

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

OCTOBER, 1934.

CLERGY :

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

Rev. W. F. Hayes, B.A., The Bungalow, Lower Seagoe, Portadown.

CHURCHWARDENS :

Rector's—Mr. John Harrison Twinem.

People's—Mr. Robert M'Clements.

Harvest Thanksgiving Service.

The Annual Services of Thanksgiving or the Blessings of Harvest will (D.V.) be held in the Parish Church on Thursday, October 18th, at 8 p.m., and on the following Sunday, October 21st, at 8 a.m., 11.30 a.m., and 7 p.m. The choir has been busily engaged for some time past practising the special music to be sung at the services. The Rev. Canon Moore, M.A., Rector of St. Donard's, Belfast, will preach at the service on Thursday, and the offerings will be given to Foreign Missions. On Sunday the Harvest services will begin with a celebration of Holy Communion at 8 a.m. Holy Communion is the great Thanksgiving Service of the Church, and attendance at it has been enjoined by the express command of our Lord Himself when he said "This do in remembrance of Me." We hope to see at this service many of those who have been recently confirmed. They will recall the solemn words of the Prayer used by the Bishop at the Laying on of Hands, "Defend, O Lord, this Thy child with Thy Heavenly Grace that he may continue Thine for ever and daily increase in Thy Holy Spirit more and more until he come unto Thy Everlasting Kingdom." At the 11.30 a.m. Service the preacher will be the Rev. Canon Marks, B.D., Rector of Ballymore (Tandragee), and at Evening Prayer—7 p.m.—the Rev. J. I. Lea, M.A., the newly appointed Rector of Mullavilly, will preach. Mr. Lea was for many years a Missionary in India and is at present residing near Hacknahay. We welcome him to this neighbourhood and to Seagoe. The offerings on Sunday will be on behalf of the Parochial Fund for the upkeep of the Church and its services.

Children's Harvest Service.

Mr. William Hutchinson, our capable and energetic Superintendent of Drumgor Sunday School, has arranged for a special Children's Harvest Service for the children attending the school. It will be held at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 14th, in Drumgor Church Hall prior to the usual Harvest Service at 3.30 p.m. The ser-

vice will be conducted by the Drumgor children themselves. Every Sunday for a few minutes before the Sunday School begins the children with their teachers practice chorus and hymn singing.

District Harvest Services.

The following are the dates and places arranged for the District Harvest Services:—

Carne—Sunday, Oct. 7, at 3.30.

„ Monday, October, 8th, at 8.

Drumgor—Sunday, Oct. 14th, at 3.30.

„ Monday, Oct. 15th, at 8.

Levaghery—Sunday, Oct. 28th, at 3.30.

„ Monday, Oct. 29th, at 8.

Edenderry—Sunday, Nov. 4th, at 3.30.

„ Monday, Nov. 5th, at 8.

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

Harvest at Bocombra.

On Sunday, Sept. 23rd, a Harvest Service was held in the new Hall at Bocombra at 3.30. The Hall was crowded, and the service was very hearty and devotional. The Rector preached and was assisted in the service by the Rev. W. F. Hayes and by the Rev. J. B. Sandford, B.A., Curate of Ballinderry, who had been ordained that morning in Belfast Cathedral by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese. Miss Hilda Walker presided at the harmonium. On the following Monday evening the services were continued. The Rev. Forde Patterson, Curate of St. Mark's, preached, and the offerings were on behalf of Foreign Missions. The Hall was very prettily decorated with fruits and flowers.

Harvest Servies at Hacknahay.

Hacknahay held its Harvest Services on Sunday, September 30th, at 3.30, and on the following Monday at 8. The room was crowded and the decorations were very pretty. Fruit and flowers, especially roses, were in plentiful supply. The Rector preached, and Mr. T. H. Wilson, organist of Seagoe, arranged the musical part of the service. A large choir led the singing. A very helpful feature of the service was the hearty way in which those present answered the Responses. On Monday evening there was again a large gathering. The Rector and the Rev. W. F. Hayes said the prayers. The Rev. J. I. Lea, M.A., Rector of Mullavilly, gave a stirring address on his experiences as a Missionary in India. His text was "Be ye thankful." The offerings were on behalf of Foreign Missions.

Seagoe Mothers' Union.

The next meeting of the Mothers' Union will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 9th, in Seagoe School, at 7.30 p.m. It will take the form of a "Musical Night," and a very interesting programme has been arranged. Tea will be provided. A charge of Sixpence per head will be made for admission, and the proceeds will go towards the Christmas Coal Fund, which gives gifts of coal to needy and deserving families throughout the Parish.

Congratulations.

We heartily congratulate the Rev. W. G. Kerr, M.A., Senior Curate of St. Mark's; on his appointment to the Parish of Mullaghbrack. Mr. Kerr has on many occasions preached and spoken in Seagoe Parish, and his visits were always very welcome. He has succeeded the Rev. H. F. O. Egerton, who has been appointed to a Parish in the Co. Louth, where the work is less exacting. We are glad to know that Mr. Egerton has regained his former health after his recent severe illness. We also offer our hearty congratulations to the Rev. J. G. Sandford on his Ordination. Mr. Sandford has given us much useful help in Seagoe Parish. He has been appointed Curate of Ballinderry, in the County Antrim.

The Bishop's Resignation.

The Right Rev. C. T. P. Grierson, D.D., Lord Bishop of Down and Connor and Dromore has signified his intention of resigning the Bishopric, which he has held for fifteen years. The Bishop was for many years Rector of Seapatrik (Banbridge). He went from there to the Deanery of Belfast, and in 1919 he succeeded Bishop D'Arcy as Bishop of Down. His recent visits to Seagoe last June for the Confirmation and for the Consecration of the addition to the Churchyard brought him once again into touch with the Parish. His impressive addresses to the Confirmation candidates will be remembered. His departure from the Diocese is much regretted and we trust that the rest from the arduous duties of the Diocese will help to restore his health.

The New Burial Plot.

At a meeting of the Select Vestry held on Tuesday, October 2nd, the charges for Burial Plots in the newly consecrated Burial ground beside the Church were agreed on. The number of plots available is 416. For these the charges

agreed on are—80 at £1 each, 110 at £2 10s 110 at £3, and 116 at £4. The charges vary according to the position of the plots. Those who wish to secure plots should do so without delay. Application should be made to Mr. Moses Gilpin Hon. Sec., Drumnagoon, Portadown. A large and carefully executed map of the ground has been made, with each plot marked and numbered. The ground has been thoroughly drained with drains 7 feet deep, and is protected by substantial and handsome boundary walls.

Presentations.

On Thursday, Sept. 27th, a large gathering assembled in Carne Church Hall at 7.30. A splendid tea was provided, the kind gift of the people of the district. The occasion was a social gathering of the Sunday School Teachers and children and friends to express their congratulations to two of our Carne workers who have recently been married. After tea, games were enjoyed, and then at a break in the programme the real business of the evening began. Two happy couples occupied chairs near the platform. In a short speech the Rector explained the object of the gathering and said that the present felt that they could not allow Mr. Sloane, formerly Miss Cissy Price, to leave the district on her marriage without presenting her with a token of their affectionate esteem for her part in all Parish work. For many years she had taught a Sunday School class in Carne and was always ready to help in every way. The Rector then presented Mr. and Mrs. Sloane with a handsome clock, and in doing so wished them all success and happiness. Mrs. Sloane, in reply, thanked all present for their kind gift and expressed her regret at leaving the Parish. Mr. Sloane also expressed his thanks for the welcome they had given him. The Rector then presented to Mr. and Mrs. Harland (formerly Miss Carr Guy) a handsome side-table as a gift from Mr. Lavery's Sunday School class, of which Mr. Harland was a very faithful member. Mr. and Mrs. Harland then thanked the members of the class for their kind gift. The Rev. W. F. Hay spoke of the loss sustained by Carne Sunday School in the departure of Mrs. Sloane and Mrs. Harland, but congratulated them on their marriage and wished them prosperity and blessing in their new life. Mr. George Wilson, Superintendent of Carne Sunday School also expressed his good wishes for the future happiness of their guests. Games and songs and recitations were then enjoyed until the close of the evening.

Parish Register for September.**Baptisms.**

The following were Baptized in Seagoe Parish Church on Sept. 1st, 1934:—

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

Sponsors—Anne Jane Magee, Emma Elizabeth Magee.

Liggett—Susan Glenda, daughter of James Alexander and Elizabeth Liggett, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Susanna Liggett, Elizabeth Liggett.

Clure—Maureen Victoria, daughter of Herbert and Mary Jane M'Clure, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Susanna Liggett, Mary Jane M'Clure.

Marriage.

Wright and Brown—Sept. 26th, 1934, Archibald Foster Wright, of Portadown, to Elizabeth Myrtle Pearl Brown, of Edenderry.

Twenty-five Years Ago.**SEPTEMBER, 1909.**

This issue of the Magazine for September, 1909, contains an account of the Fete at Hackahay. The Toy Stall, in charge of Miss Dickson, was a great success. Mr. James Killow acted as phrenologist. His character reading was very cleverly done. Mr. John England had charge of the Aunt Sally. Miss Fowler, of Portadown, won the Gold Watch. Miss Georgie Atkinson gave her kind assistance at the Branlip. Master Norman Robb brought his pony and gave rides round the grounds. The sale realised £80 12s 1d. Ten Baptisms, two Marriages and Three Burials are recorded.

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In this copy it was announced that Seagoe Parish had raised £300 for the Auxiliary Fund. Seven Baptisms, three Marriages and two Burials are recorded. Mr. James M'Kenzie gave a Lecture in the Parochial Hall on "Life in the Far West of Canada." His descriptions of Prairie Church Life were both interesting and amusing. The scheme for the purchase of Seagoe Rectory was launched by the Select Vestry. Congratulations are offered to Colonel and Mrs. Blacker on the birth of their second son. Mr. Leonard Twinem, of Lylo records the departure of the last swallow on September 23rd. An extraordinary spell of fine weather is noted.

Old Seagoe Notes.

Old Maps of Seagoe.—The oldest map of Seagoe is found in what is known as the "Map of the

Forfeited Lands in the Barony of O'Nealand in Armagh County." It was published early in the 17th century and the original is now in the Bibliotheque Nationale in Paris. The maps, while being sent to Ireland by sea, were captured by a French Privateer and found their ultimate resting-place in the great Library at Paris, where they still remain. The map is very clear but contains only a brief outline of each Parish. The only two Townlands from this Parish which are marked on it are Lower Seagoe (written "Seggo") and Kilvergan, written Killvergan. The old Church is marked on it. A large section of land north of Lower Seagoe is marked "Unprofitable," and a section north of Kilvergan is marked "Bogg." The scale of the map is 320 perches to an inch. The next oldest map is Roque's Map of Seagoe, made by the Frenchman Roque, who was brought over to Ireland by then then Archbishop of Armagh to make a map of the County Armagh. The map of Seagoe Parish contains the outline of the roads, townlands and houses, but is not very correct. It was made about 1760. The first scientific map of Seagoe is seen in the first Ordnance Survey map dated 1834. It is quite correct and contains many interesting features. The actual fields are not marked but the roads and townland boundaries and also the houses are distinctly marked. The next Ordnance Survey map is dated 1857. It is the first map on which the newly-made railway is marked. It contains the boundaries of all the fields in the Parish, also the Townlands and houses. More recent Ordnance Survey maps are only a copy or enlargement of this map. An examination of these maps reveals how many changes have taken place in the buildings, farms and roads of the Parish in the course of a century.

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"Bench-Marks" in Seagoe Parish.—"Bench-marks" are to be found in every Parish and are always interesting. Their origin is somewhat obscure, but the Broad Arrow on which they are based is supposed to have formed part of the Coat of Arms of a French nobleman in the 17th century. The Bench-Mark is the Broad Arrow surmounted by a horizontal line. The line indicates the exact level above the sea at low tide. The Bench-Mark most readily seen is low down on the stone work to the left of the door of Seagoe Church. It was placed there in 1833 and indicates that the line is 127.6 feet above Low Water mark. There are also Bench-Marks in the graveyard boundary wall in the Grove Field and also on the stonework at the door of Seagoe Rectory.

Regret.

We greatly regret to hear that Miss Minnie Graham, formerly of Railway Street, Edenderry, passed away after a brief illness at her home in the States on January 22nd of this year. Miss Graham was a devoted friend of Seagoe and enjoyed the Magazine, which she received each month. On several occasions she sent kind subscriptions to her old Parish. She was most highly valued by the family for whom she worked and had been in the same situation for many years. She was greatly attached to the Episcopal Church of America in the Parish where she lived, and frequently sent copies of their Parish Magazine to the Rector of her old Parish.

ITEMS.

Our advertisement columns are very interesting and should be read by all who get the Magazine.

We regret that Mr. Vennard, the caretaker of the Parochial Hall, is retiring. He was a most efficient caretaker and we will miss him badly.

Apples are so plentiful this year that they are almost unsaleable.

Miss Jean Finney, a pupil of Seagoe P. E. School, has won a Scholarship in Lurgan College.

Mrs. Nesbitt, an old subscriber to the Magazine has left Toowong, Brisbane, and is now residing at 41 Grove St. Albion, Brisbane.

Captain J. J. Dobson, a former Lay Reader in Seagoe, is now Secretary of the British Legion of Ex-service men in Nairobi, East Africa. He is very energetic and popular amongst the men. The Bishop of Mombasa, who resides at Nairobi expressed his high opinion of Captain Dobson during his recent visit to Northern Ireland.

A meeting in connection with the G.F.S. will be held in Seagoe School on Monday, Oct. 22nd at 8 p.m.

The recent storm caused slight damage to some of the newly-erected electric wires in Seagoe.

We ask all who have sets of envelopes kindly bring them in punctually. It is a great help to the Church and Parish.

Colonel Blacker, accompanied by his daughter Mrs. Thring, paid a visit to the Parish last week. He is looking well and strong and while here visited many of his old friends in the Parish.

SERVICES—The PARISH CHURCH

HOY 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—Wedne days 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 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.

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