curate of St. Mark's, Portadown, preached on "The Bread of Life." The offerings were for Foreign Missions. At both Services Mr. T. H. Wilson conducted the music, which was sung with great heartiness.

Jumble Sale.

A Jumble Sale has been arranged to be held in Edenderry Parochial Hall on Friday, November 7th, at 7.30 p.m. The proceeds will be on behalf of the new C.L.B. Pipe Band and the Parochial Sunday School Fund. Will all please give a helping hand and make the sale a great success!

Parish Register for September

Baptism

Simpson—Sept. 6th, William George, son of David William and Hannah Jane Simpson, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Hannah Jane Magee, Hannah Jane Simpson.

Marriage

Craig and Gordon—Sept. 9th, 1930, Charles Andrew Craig, of Edenderry, to Mary Elizabeth Gordon, of Edenderry.

Burials.

Sharpe—Sept. 20th, John Sharpe, of Edenderry, aged 74 years.

Browne—Sept. 26th, James Browne, of Lylo, aged 74 years.

Old Seagoe Notes

Interesting Relics of Old Portadown brought to light in the Main Drainage excavations.—The extraordinary amount of trenching and tunneling rendered necessary in connection with the Main Drainage scheme brought to light some interesting relics of Old Portadown. The tunnel run from Marlay Street cut at right angles the site of Old Portadown Bridge. The stone foundations of the Bridge, consisting of four parallel walls of considerable thickness were cut through and much of the substantial timber of the Bridge were also discovered. The surface of the timber was soft to a depth of 1½ inches but the core of it was sound. The Bridge consisted of six wooden spans and was situated near the present Post Office.

At Corcrairie a George II. halfpenny with the crown and harp on it was dug up in good preservation. At the site of the old Bridge a glass ball about the size of a handball was dug up. Some coins of the 18th century are also said to have been found. At the foot of James St in Bridge St. some splendid springs were tapped, and on the Northern side of Bridge St., facing the Parochial Hall, an old turf bog was laid bare at a depth of 4½ feet. Most of the subsoil of Edenderry was a fine red sand containing but few boulder stones and proving that at one time the lower portion of Edenderry was under water. The geological theory is that in those days Lough Neagh covered a much larger area than it does at present.

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The Wentworth Family in Seagoe Parish.—Some further particulars regarding the Wentworth Family will be of interest to our readers. Apparently the name Wentworth is inherited through the family of the 4th Earl of Roscommon (Wentworth Dillon) who was named Wentworth after his mother's maiden name, she being a daughter of the famous Earl of Strafford. The Australian patriot, William Charles Wentworth, was a poet of some eminence and published his Cambridge University poem on "Australia." His son Fitzwilliam Wentworth came to reside in Bournemouth, England, some years ago. He had a family of four sons and two daughters. His sons were William Charles, Darcy, Fitzwilliam and George Godfrey. His daughters were Edith and Dorothy. William Wentworth, an uncle of the Hon. Wm. Chas. Wentworth, was married in Seagoe Church to Mary Calvert on April 2nd, 1804.

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Portion of a Sermon on "Repentance" preached in Hacknahay School by Archdeacon Saurin on March 13th, 1859, during the Revival times:—True penitence is a hearty sorrow for sin, because sin is forbidden by God; and its sincerity can only be proved by a steadfast amendment for the future. To complete the proof of our penitence, we must not stop short at a mere abstinence from former iniquities—we must bring forth fruits meet for repentance—the peaceable fruits of righteousness. It is only (says the text) when the wicked man turneth away from his wickedness that he hath committed, and doeth that which is lawful and right, that he shall save his soul alive. This is the true test of penitence, and the best security against falling once more into sin. He who not only renounces the evil habits of his former days, but takes up and daily practises those of true religion and virtue, is not only proving his heartfelt sorrow for the past, but is preparing a lasting safeguard for the future. Thus it is that true penitence leads to Godliness, and Godliness to everlasting life.

Road Dangers

The recent accident to a bus at the corner of Church Lane might have been very serious. We are thankful that lives were saved. We are glad to know that the little boy, Jas. McCann, of Florence Court, so seriously injured on Carrick Blacker Road is recovering. Many dangerous corners still remain where hedges have been allowed to grow and hide the traffic. At such corners danger is never absent.

Seagoe on the High Seas

The "Largs Castle," with the Misses, Hawthorne on board, has arrived safely at Melbourne. Miss Annie Johnston has returned to the States after her visit to Edenderry. Mr. and Mrs. David Martin (formerly Miss Allen) have also returned home. We hear of several former Parishioners who contemplate revisiting the old Parish next year. We are always glad to meet the old friends from the new countries when they sail homewards across the oceans. One parishioner has just crossed the Atlantic for the 46th time and expects soon to cross again.

Mission in Edenderry

Mission Services were held in the Parochial Hall, Edenderry, from Monday, September 22nd, to Tues-

day, Sept. 30th. The Services were largely attended the Hall being well filled every night. Mr. Grace gave the address each evening and his stirring words were listened to with deep attention. The Mission has, we believe, been productive of much spiritual awakening amongst many who attended the Mission.

Photographs

A photograph of our Seagoe C.L.B. Cadets appeared in the "Evening Telegraph" of Saturday, September 3th, and a photograph of the Seagoe C.L.B. Training Corps was published in the "Belfast News-Letter" of Wednesday, Oct. 1st. These two newspapers conferred a special favour on our C.L.B. in publishing these photographs in their columns and we are much obliged to the Editors for so kindly inserting them.

The "Village" of Portadown

It seems strange to hear of Portadown "Village" but the Rector last month received a letter from Mr. James Harrison, of Shelburne, Dufferin County, Ontario Canada, in which he says that his father Robert Harrison, left Portadown village 100 years ago for Canada. Mr. James Harrison is now 85 years of age, having been born in Canada in 1845. He is a friend of Judge McCahilly of Orangeville in the Province of Ontario.

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.

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. It will be a help to the Clergy if they are notified of the arrival of new Church families in the Parish.

A copy of the Magazine will be sent post free to any subscriber for 3s per annum.