

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

SEPTEMBER, 1906.

Seagoe Parochial Mission.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 22nd, to MONDAY, OCT. 1st.

REV. W. BRYAN-BROWN, M.A., MISSION PREACHER

CLERGY :

RECTOR—REV. JAMES E. ARCHER, B.D.,
The Rectory, Seagoe.

CURATE—REV. JOHN TAYLOR, B.A.,
Seagoe Villa.

N.B.—The Clergy will feel greatly obliged if the Parishioners will notify to them any cases of illness at the earliest possible moment.

Churchwardens :

MR. ATKINSON COSTELLO, Carne.
MR. T. E. MAGINNIS, Ballydonaghy.

Select Vestry :

ALBIN, MR. JAMES	MONTGOMERY, MR. J.
ATKINSON, MR. W. R.	MONTGOMERY, MR. T. J.
COSTELLO, MR. ANDREW	MURRAY, MR. J.
GRACEY, MR. ROBERT	M'DOWELL, MR. WM. J.
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ATKINSON, MR. W. R.,	Secretary and Treasurer.

The Mission.



THE time for the Mission approaches, and it behoves each one of us to do all we can to make it a great and lasting success. The Missioner—Rev. W. Bryan-Brown—is a most experienced clergyman. He has conducted Missions in all parts of the United Kingdom, and with deep spiritual advantage to all the Parishes he has visited. He comes to Seagoe on Saturday,

September 22nd, to begin the Mission here. It will be a great spiritual opportunity. Will you, reader, take advantage of it. Let every one who reads these words determine to bring another with them to the Mission. There will be special services during the Mission for the railway employees, also for the children of the Parish, and for young men. A mothers' meeting has also been arranged, and we hope by these special gatherings to reach all classes in the Parish. Those who have vehicles can help us by bringing into the Mission Services those who thro' age or infirmity, could not walk to the Church. Just a word in conclusion—If we enter upon this Mission in a spirit of prayer and expectation, longing for more of God's Divine Spirit, and seeking for a fuller realization of the Presence of Christ, the blessing is sure to come, and the Mission of 1906 will, under God's Providence be a grand success. Let our motto be: "Jesus, of Nazareth passeth by." Hymn books for the Mission may be had at Mrs. Malcomson's, Bridge Street. Music 2/-; words 3d.

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OFFERTORIES FOR AUGUST.

	Morning	Evening
Aug. 5th—8th Sun. af. Trinity	£1 4 4	
„12th—9th Sun. af. Trinity	0 8 2	£0 12 0
„ 19th—10th Sun. af. Trinity	0 1 9½	
„ 26th—11th Sun. af. Trinity	1 2 7	0 11 2
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* * * Baptisms.

“One Lord, one faith, one baptism.”

Aug. 4th—Margaret, daughter of David and Jane Webb, Lylo.
 „ „ Floribel, daughter of George Edward and Minnie Best, Edenderry.
 „ „ Henry, son of Richard and Ellen Jane Maxwell, Edenderry.

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- Aug. 4th—Harold Geoffrey, son of Albert and Susan Best, Edenderry.
 Aug. 14th—Aubrey, son of Joseph and Emily M'Crory, Edenderry.
 „ 21st—John, son of Joseph and Margaret Johnston, Edenderry.
 „ 26th—Letitia, daughter of James and Margaret M'Grattan, Knock.

Marriages.

- “Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder.”
 Aug. 4th—William Henry M'Cann, Killycomain, to Phoebe Matthews, Edenderry.
 „ 8th—William Edward M'Cann, Killycomain, to Elizabeth Graham, Portadown.
 „ 19th—John Walker, Derryadd, to Letitia Atkinson, Drumnagoon.

Burials.

- “Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord.”
 Aug. 15th—Harrison Magee, Edenderry, aged 8 months.
 „ 24th—Jane Brown, Ballinacor, aged 70 years.
 „ 27th—Richard Livingston, 26 Hanover Street.

Church Attendance Cards.

Carne—Attended every Sunday—Susan Caddell. The following have attended very well—
 Seagoe—Maggie Fryar, Minnie Watson, Maria Watson.
 Levaghery --Mabel Holland, Clara Holland, Maggie Lewie.

Carne—Herbert Murray, Adelaide Murray.

These returns of Church attendance are for the quarter ending June 30th. A large number of the cards have not yet been handed in to the superintendents. They should be sent in without delay. At the close of the year the records of Church attendance will be considered in awarding the Sunday School prizes, so it is very important that the Church Attendance Cards should be marked each Sunday, and handed in by each child to the Superintendent at the end of each quarter. The next quarter ends on the last Sunday of September.

Sunday School Attendance.

We are glad to say that the number of children on the rolls of our various Sunday Schools has increased largely, especially the morning school in Seagoe, which has now a total of 234. The number, however, of those who attend regularly is not at all what it ought to be. We again appeal to the parents to see that the children attend every Sunday both morning and afternoon. It is only in this way that our Sunday Schools will become efficient. A golden rule is—Do not allow a child to stay at home one Sunday, for if you do it will want to stay at home the next.

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Edenderry Infant School.

We are glad to note the success of our new venture in opening the Wooden Hall as an afternoon Infant Sunday School. There were 67 infants present last Sunday who were carefully taught by Miss Connor and the Misses Montgomery. New picture tablets have been purchased for the School, and every effort will be made to make it a place where the little children will learn to know and love Jesus Christ—the children's Saviour. Parents, send your little ones to the Wooden Hall.

We are much in need of a superintendent for Levaghery Sunday School. Who will offer?

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Major S. Blacker.

We offer a hearty welcome to Major and Mrs Blacker on their coming to reside at Carrickblacker. The people of Seagoe Parish have a warm regard for the members of the Blacker family who have for so long a period, extending over some centuries, been associated with Seagoe. We wish Major and Mrs Blacker much happiness and prosperity in their new home.

Trade Preparatory School.

Efforts are being made to start a Trade Preparatory School in Portadown, and a most liberal grant of £400 has been offered by the Technical Government Department. The School is intended for boys who are leaving the national schools, and for the small sum of thirty shillings they can receive for one year the best possible instruction in any trade they determine to follow. Parents should see to it that their boys take advantage of this fine opportunity. Full particulars from Dr. Woollatt at the Technical Institute, Portadown. Application should be made at once.

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Our Advertisements.

We direct attention once again to our advertisements. Readers will notice a new advertisement kindly inserted by the proprietors of the Anchor Cafe. We can heartily recommend the Cafe as an excellent place for cheap and good dinners. Those who work in the town should think twice before rushing home for dinner. At the Anchor they can get a splendid dinner without hurry or the risk of indigestion.

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Vestry Meeting.

At the meeting of Select Vestry held last week the contract for the new gas fittings in the Church was given to Mr. Kerr, of Castle Street. The designs for the coronas are very pretty, and will be suspended from the roof of the Church. We hope that the new lights will be ready for use during the forthcoming Mission.

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Mission Helpers' Meeting.

A most successful meeting of mission helpers was held in Seagoe School on Monday evening, August 27th. Mr. J. H. Stevenson kindly consented to act as secretary of the mission. The Parish has been divided into districts, and tracts relating to the mission will be distributed in every house. Those who were present at the meeting willingly volunteered to undertake this part of the work. It has been arranged that Captain Gaskell and Lieutenant Simmons will come back in order to visit and hold prayer meetings in various parts of the parish as a means of preparation for the Mission. The tract for circulation this week has for its title "What is a Mission." We hope that all those who receive these tracts will read them carefully and endeavour to lay to heart their lessons. Everyone at the meeting seemed to be enthusiastic and to realise the importance of the work in which they are about to engage. We wish them every success in their endeavours and we hope that every household in the parish will give them a warm welcome when they call.

The Bazaar.

We hope our people are not forgetting the forthcoming Bazaar to be held in November. Every effort should be put forth to make it a success considering it is for such a desirable object as installing gas in the Parish Church. As to the necessity of this there is not a dissentient voice, and undoubtedly our evening congregations have suffered in the winter time owing to the poor light. We hope the ladies are working hard at useful articles for the sale, and that the collectors are leaving no stone unturned to have their cards well filled. If you have not got a collecting card ask Mr. Atkinson for one and get all your friends and relatives to help you. It is not necessary to confine yourself to those living in the Parish. Collect from all your friends far and near.

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Visit of the Archdeacon of Dromore.

On Monday, August 27th, the Ven. Archdeacon Atkinson, who is Rural Dean for this district, paid a visit to the Parish Church. The clergy and the churchwardens met him on his arrival. He inspected the Church, the Church plate, and Church books. He expressed himself greatly pleased with the way in which matters are progressing in the Parish and with the good order of everything in the Church. He made a special note of the communion silver, the oldest piece of which dates from 1699, and is still in use at celebrations.

G.F.S. Excursion.

We omitted to record in our last issue a note of the very pleasant G.F.S. excursion to Loughgall. There were four brakes filled with the members who had attended the meetings during the winter and the pleasure of the day's outing was greatly increased by the fact that we had with us that good friend of the Seagoe girls, Miss Dawson. The weather was splendid and when the beautiful demesne was reached games were played until tea-time. Tea was served under the pleasant shade of the trees, and after full justice had been done to the good things provided, a start was made for home. The greatest credit is due to Miss G. Atkinson for her efforts in connection with the excursion, and which contributed so much to its success.

Excursion.

The excursion to Dublin took place last Thursday in splendid weather, and was most successful, but we must defer a fuller notice of it to our next issue.

Items.

We congratulate Mr George Calvert on the prosperous condition of Hacknahay Sunday School. A few Sundays ago the attendance was the largest on record.

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The congregations lately have been unusually large, very few pews in the Church being unoccupied. This state of things is very gratifying, and we earnestly hope it will continue.

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It is hoped that the regular worshippers will attend every night of the Mission, which is only for ten days, and also that they will strive to persuade those to come with them who do not attend the House of God. We especially desire to see the young men, many of whom are not so regular as they might be.

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The regular choir practices will be held on Monday evening instead of Wednesday till after the Mission. As the harvest music has to be taken in hand we hope there will be a large attendance of the members.

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There will be a special practice of the mission hymns on Wednesday evenings at 8 o'clock in Seagoe school, and we invite all who can to come so that all may be familiar with the hymns before the mission commences.

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Especially would we invite all who wish to see the mission a success to come to the prayer meeting in Seagoe school on the Wednesday evenings 7-30. Please do not wait to be asked, but come and seek God's blessing on our forthcoming efforts.

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Notes on Old Seagoe.

The correct interpretation of the letters S.B. R.O. on the stone in the Church porch is "Stewart Blacker, Richard Olpherts," the names respectively of the Rector and Curate of Seagoe Parish in the year 1814, when the present Church was erected. We find that the letters are not the initials of the churchwardens as was suggested in our last issue.

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Portions of the communion plate at present in use at the Parish Church date from as far back as the year 1699. Two solid silver chalices used at early celebrations date from 1769 and 1791, and were presented for the use of the Parish by the Rev. Richd Buckby, vicar of Seagoe in the latter portion of the 18th century.

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The Parish of Ardmore, or the Muntiaghs originally formed part of the Parish of Seagoe, but was constituted into a separate curacy-in-charge about 1760.

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Archdeacon Saurin was vicar and rector of Seagoe for the long space of 53 years. Before his appointment as vicar of Seagoe he was for a few months in charge of the Muntiaghs.

The font in the Parish Church is an object of great antiquity and interest. The Rev. Canon Lett, who is a distinguished authority on antiquities, during a recent visit to the Church, asserted that the curious marks on the side of the font were made by sharpening arrow heads. This brings us back to a period anterior to the introduction of gunpowder and guns, when bows and arrows were the only weapons of defence.

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