

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

OCTOBER, 1932.

"While the Earth remaineth Seed-time and Harvest shall not cease."— Gen. viii., 22.

CLERGY :

Chancellor Archer, B.D., The Rectory, Seagoe.

W. F. Hayes, B.A., Edendale, Carrick-Blacker Road, Edenderry, Portadown.

CHURCHWARDENS :

Rector's—Mr. Robert Scott.

People's—Mr. Isaac Dickson.

Harvest Thanksgiving Services.

The annual Services of Thanksgiving to mighty God for the Blessings of Harvest will be held (p.v.) in the Parish Church on Thursday, October 20th, at 8 p.m., and on Sunday, October 23rd, at Morning and Evening Prayer. The preacher on Thursday evening will be the Rev. A. Myles, Rector of Tullylish, and the offerings at this Service will be given to Foreign Missions. On Sunday the preacher at Morning Prayer will be the Rev. F. H. Kinch, Rector of Hughall, and at Evening Prayer the Rev. Canon M'Garvey, Rector of Dromore Cathedral. The offerings at the Sunday Services will be given to the Parochial Treasurer's Fund for the upkeep of the Parish Church and its Services. The Lord of the Harvest has blessed us with an abundant Harvest and also with weather which has enabled it to be well saved. The Parishioners will in these Services have an opportunity of uniting in Services of hearty Thanksgiving for the mercies so graciously bestowed on us. At Rogationtide, in the spring-time, we prayed together for a Blessing on the sown crops. God has heard our prayer and has given us the Blessing we asked for.

The following Services have been arranged to be held in our Parochial Districts:—

Seagoe—Sunday, October 9th, at 3.30.

Edenderry—Monday, October 10th, at 8.

Levaghery—Sunday, October 16th, at 3.30.

Edenderry—Monday, October 17th, at 8.

Seagoe—Sunday, October 30th, at 3.30.

Edenderry—Monday, October 31st, at 8.

Edenderry—Sunday, November 6th, at 3.30.

Edenderry—Monday November 7th, at 8.

Edenderry—Sunday, November 13th, at 3.30.

Edenderry—Monday, November 14th, at 8.

The offerings at the District Services will be

given on the Sundays to the local Sunday School Fund and on the Mondays to Foreign Missions.

A Harvest Service for the children attending Seagoe Afternoon Sunday School will be held in the Parish Church on Sunday, October 23rd, at 3.30. The offerings will be given to Seagoe Sunday School Funds.

Jumble Sale.

Please remember the great Jumble Sale which will be held in Edenderry Parochial Hall on Friday, October 14th, at 7.30 p.m. The charge for admission will be Threepence. There will be splendid bargains of clothing, etc., specially suitable for use during the approaching cold weather. Gifts of fruit and vegetables will also be on sale. Meetings in furtherance of the sale have been held in Edenderry, Levaghery and Bocombra. On Monday, Oct. 3rd, a general meeting of the workers will be held in Seagoe School at 8, and the special workers in Seagoe District will also be present. A meeting of workers will be held in Hacknahay School on Wednesday, Oct. 5th, at 8, and in Carne Church Hall on Thursday, Oct. 6th, at 8. The proceeds of the sale will go towards the payment of a deficiency on our Sunday School excursion to Bangor last June. The receipts from all sources totalled £95 18s 0d, and the expenditure £118 16s 8d, leaving an adverse balance of £22 18s 8d. We ask all our Parishioners to help in making the sale a great success. If by any chance the local collector in your District fails to call for your gifts a line or post card to Mr. R. Scott, Grove Lodge, Seagoe, or to Mr. M'Clements, Bridge St., will secure a call from the collector. Gifts of any kind will be gratefully received.

Seagoe School Improvements.

The central heating system in Seagoe School is now almost complete. The new furnace house is a very neat structure and does not interfere with the lighting of the school or alter its appearance. Twelve new dual desks for infants have been ordered and will be in use almost immediately. Two very fine Oregon pine tables, supplied by Mr. W. J. White, of West Street, have been placed in the school, also three large door mats from the same firm.

A Serious Accident.

A motor accident which might have had very serious results occurred at Seagoe last month. Owing to the closing of a part of the Lurgan Road for relaying in concrete, all traffic to Belfast was diverted along the Seagoe Road and Church Lane. A lorry, in which some 16 youths were having a ride to Lurgan found itself unable to turn the sharp corner at Seagoe Cottage (Mr. T. H. Wilson's) and dashed into the boundary wall, eventually turning over on its side. All the occupants were thrown in a heap and several of them were somewhat seriously hurt. Jack Allen, of Bridge St., got crushed, and Gardiner Atkinson, of Railway St., had his knee injured. They were brought to Lurgan Infirmary, where they remain as patients, but we are glad to hear they are making good progress towards complete recovery. Several other accidents occurred about the same time. A large Austin car missed the corner and overturned, a lorry stuck fast in the road ditch, a lorry and car collided at the point where Church Lane joins the Lurgan Road, a lorry in passing over the sharp stones at Seagoe Turns cut a cover and caused much trouble. Other mishaps also occurred. The directions to motor cars put up at the corners were quite inadequate, even in the daytime, and much more so at night. Who is responsible? Precious lives might have been lost. Much damage to property has resulted.

Repairs to the Church.

The pointing of the Parish Church continues. One portion of the east wall was found to be in a very defective state, the mortar coming away like dust. Mr. W. J. Guy, who has charge of the work, has done it with great care. All the old mortar has been scraped away and the spaces have been filled with cement. The work of repairing the upper part of the Church Tower remains to be done.

Harvest Service at Hacknahay.

The first of our District Harvest Services was held in Hacknahay School on Sunday, September 25th, at 3.30. The School was crowded. Mr. T. H. Wilson, Organist of Seagoe, conducted the musical parts of the Service. The singing was very hearty. The Rector preached on "Our Responsibility toward God." The Services were continued on Monday evening and a large gathering was present. The Rev. W. F. Hayes conducted the Service and the address was given by Mr. George Freeman, of Portadown, Licensed Lay Reader for the Diocese of Armagh. His subject was "Death and Resurrection." The collection was for Foreign Missions.

Seagoe Mothers' Union.

The Mothers' Union will re-open after the

summer recess on the first Tuesday in October—October 4th—in Seagoe School at 7.30. Tea will be provided for all who come and we hear there will be an interesting surprise in an exhibit of work done by some members of the Union during the past few months. The members will miss the presence of Mrs. Conolly, Carne, who was a most regular attender at the meetings and took a great interest in the Mothers' Union.

Death of Mr. Edward Blacker.

We record with sincere regret the death of the late Canon Blacker, elder son of the late Canon Blacker, and brother of Colonel Blacker, of Carrick-Blacker. Mr. Blacker died with tragic suddenness, being found dead in his sleeping berth on the Irish Mail when it arrived at Euston from Holyhead. Mr. Blacker had been apparently in good health and had attended the meeting of the Ferns Diocesan Council, which he was a member, a few days before his death. Mr. Blacker resided at Woodbrook, near Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford. He was of a most genial and kindly disposition and was very popular with all who knew him. The funeral took place to Killanne Parish Church on Tuesday, Sept. 13th. We express our sympathy with Colonel and Mrs. Blacker and the members of their family in their bereavement. Mr. Blacker had been on a visit with Colonel Blacker as recently as last August and seemed to be in excellent health.

Our Losses.

Death has removed from our midst during the past month some of our Parishioners well-known and highly esteemed. Mr. Gregory Hunniford of Kilvergan passed away after a long and trying illness which he bore in a spirit of great faith and patience. The funeral was largely attended. By his wish a short funeral service was held in Seagoe Church before his remains were borne to Drumree for interment. Mr. Hunniford had resided for some years in the United States and in Cuba. He was a man of great business capacity and his quiet unobtrusive manner gained him a host of friends. We sympathise deeply with Mrs. Hunniford and his relatives in their sad loss.

The death of Mrs. Conolly, of Carne, removes from our midst one who was very well-known and much respected in the Parish. She had always taken a great interest in the work of Carne Church Hall and was always very willing to help in every good cause. We offer our sincere sympathy to Mr. James Conolly and the members of his family. The teachers and children of Carne Sunday School sent a handsome wreath in memory of Mrs. Conolly.

Twenty-Five Years Ago.

SEPTEMBER, 1907.

The Magazine for September, 1907, records the appointment of Mr. W. R. Crichton to the curacy of Seagoe. He is described as a son of the Rev. J. Crichton, Rector of Ballyjamesduff, Co. Cavan. He is to be ordained on Sept. 22, 1907, and the people of Seagoe are asked to give him a hearty welcome to the Parish. A note records that a sum of £226 has been raised at the recent Bazaar to cover the cost of the installation of gas and the extinction of the debt on the building fund of the Parochial Hall. On Sept. 10th and 12th the recent Missioner, the Rev. Mr. Bryan-Brown, was to pay a return visit to the Parish. On Saturday, Aug. 17th, the G.F.S. had a most enjoyable excursion to Maghera. Ten Baptisms are recorded, and four burials, among the latter that of Mabel Holland, of Leaghery, one of our best Sunday School children, aged 13. Among the "Items" we read of a handsome new lamp and fountain erected on the Square in Edenderry. Mr. James Twinem is about to start business in Portadown. "We wish him every success." Old Seagoe Notes contain reference to the Forts or earth-works in the Parish.

OCTOBER, 1907.

This issue of the Magazine contains a fine portrait of Archdeacon Saurin with his autograph attached. There are also many particulars regarding his work in Seagoe. It records also the ordination at Kilkenny by Bishop Crozier of the Rev. W. R. Crichton on Sunday, October 6th. Eight Baptisms are recorded; one marriage and three burials. Mr. T. J. Montgomery is congratulated on having won the Gold Medal for tea blending against 150 competitors in the Grocers' Exhibition in London. The Rector announces that he has secured a fine portrait in oils of the Rev. John Campbell, who was Vicar of Seagoe from 1689 to 1733. A swing and see-saw have been erected in the School playground. Warmest congratulations are offered to Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Stoops on the occasion of their marriage. The annual Harvest Services will be held in the Parish Church on November 7th and 10th.

Congratulations.

We heartily congratulate Mr. Charles Montgomery on his winning the Championship of Britain in tea-blending at the Grocers' Exhibition in London. This distinction was won in open competition against the tea-blenders of the United Kingdom. By an interesting coincidence we publish in this issue under our heading of "Twenty-five years ago" that in September, 1877, the late Mr. T. J. Montgomery, father of Charles Montgomery, won a similar distinc-

Parish Register for September.**Baptisms.**

The following were Baptized in Seagoe Parish Church on September 3rd, 1932:—

Harrison—William Henry, son of John and Isobel Harrison, of Levaghery.

Sponsors—Muriel Hanna, Isobel Harrison.

Wortley—Stewart Ernest Cornwall, son of Stewart and Mary Jane Wortley, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Stewart Wortley, Elizabeth Hutchinson.

Crawford—Marjorie, daughter of Nicholas John and Margaret Crawford, of Levaghery.

Sponsors—Mary Maria Crawford, Margaret Crawford.

Magee—James, son of Joseph William and Emma Elizabeth Magee, of Kernan.

Sponsors—Anne Jane Magee, Emma Elizabeth Magee.

Marriages.

Watson and M'Millan—Sept. 10th, 1932, James M'Millan Watson, of Lisniskey, to Agnes M'Millan, of Belfast.

Hewitt and Yennard—Sept. 10th, 1932, Robert Ernest Hewitt, of Kernan, to Minnie Yennard, of Lisniskey.

Brown and Hughes—Sept. 26th, 1932, Andrew Brown, of Ballinacor, to Charlotte Hughes, of Ballinacor.

Burials.

Hunniford—Sept. 21st, Gregory Hunniford, of Kilvergan. Interred at Drumcree.

Conolly—Sept. 23rd, Elizabeth Conolly, of Carne, aged 68.

Seagoe C.L.B.

On Thursday, Sept. 15th, a social was held in the Parochial Hall for the Junior C.L.B. There was a large attendance, who partook of a hearty tea. Games were then played. The Rev. W. F. Hayes presided, and among those present were Captain Metcalf, Lieuts. Mitchell and Currie, and Sergt. Shanks. The Juniors are a very enthusiastic crowd.

C.L.B. in Belfast.

On Thursday evening, October 6th, a Public Meeting will be held in Clarence Place, Belfast, to advocate the claims of the Church Lads' Brigade. The Lord Bishop will preside and a representative from the Central Office in London will give an address on the work of the Brigade. The Seagoe Company will be represented at the meeting.

Old Seagoe Notes.

Distrains for Tithes in Seagoe in 1750.—The following is an extract from the Quaker "Book

of Sufferings" of Ulster Province for the year 1748 and after. "1756, Co. Armagh, Parish of Seago, John Chambers had taken from him for Tythes by Robert Harrison, Tythe monger under Hugh Tisdell, Priest of Parish of Seago, about 8 hundred weight of hay worth 8 shillings, and 3 stooks of oats and one stook of wheat worth 4 shillings. 1758—Henry Greer had taken by Harrison, Tythe-taker under Robert Harrison, tythemonger under Hugh Tisdell, priest of parish of Seago, and under George House, Archdeacon of Dromore, 3 cocks of hay worth £1 16s. John Chambers 2 sto. wheat, 2 stone rye and 3 stone oats, 6 shillings. William Valentins, 12 sto. oats, 8 sheaves rye, 3 loads of hay, all worth 14 shillings and 10 pence.

1763—Henry Greer has taken by William Harrison for Robert Harrison, by George House and Richard Bugby, Vicar, 2 cocks of hay, £1 10s.

1774—Henry Greer for Church cess by John Murrow, Warden, 5 hanks of yarn, 2 sh. and 8½ pence."

Seago Old Church.

SEAGOE IN RESTORATION DAYS.

The even current of parochial affairs was once more interrupted by the miseries of civil war. The years 1689 and 1690 are blank in the parish records, except the registration of one marriage and eight baptisms. As a measure of precaution, or yielding to Landy's treacherous counsel, the Ulster Protestants abandoned their homes and retired to Derry, where they made their glorious stand. Cooped up within the walls of the devoted city were the Rev. John Campbell, vicar of Seago, and, no doubt, many of the parishioners. It is said that Major George Blacker and his son, William Blacker, were

among the besieged. The former, with other gentlemen, had been obliged by James II. to proceed to Derry with proposals for the surrender of the city; but when within the walls chose rather to remain and share the privations and the glory of the defence. In the infamous Act of Attainder, passed by James's Irish Parliament in 1689, were included "George Blacker junior, of Knockbridge, gent., Oliver St. John of Toneregee, Esq.," and "Henry Genny, Seago, Clerk." The last had been the former vicar, and although at the date of the Act, he was actually rector of Shankill (Lurgan), he still described as "of Seago," to the rectory which, indeed, he was afterwards collated in 1692.

In 1691, the record of the vestries held in the parish church of Seago is resumed, and it continued without interruption to the present time. The churchwardens of this year (1691) expended "seven shillings and tenpence glazing and pointing the East Window;" and the following vestry in 1692, a much larger sum was apportioned "for glazing of the church, and for further repairment of the church." The entries probably indicate the tumults of the preceding years.

ITEMS

A Yo-Yo competition will be held among pupils of Seago P.E. School during "p. time" on Monday, Oct. 3rd. Some of our young people are very clever at Yo-Yo.

The townlands mentioned in our last issue in the note on Ancient Parish Inns were not quite correct. The "Red Cow" was in Moyraverney and the "Rose and Crown" in Legacurry Legaghory, as it is sometimes spelt.

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 each 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 thankoffering. (See Book of Common Prayer.)

MORNING PRAYER—Sundays and Chief Festivals, 11-30 a.m.

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.

BIBLE CLASS FOR MEN in Edenderry on Sundays at 10 a.m.

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

MOTHERS' UNION—2nd Tuesday of each month at 7-30 p.m.

CHURCH LADS' BRIGADE in the Parochial Hall on Tuesdays and Fridays.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY in Seago School on Mondays at 8 p.m.

SEAGOE P.E. SCHOOL, 9-15 a.m. Principal—Mr. R. Scott.

MARRIAGES must be performed between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Licenses are issued by Rev Canon Hannigan, 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.

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