

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

OCTOBER, 1933.

CLERGY :

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

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

CHURCHWARDENS :

Rector's—Mr. James Twinem.

People's—Mr. Wm. White.

Harvest Thanksgiving.

The month of October is marked by many services of Harvest Thanksgiving. The central harvest Services take place in the Parish Church, but the outlying districts of a large parish such as Seagoe also like to have a Thanksgiving Service in their own part of the Parish. The Services are always largely attended and show a true spirit of thanksgiving. This year the Harvest has been a splendid one. The Lord of the Harvest has been very gracious. Day after day and almost month after month the sun has shone out with unusual light and warmth. The Harvest of the fields has been gathered in in perfect weather, and in many parts of our beautiful County of Armagh, which has been called "the garden of Ireland," the trees are laden with an abundant fruit crop. God is the Author of Nature as well as of Grace, and special thanks are due to Him for the beautiful summer and the abundant harvest. In all our Services the true keynote of Thanksgiving must be present.

The Services of Thanksgiving for the Blessing of Harvest will be held (D.V.) in the Parish Church on Thursday, Oct. 19th, at 8 p.m., and on Sunday, Oct. 22nd, at 11.30 a.m. and at 8 p.m. The special preacher on Thursday will be the Rev. C. J. M'Leod, Rector of Maralin, and on Sunday at Morning Prayer the Rev. R. W. White, M.A., Rector of Holy Trinity, Belfast, and at Evening Prayer the Rev. Precentor W. Hurst, M.A., Rector of Moira. The offerings at the Thursday Service will be on behalf of Foreign Missions, and on the Sunday on behalf of the Parochial Fund for the upkeep of the Church and its Services.

District Harvest Services.

The following is a suggested list of the Services, but it may be necessary to make some slight alteration in the dates:—

Levaghery—Sunday, Oct. 1st, at 3.30.

" Monday, Oct. 2nd, at 8.

Drumgor—Sunday, Oct. 8th, at 3.30.

" Monday, Oct. 9th, at 8.

Carne—Sunday, Oct. 15th, at 3.30.

" Monday, Oct. 16th, at 8.

Bocombra—Sunday, Oct. 29th, at 3.30.

" Monday, Oct. 30th.

Edenderry—Sunday, Nov. 5th, at 3.30.

" Monday, Nov. 6th, at 8.

The offerings at the above Services will, on the Sundays, be given to the local Sunday School Fund and on the Mondays to Foreign Missions.

A Special Service for the children attending Seagoe Afternoon Sunday School will be held in the Parish Church on the afternoon of Sunday, Oct. 22nd, at 3.30.

Hacknahay Harvest Service.

A Harvest Thanksgiving Service was held in Hacknahay School on Sunday, Sept. 24th, at 3.30. There was a very large gathering which filled the Schoolroom. The preacher was the Rev. W. F. Hayes, and Mr. T. H. Wilson, organist of Seagoe, presided at the harmonium. The Service was very hearty and devotional. The room was prettily decorated with fruit and flowers. On Monday evening, Sept. 25th, the Services were continued and there was again a large number present. The Rev. Treasurer Orr, LL.D., Rector of Gilford, preached and made an appeal on behalf of the great cause of Foreign Missions.

Seagoe Mothers' Union.

A very enjoyable evening was spent by the members of the Mothers' Union in Seagoe School on Tuesday, Sept. 12th. It took the form of a musical evening. There was a very large attendance. Vocal items were contributed by Miss Tweedie, Miss T. Wilson, Miss Geddes, Mr. George Hyde and Mr. Leake. Miss T. Wilson played the piano accompaniments. There was great variety in the programme and every item was good. The Rev. W. F. Hayes presided and at the close thanked the performers on behalf of the members. Mrs. Twinem, President of the branch, also spoke. A vote of sympathy was passed to the Hon. Sec., Mrs. J. R. Reid, on the death of her mother, who passed away recently after a long-continued illness. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 10th, in Seagoe School at 7.30 p.m.

Improvements at Seagoe.

Much needed improvements are being carried out by the Rural Council at Seagoe. New and substantial pathways have been constructed along Seagoe Road. The old pathways were full of holes and almost impassable in wet weather. Electric cables are also being laid along Seagoe Road.

A Synod Meeting.

We would wish to call the attention of our readers to an important meeting to be held in the Wellington Hall, Belfast, at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 7th. The general subject for consideration is "The Social Witness of the Church." The Lord Bishop will preside, and the following speakers have been invited:—Rev. Bolton C. Waler, M.A., of Holy Trinity, Rathmines, on "Betting and Gambling," Miss E. C. Knight-Bruce, of Chapel Court, Kenn, on "Unemployment and the New Age," and the Lord Bishop of Derry. This meeting should equal in interest and importance any of the great gatherings held on Synod Night in recent years. Please note the date, and remember that to secure a seat it is wise to go in good time.

Board of Education.

We wish to thank all those who sent subscriptions by envelope to the above object. The offertories, together with the subscriptions specially sent amounted to £5 11s 9d, which is a considerable improvement on the amount subscribed last year. The Board of Education deserves the hearty support of every member of the Church.

The Gymkhana.

The Gymkhana and Summer Fete was continued on a second day, Friday, Sept. 1st, at 6.30 p.m. Although the attendance was not as large as on the opening day a fair amount of business was done and the total receipts benefited to a sum of about £6. All the helpers are to be congratulated on the success of their efforts, which, as will be seen by the statement given below have been the means of raising a substantial sum towards the payment of the debt on the School due to the recent improvements.

Expenses:—Billposting 2s 6d; printing, 17s 6d; cleaning, 7s 6d; minerals, 10s 10d; flower tub, 3s; proceeds, £48 11s 3d.—£50 12s 7d. Receipts—Refreshment stall, £9 0s 2½d; cake stall, £7 15s 11d; work stall, £7 1s 5d; flower, fruit and vegetable stall, £4 4s 3d; novelty stall, £2 13s 8d; guessing competitions, £2 16s 6d; Games—Air gun, 11s 10d; skittles, 17s; darts, 15s; bull board, £1 4s 4d; quoits, 8s 1½d; bean bags, 19s 4½d; hoop-la, £2 8s 1½d; ring board, £1 12s 10d; bagatelle, 16s 6d; door, 18s 6d; tickets, £6 4s; subscription—Friend, 5s.—£50 12s 7d.

J. H. TWINEM, Hon. Sec.

The subscriptions collected by the stall-holders are included in the takings. The committee of the Mothers Union has very kindly given a further subscription of £5.

Alphabet Tea.

We have much pleasure in calling attention to "An Alphabet Tea," which is to be given in aid of the Ex-Servicemen's Fund. We reprint here the ticket which has been issued:—

"Ulster Division Patriotic Fund (to help Ex-Servicemen.) Alphabet Tea in Town Hall, Portadown, Tuesday, October 17th, 1933, 3 p.m.—7 p.m. Opening ceremony at Three o'clock. Admission 3d. Tea 1/-."

The New Plot.

A good deal of work has been done at the new plot beside the Church during the past month and it is now possible to get an idea of how the ground will be laid out. The main avenue has been cut and also the side walks. The next step will be to make the drains, which must be of considerable depth so as to keep the ground perfectly dry.

Parish Register for September Baptisms.

The following were Baptized in the Parish Church on September 2nd, 1933:—

M'Nulty—Douglas Henry, son of Robert Henry and Helen Violet M'Nulty, of Loughavagherey.

Sponsors—Sarah Anne Best, Helen Violet M'Nulty.

Marsden—Thomas David, son of David and Maria Marsden, of Drumnagoon.

Sponsors—Maude Lilburn, Maria Marsden.

M'Cormick—Yvonne Mona, daughter of Sammie and Anne Mona M'Cormick, of Upper Seagoe.

Sponsors—Gerald Moore Cole, Harriett Evelyn Perdue, Anne Mona M'Cormick.

Marriage.

Ingram and Forde—Sept. 27th, 1933, Thomas James Ingram, of Portadown, to Mary Evelyn Forde, of Edenderry.

Burials

Lyness—Sept. 3rd, Joseph Lyness, of Tamnifiglasson, aged 72.

Burrell—Sept. 10th, Ernest George Burrell, Lisniskey, aged 39.

M'Cormick—Sept. 12th, Eliza Jane M'Cormick of Lylo, aged 75.

Lyness—Sept. 19th, Ellen Lyness, of Drumnagone, aged 75. Interred at Lurgan Cemetery.

Hall—Sept. 24th, Florence Elizabeth Hall, of Tamnifiglasson, aged 7 weeks. Interred at Drumree.

Boyd—Sept. 25th, Anne Boyd, of Portadown, aged 37.

Welcome.

We welcome to the Parish the Rev. G. H. [unclear] and Mrs. Daunt, who have recently taken residence at Milestone Villa, Knockmena. We also welcome Mr. and Mrs. John Montgery, who have come to reside at Lyndale, in [unclear] Seagoe.

Seagoe C.L.B.

Two very successful socials were held last [unclear] by the C.L.B. to mark the opening of [unclear] session. On Tuesday, Sept. 19th, the Cadets [unclear] their social in the Parochial Hall. Tea was [unclear] and after tea the members joined in [unclear] dances. Musical items also formed part of the [unclear] programme. The junior members or Training [unclear] Corps held their social on Thursday, Sept. 21st, [unclear] the Parochial Hall. There was a large attendance. Tea, games, and musical items were [unclear] enjoyed to the utmost.

Recruiting Appeal.

We want a lot more of our lads to join the C.L.B. It is a splendid organisation for the [unclear] care of our younger Parishioners. It is [unclear] based on a Religious basis and provides healthy [unclear] interesting recreation for our growing lads. [unclear] those who wish to join us must do so before [unclear] 30th. The recruiting period is October and [unclear] November. After that no new members can [unclear] be admitted until next autumn. The age for the Cadets [unclear] is 14 to 21, and for the Training Corps 9 to 13. [unclear] An interesting programme has been arranged for [unclear] the Winter Session. The Training Corps meets [unclear] in the Parochial Hall on Tuesdays at 7.30 p.m., [unclear] and the Cadets on Fridays at 8 p.m.

Important.

Capt. Metcalf and Lieut. Mitchell, of our [unclear] Seagoe C.L.B. would be glad if they could get a [unclear] supply of illustrated and other papers for the [unclear] C.L.B. It is proposed to have a place for the [unclear] papers to read in in the Parochial Hall on their [unclear] next meeting. Papers may be left at Lieut. [unclear] Mitchell's house, "Bentra," Seafield, Upper [unclear] Seagoe. Will parishioners kindly remember [unclear] this?

Our Advertisements.

A highly respected parishioner in speaking of [unclear] the Seagoe Magazine once said that every month [unclear] when he got the Magazine he first of all read the [unclear] local matter, then the advertisements and the [unclear] centre of the Magazine. We would suggest to [unclear] many readers that they adopt the same plan [unclear] local matter, advertisements, centre matter. [unclear] Our advertisers are reliable and of high stand- [unclear] ing. When buying your goods from any firm [unclear] that you saw their advertisement in Seagoe [unclear] Parish Magazine.

The Magazine Cover.

Our careful readers will note that September, 1833, is the date on Mrs. Lutton's sampler and that September 8th was the anniversary of her death at the age of 100 years. Perhaps you will read once again the touching lines on "Heavenly Wisdom" which as a little child in Seagoe School she stitched with such care 100 years ago.

Our Losses.

The long list of Burial notices this month in our Parish Register shows how busy Death has been in the Parish. Ernest George Burrell, of Lisniskey, passed away somewhat suddenly after a life of weakness. He found pleasure, notwithstanding his weakness, in music and could sing some of our favourite hymns. The death of Mrs. Eliza Jane M'Cormick, of Lylo, removes from our midst one who was well known and much respected. She passed away after some weary months of suffering, upheld by a strong faith and hope. Mrs. Ellen Lyness, of Drumgor, bore her long illness with great patience and submission to the Divine Will. The death of little Florence Hall came in her earliest infancy. Jesus has called a little child to Him. Annie Boyd was known to many amongst us. She bore her long and trying illness with great courage and fortitude. The death of Joseph Lyness came with startling suddenness after a very brief illness. To the many bereaved in our midst we offer our deep sympathy. The presence of Death reminds us that this is not our home. The sad partings should turn our thoughts to the glorious re-union hereafter.

Old Seagoe Notes.

Lieut.-Col. William Blacker's account of Seagoe in 1816.—[The following interesting account of Seagoe in 1816 has been copied out and sent to us by Mr. R. K. Dunlop, B.A., of Blackrock, Co. Dublin.]:—

A Statistical Account or Parochial Survey of Ireland, drawn up from the communications of the clergy by William Shaw Mason, Esq., M.R.I.A., Volume II. Printed at the Hibernia Press Office, Dublin, 1816.

"Page 520, et seq. Parish of Seagoe (County of Armagh). By Lieut.-Colonel Blacker, of the Armagh Militia. Extracts from above:—

"The Parish of Seagoe derives its appellation from the family name of Smith (in the Irish tongue "Gabha," or as it is pronounced Gabhwa or Gawa), whence the name of Sea-gabh was softened or corrupted in Seagoe, signifying literally the "Seat of the Smiths." It extends along the great river Bann for about four miles and a half. On the north it is bounded by the small parish of Mointaghs, formerly a part of itself; on the east lies the parish of Shankill, and to the south and south-east is the parish of Tullylish, in the County of Down. The fantastic windings of its boundaries almost defy mathematical skill to reduce them to any regular figure. It is divided into three manorial districts, viz., Carrowbrack, Kerdnan and Derry, or, as it is called from the proprietor, Brownlows Derry. These manors are again sub-divided into ballyboes or townlands. Drumelagher or the stoney Back is the alarm post of the yeomanry of the Parish, having a flag staff erected on its summit on which a standard can be hoisted to call them together in case of emergency.

"The climate we must pronounce good, although it has been ascertained of late years by medical men that during winter months there arises from the marshy and flooded grounds adjoining the Bann, a damp exhalation, highly pre-

judicial in pulmonary cases. Many respected individuals have fallen victims to this fatal ailment; while it must be acknowledged on the other hand, that numbers have arrived at a very advanced age, within the full range of its noxious influence.

"There are no woods in the parish. On the demesne of Carrick there are some very fine oaks which have braved the storms for upwards of 120 years, and also some well-grown beech and ash. Mr. William Robinson and Mr. W. W. Atkinson have laid out some young plantations with considerable taste, though not on an extensive scale; they appear to be thriving and are taken good care of.

"A new church is in progress, the old one having been found too small.

"There is no town in the parish, though from the rapid increase of buildings on the Seagoe side of Portadown bridge, that town may shortly be said to extend into it.

"The old bridge having been swept away in the year 1754, and it being difficult to get a proper foundation in the old channel of the river Bann, a new one was cut parallel to it, the present bridge built and the water turned into the present channel. It consists of seven large arches, turned with cut stone.

"Carrick, the seat of Dean Blacker, still retains many of those fantastic appendages which pleased the eyes of our forefathers, however unnecessary or ridiculous they appear to the eyes of the present day."

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.

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

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

CLASSES, &c.

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

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 at 7-30 p.m.

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

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

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