

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

OCTOBER, 1931.

Seagoe Parish Bazaar,

THURSDAY & FRIDAY, November 26th & 27th, 1931

CLERGY :

Rev. Canon Archer, B.D., The Rectory, Seagoe,
Rev. W. F. Hayes, B.A., Edendale, CarrickBlacker
Road, Edenderry, Portadown.

CHURCHWARDENS :

Rector's—Mr. Robert Scott.
People's—Mr. Isaac Dickson.

Harvest Thanksgiving.

The annual Services of Harvest Thanksgiving will be held (D.V.) in the Parish Church on Thursday, October 15th, at 8 p.m., and on Sunday, October 18th, at 8 a.m. (Holy Communion), 11.30 a.m. Morning Prayer, and 7 p.m. Evening Prayer. The Preacher on Thursday will be the Very Rev. H. B. Swanzy, M.A., Vicar of Newry and Dean of Dromore. On Sunday the Preacher at Evening Prayer will be the Rev. Francis Matchett, B.D., Rector of Hillsborough, Co. Down. The offerings on Thursday will be for Foreign Missions, and on Sunday for Parochial Expenses Fund.

District Harvest Services.

The Harvest Services in our Parochial Districts have been arranged as follows:—

Levaghery—Oct. 4th, at 3.30 p.m.

" " 5th, at 8 p.m.

Edenderry—Oct. 11th, at 3.30 p.m.

" " 12th, at 8 p.m.

Drumgor—Oct. 26th, at 3.30 p.m.

" " 27th, at 8 p.m.

Carrick—Nov. 1st, at 3.30 p.m.

" " 2nd, at 8 p.m.

Bocombra—Nov. 8th, at 3.30 p.m.

" " 9th, at 8 p.m.

The offerings at the Sunday Services will be on behalf of the local Sunday School Fund, and on the Mondays for Foreign Missions. The Rev. Robert Gracey, Curate of St. Donard's, Belfast, will preach at the Monday evening service on October 12th in Edenderry Parochial Hall. We will give him a hearty welcome on this his first visit to the Parish since his ordination.

Hacknahay Harvest Service.

On Sunday, September 27th, a Harvest Thanksgiving Service was held in Hacknahay School. The room was prettily decorated with flowers, fruits and evergreens. There was not a vacant seat and the service was very hearty and inspiring. The music was in the capable hands of Mr. T. H. Wilson, organist of Seagoe. The Rector preached. On Monday evening, Sept. 28th, the Services were continued. A large congregation was present. The Rev. R. B. Pitke, Curate of Drumcree, preached on "Our Responsibility for the Harvest of the World." He made an earnest appeal on behalf of Foreign Missions.

The Bazaar.

Please remember the date of our Seagoe Bazaar—Thursday, November 26th, and Friday, Nov. 27th. It will be held in Seagoe School. The proceeds will be divided equally between the Repair Fund for the Parish Church and the School Repair Fund. A meeting of the General Committee of the Bazaar was held in Seagoe School on Thursday, Sept. 24th. The Rector presided and there was a large attendance. Reports were handed in from the various working parties and proved very encouraging. The returns from the collecting books also showed that our workers were very active and successful. We would impress on all our workers the need of strenuous activity, as the interval before the Bazaar is comparatively short. The stalls were arranged for and the committees in charge. The Bazaar Secretary, Mr. J. H. Twinem, was present and gave valuable help. The C.L.B. have kindly offered to arrange a concert in Drumgor on behalf of the Bazaar Funds.

Concert in Levaghery.

The Levaghery Bazaar workers are very active and have arranged to hold a concert in Levaghery School on Thursday, Oct. 22nd, at 8 p.m. An attractive and varied programme will be presented. Tickets, one shilling each, are now on sale. This concert will be the first public entertainment held in the recently enlarged schoolroom, which is now one of the finest in the Parish.

Jumble Sale.

The Seagoe C.L.B. are holding a Jumble Sale in Edenderry Parochial Hall, on Friday, Oct. 16th. The proceeds are for Seagoe C.L.B. Bagpipe Band.

Parade Service.

A C.L.B. Parade Service was held in the Parish Church on Sunday evening, Sept. 27th, at 7 P.M. The St. Michael's, Belfast Company, of the C.L.B. were present with their Bagpipe Band. Some officers from other Belfast Companies were also present, and we were very glad to welcome on his first visit Colonel Torrens, the Battalion C.L.B. Commander for this Diocese. There was a large congregation present. The Rector preached from the text St. John vi., 9. He emphasised the importance of the work done by the C.L.B., with which he claimed a connection extending over 37 years, since he had started the first C.L.B. Company in Belfast as Curate of St. Luke's in April, 1894. Colonel Torrens took part in the Parade Service and read the Second Lesson, Ephes. vi., 10. The collection was on behalf of our C.L.B. Funds. The visiting Company was very kindly entertained to tea in Edenderry Orange Hall (kindly lent) by the ladies of the Parish at 5 p.m. Capt. Metcalf and his officers are to be congratulated on the fine turn-out of the Seagoe Lads, which are a credit to the C.L.B. and to the Parish.

C.L.B. Concert.

A grand concert will be given in Edenderry Parochial Hall on Thursday, Oct. 29th, at 8 p.m. Tickets one shilling each, children sixpence. The proceeds are for the equipment of the C.L.B. Band. A fine programme is being arranged.

Twenty-five Years Ago.

OCTOBER, 1906.

We resume this month our extracts from Seagoe Parish Magazine of 1906—25 complete years ago. Looking up its faded pages we find a large space devoted to the Mission which had just been held in the Parish Church by the Rev. Willoughby Bryan-Brown. The Mission opened on Saturday, Sept. 22nd, 1906, and closed on Monday, October 1st, 1906. The subjects of Mr. Bryan-Brown's addresses are given as follows:—Monday—Repentance, Tuesday—The Responsibility of Sin, Wednesday—The Burden of Sin, Thursday—Holy Communion, Friday—The Swelling of Jordan. On Sunday morning, Oct. 1st, the Missioner addressed the children of Edenderry and Seagoe Morning Sunday School in Seagoe School. He chose for his text the verse "As a hen fathereth her chickens under her wings." An afternoon Service for men was held at 3.30. The subject of the address was "Behold the Man." The Missioner's closing address on Monday, Oct. 1st, was from Psalm 85, 10: "The Lord will speak Peace." Mr. Bryan-Brown passed to his rest in 1924 at a good old age. He had retired from Mission work in 1917. Among the other items for Oct., 1906, we notice the formation by the Curate, the Rev. J.

Taylor, of a Men's Bible Class to meet in Seagoe Orange Hall on Sunday mornings. The Class met for the first time on Oct. 14th, 1906, at 10.15 a.m. Three burials are recorded—Sarah Ellen Webb, of Clanrolla, aged 9, William Robinson, of Balteagh, aged 73, and Robert Sherman, of Edenderry, aged 25. There is one marriage "Flannigan and Albin," on Sept. 28th, and there are six Baptisms. The Rector thanks Capt Gaskell and Lieut Simmons, of the Church Army, for their help given at the Mission. Congratulations are offered to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Flannigan on the occasion of their marriage. It concludes with the words—"We wish the young couple all happiness and prosperity, with God's blessing in their future life."

War Relics.

We thank Sergeant Russell, of Knockmena, for the gift of several interesting War Relics. Two small metal swords cut from the tunic of a dead Bulgarian officer on the battlefield of Dedeagatch, on the Strumer River. Two numbers in brass taken from a Bulgarian soldier's cap. A large spoon got in the village of Kukas, Northern Macedonia, about one kilometre from the big mountain where St. Paul preached to the Thessalonians. Sergeant Russell was at the time serving with the 27th Division in the Royal Irish Fusiliers on the Macedonian Front in 1917. Brigadier-General Kelly was the officer in command. He was known by his men as "Uncle George." We thank Sergeant Russell for his interesting gifts.

Staff-Sergeant Dawson.

We congratulate very heartily Staff-Sergeant John Dawson (brother of our respected parishioner, Mrs. Nicholas England, of Ballymcranandal), on being awarded by King George the Meritorious Service Medal with annuity of £10 per annum in recognition of his fine military record. The King expressed a wish that Staff-Sergeant Dawson should attend personally at Buckingham Palace to receive the medal, but it was finally arranged that the medal should be presented by the General Commanding the London District. Mr. Dawson is very proud of his connection with the Fusiliers and the old 94th. He is now 79 years of age and has for many years resided at 662 High Road, Tottenham, London. He served in the army for 21 years, having enlisted in the North of Ireland some sixty years ago. His breast is covered with medals, for he has fought through all the wars of recent times. He has most thrilling experiences to relate, especially about the Zulu campaign. He acted as one of the trained dressers in the Army Service Corps. He got a knock on the head from a knoberry and was wounded on the hand by an assegai hurled by a Zulu. We hope in our next issue to give a fuller record of Mr. Dawson's experiences. Meanwhile we congratulate him and his sister, Mrs. England, on the recognition which he has received from the King of his military service. He inherits in a large degree the military instincts of the men of Seagoe.

Parish Register for September.

Baptisms.

Major—Sept. 5th, Mary Hilary, daughter of William John and Sarah Major, of Edenderry.
 Donald—Sept. 5th, Elizabeth, daughter of Frederick Robinson and Elizabeth M'Donald, of Ballyhannon.

Burial.

Kane—Oct. 2nd, Sarah M'Kane, of Hacknahay, aged 76 years.

Death of Mrs. McKane.

We record with much regret the death of Mrs. Sarah M'Kane, of Hacknahay. She was always much interested in the Parish and had been a regular subscriber to Seagoe Parish Magazine since it was started some 26 years ago. Mrs. M'Kane was a loyal member of the Church of Ireland and led a faithful and consistent Christian life. We sympathise very sincerely with the members of her family, who have lost a devoted and affectionate mother.

Old Seagoe Notes.

How the Yellow Hill got its name.—The Yellow Hill is a well-known feature in the landscape as one looks from Upper Seagoe along the windings of the River Bann. It rises to a height of 78 feet above the River in the townland of Derryvore. It is sometimes called Whinny Hill. It got its name from the golden-yellow whins or furze which at one time covered its sides.

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Dean Blacker settles his Parish Accounts—1812.—March 31st, 1812—The Rev. Stewart Blacker has this day settled all accounts with the Parish of Segoe, and it appears that he is now answerable to the Parish for the sum of £991 13s 1d, which sum he promises to hold in readiness to defray all expenditures which may occasionally arise from the building of our new Church or any other purpose approved of by the Parish. But there is also in his hands the Bond of Mr. Thos. Woolsey for £200, and that of Mr. Hewitt for £50, on both of which Bonds all interest is paid and accounted for to this present period.

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How the Parish Stable was built at Seagoe in 1744.—1744. Memorandum. That the undernamed persons have subscribed and built a Stable at the Parish Church of Segoe in the year 1744.

William Blacker, Esq.	£1 10 0
Tho: Newil	0 5 5
John Gilpen	0 5 5
Thos. Bradshaw	0 5 5
James Bradshaw	0 2 8½
William Thompson	0 3 3
William Dixon	0 5 5
Richd. Joyce	0 5 5
Ralph Dynes	0 5 5
John Ackless	0 2 8½
James Bomer	0 2 8½

William Robison	0 11 4½
James Harison	0 5 5
Richd. Dynes	0 5 5
Wolsey Mathers	0 5 5
William Buck	0 2 2
Tho: Burrel	0 2 2
Robt. Blacker	0 5 5
John Wale	0 5 5
John Dixon	0 5 5
Val: Joyce	0 5 5
Art M'Cann	0 3 3
James Toulerton	0 2 8½
David Miller	0 2 2
Tho: Hardine	0 2 8½
Willm. Lutten	0 2 8½

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Ralph Wilson 0 5 5

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Building the New Parish Church—1812.—A Committee appointed by Vestry for Building the new Church of the Parish of Segoe this 31st of March, 1812—Rev. Richard Olpherts, Robt. Fivey, Esq., Capt. Woolsey, Mr. Woolsey Atkinson, Mr. W. Overend, Mr. David Ruddle, Mr. Joseph Macomson, Mr. Toulerton Lutton.

1811—Rev. Stewart Blacker Dr.
 Augt. By Principal and Interest Recd. from Mr. Woodhouse £510 15s 0d.

To seven Months Interest £14 11s 8d.

Do—By Cash from Exns. of Rev. George Blacker £200 0s 0d.

To Seven months interest £5 16s 8d.

Decber. By Principal and Interest from Mr. Fivey £135 10s 4d.

To three Months Interest £1 13s 9d.

March 1812—By three years' Interest from Mr. Woolsey £36 0s 0d.

Do—By one year's Interest from Mr. Hewitt £3 0s 0d

By Balance due as stated in Rev. Stewart Blacker's Account £84 5s 8d.

1812. March 31st. Total in hand of S.B. 991 13 1 besides Mr. Woolsey's Bond for £200 and Mr. Hewitt's ditto for £50.

Total £250, on which all interest is paid. £124 13s 1d.

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Famine in Seagoe in 1812.—To the Parish of Segoe. As Treasurer thereto and appointed to collect the several sums due to sd Parish by Bond Note or otherwise.

May 1st, 1812—By Cash to Revd. Rd. Olpherts By Order of Parish Committee, for the purpose of purchasing Oatmeal to accomodate the Poor—£1000 0 0.

Sept. 1812—Paid Brownlowsderry Road Cess 20 3 0

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[The above notes are in Dean Blacker's writing.]

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Funds provided for Building the New Church, 1814.—At a Vestry held in the Parish Church on

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Monday the 27th day of June 1814 for which legal notice being given. The Minister Church Wardens and Parishioners being then assembled it was then agreed That the intention of this Vestry be to make the Resolutions and assessments entered into at the Vestry held in the same Church on Easter Tuesday the 20th April 1813 conformable to the spirit of the Act of Parliament so as to secure the payment of the sum of One Thousand Pounds sterl by Instalments to the Board of first Fruits to be lent by it to this Parish for the purpose of building a New Parish Church. The whole sum to be advanced by way of loan. To be raised levied and paid in manner following at the times following. That is to say Six pounds per centum of the sum so advanced and to be repaid shall be raised and paid by the Parish on or before the first day of July, next after the expiration of one year, from the day on which such sum shall be so advanced. Six pounds per centum more on or before the first day of July in every succeeding year untill the said sum of £1000 sterlg be paid by the Parish to the Board of First Fruits. And it is also agreed at this Vestry that the Reverend Richard Olpherts, Curate, or the Vicar for the time being should receive the Instalments to be advanced by way of Loan by the Board of First Fruits.

Signed this 27th day of June, 1814.

Richard Olpherts Curate, Jno. Overend, Church Warden, Wolsey Atkinson, Toulerton Lutton, John

Walker, Roger Shiels, Chas. Jn. M'Caughly, William Holland, G. M'Caughly, Thos. Collins, Dinn M'Caughly, Edwd M'Gabe.

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Enclosing the Grounds at the New Church, 1814

A Vestry was held by Special Appointment in Parish Church on Wednesday 26 October 1814 the purpose of considering and adopting the means of enclosing the new Church ground of Parish in order to prevent the recurrence of Damage Recently Done to the New Church in consequence of the exposed state it now stands in. The Rev. Stewrt. Blacker, Vicar, the Rev. Richd Olpherts Curate, the Church Wardens and Principal Parishioners being present it was agreed that in consequence of a large quantity of stones being left at the Building the new Church and also some stone Quoins both which the Parish was obliged to account for with the Architect at first cost The same be appropriated to the erecting a sufficient Wall and Stone Pillars and Iron Gate to enclose the Front of the New Church Yard for the execution said work the sum of 2 pence per acre be levied by the Church Wardens of this Parish from the Landholders of it To be paid with their other accounts at the Easter Vestry next ensuing.

STEWRT. BLACKER, Vicar.

RICHD. OLPHERTS, Curate

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, Bocombra.

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 Rector, 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.