

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

SEPTEMBER, 1907.



HE Rector has appointed Mr. W. R. Crichton, B.A., to the Curacy of Seagoe. Mr. Crichton is a graduate of Dublin University and has passed through the Divinity School with distinction. He is a son of the Rev.

J. Crichton, Rector of Ballyjamesduff, Co. Cavan, one of the most respected of the Clergy in the Diocese of Kilmore. Mr. Crichton comes to us with the very highest testimonials of Christian character and attainments, and we believe that his work in the Parish will be much blessed of God.

The appointment, must of course, receive the approval of the new Bishop, but we hope that Mr. Crichton will be admitted to Holy Orders at the Ordination to be held on September 22nd. We ask the prayers of the Parishioners for him who is coming into our midst as an Ambassador of Christ, and we can assure Mr. Crichton that a hearty welcome awaits him from the people of Seagoe.

THE RECENT BAZAAR.

We publish this month a full statement of the Receipts and Expenditure in connection with the recent Bazaar. It is interesting reading, and we think the Parish is to be congratulated on the fact that the substantial sum of £226 has been raised. The Parish is now free of debt, and our Hon. Treasurer, Mr. W. R. Atkinson, has with the consent of the Vestry, paid the Bill for the Gas Installation in Church and School, and has also paid off the Balance against the Parochial Hall. It will be noticed that the Card Collections were very successful and we cannot refrain from expressing the thanks of the Parish to Miss Armstrong, who raised the splendid sum of £65 more than a fourth of the total receipts. If any of the Parishioners have not yet handed in their Cards will they please do so without delay so that the Accounts may be finally closed.

TEACHER'S PRIZE.

The Teacher's Prize for this month has been awarded to Miss Agnes Guy, who sent in a very good Set of Answers to the Questions. Miss Armstrong's paper is again the best sent in, but is ineligible for a Prize.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE CARDS.

SECOND QUARTER.

We print below the names of those who have made specially good attendance at the Parish Church during the three months ending June 30th.

We think the results are very satisfactory. We ask parents to look through the list for the names of their Children:—

Edenderry,

ATTENDED EVERY SERVICE.—Boys—Charles Montgomery, Alfred Richardson.

Girls—Lily Magee, Bella Magee, Maggie Magee, Maggie Hawthorne, Ethel Preston, Jemima Allen, Annie Smith, Maggie Allen, Nellie Dawson.
2 Boys—9 Girls.

MISSED ONE SERVICE—John Dawson, Louie Montgomery, Minnie Atkinson, Alice Hawthorne.

MISSED TWO SERVICES—Edward Richardson, David Livingston, David Fraser, Rachel Flannigan, Maria Magee, Sarah Dawson, Maggie Martin, Maggie Smith, Minnie Allen, Charlotte Green, Gertie Richardson.

Seagoe.

ATTENDED EVERY SERVICE—Boys—John Porter, Victor Walker, Thomas England.

Girls—Maude Dickson, Jeannie England.

MISSED ONE SERVICE—George Wilson.

VERY REGULAR ATTENDANCE—James D. England, William J. Webb, Theresa Ramsey, Mary Jane Webb, Ellen England, Annie White, Eliza J. McCormick, Mary England, Jane A. Webb.

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ATTENDED EVERY SERVICE—Bertram Holland, Maggie Lewie, Minnie Lewie.

VERY REGULAR ATTENDANCE—Sarah Montgomery, Clara Holland, Emily Davison.

Looking over this list of names we find that 19 of our Sunday School Pupils attended every service in the Church during the Quarter ending June 30th.

EXCURSION.

The members of the G.F.S. had a most enjoyable afternoon at Maghery on Saturday, August 17th. The weather was splendid and there was a good turnout of members. Tea was partaken of at the Hotel, and a pleasant ramble through the meadows and along the shore of the lake, filled up the afternoon. The Rev. J. E. Archer accompanied the excursion. Miss Georgie Atkinson, the popular G.F.S. Secretary, made all the arrangements most satisfactorily.

REV. W. BRYAN-BROWN.

The Rev. W. Bryan-Brown, our Missioner of last year, has arranged to pay a short return visit to the Parish. He will hold special services in the Parish Church on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, September 11th and 12th. The Service each evening will be at 8 o'clock, preceded by a short meeting for workers at 7-30 in Seagoe School. Mr. Brown will attend at the Day School on both mornings, and we know the children will be glad to welcome their old friend. We wonder will they remember the verse taught them by Mr. Brown last year.

Special Afternoon Services will also be held. (See Handbills).

SEAGOE SUNDAY SCHOOL FETE.

SALE OF WORK, 6th JUNE, 1907.

RECEIPTS.

COLLECTING CARDS—	£	s	d
Miss Armstrong ...	55	0	0
The Misses Dawson ...	8	14	0
Miss Calvert ...	8	10	0
Mrs Watson Walker ...	6	18	0
Mrs Robert Hadden ...	5	17	6
Mrs Ruck ...	4	6	0
Miss Twinem, (Lylo)...	3	1	0
Rev. J. A. Stewart ...	1	0	0
Miss Maggie Montgomery ...	3	6	0
Mrs. Lavery ...	1	0	0
Miss McMurray ...	0	17	0
Miss Monro ...	1	7	6
Mrs. J. G. Gracey ...	1	4	9
Miss Wilson ...	1	11	0
Miss Martin ...	0	10	0
Mr. R. J. McKerr ...	0	11	6
Miss Gilpin ...	1	4	1
Miss Gracey ...	2	16	6
Miss Collins ...	2	0	0
Mrs. McMullin ...	0	14	6
Mrs. Thos. H. Wilson ...	5	3	6
Miss Coburn ...	1	0	0
Mrs. Thos. Reid ...	3	7	0
Mrs. Atkinson Costello ...	1	2	0
Stop Watch Competition ...	10	18	6
Donkey Ballot ...	6	10	3
C.L.B. Sports, 5th July, 1906 ...	4	6	10
Dublin Excursion ...	12	16	0
Bank Interest on D. Receipt ...	0	0	6
Church Collection ...	1	10	5
Major Blacker, Donation ...	1	0	0
Mr. W. J. Watson ...	0	2	6
Mr. Wm. Fulton ...	0	10	0
Mr. James Bradshaw ...	0	2	0
Mrs. Wilson Irwin ...	0	10	0
Mrs. Sloan, Sr. ...	0	5	0
Cash Received ...	0	1	0
Rev. Canon Blacker, for Prizes ...	5	0	0
for Sports ...	5	0	0

SALE OF WORK AND FETE

Gate ...	£18	1	6
Parochial Stall	15	4	7½
Edenderry ,,	10	0	0
Fancy ,,	8	10	6
Refreshment Stall	5	13	0
Cake Stall	3	1	5½
Entrance Fees(Sports)	1	16	6
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	62	7	7
Less Attendants	0	12	6
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	61	15	1

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EXPENSES—

Lighting Church & School	97	3	6
Entrance-Gate, Lamps, &c. ...	83	17	6
Debt on Edenderry Hall ...	1	2	6
Prizes Children's Sports ...	2	15	0
Cost of Watch ...	0	13	6
Tickets for Same ...	1	0	0
2nd Prize Watch Competition	0	14	0
Paid for Donkey ...	0	2	1
Cheque Book ...	0	5	0
Postage Stamps ...	0	2	6
W. J. Curry ...	0	1	0
Distributing Handbills ...	8	15	1
Prizes Evening Sports	1	18	9
Davison Bros's. Account for Pastry, Tent and Boilers ...	2	0	0
Rent of Grounds ...			
Portadown News Account—			
4 Advertisements £1 16 0			
Tickets, Cards, Advts. 2 8 4	4	4	4
Portadown Express—			
Entrance Tickets	0	5	0
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	204	19	10
Balance in hand ...	21	10	1
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	£226	9	11

W. R. ATKINSON, Treasurer.

We have examined Accounts and Vouchers and found same correct, and Balance in Bank Pass-Book agrees with the Accounts.

Signed,

J. H. STEVENSON.
DAVID ROCK.

OFFERTORIES FOR AUGUST.

"He gave Himself for us."

	Morning.			Evening.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Aug. 4—10th S. after Trinity	1	5	8	0	15	5
" 11—11th ,, ,,	1	6	6	0	10	0
" 18—12th ,, ,,	1	6	4	0	9	1
" 25—13th ,, ,,	1	0	5	0	10	4
Smaller sums				0	5	9
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	£4	18	11	£2	10	7

BIBLE CLASS EXCURSION.

A large number of our Seagoe people travelled to Dublin last Saturday on the Excursion. The day was very fine, and all were delighted with the splendid Exhibition.

CHURCH ARMY.

The Rector had a card from Captain Atack, who arrived after a pleasant journey, at his home Earlsheaton, Yorkshire. Captain Gaskell comes to Seagoe with his van for a short mission on Monday, September 9th.

BAPTISMS.

"Of such is the Kingdom of God."

- August 3rd - Eileen Maud daughter of William and Jane Robinson.
 " " James, son of Hamilton and Elizabeth Hewitt.
 " " William, son of William James and Adeline McMurray.
 " " Joseph, son of William James and Emma McLoughlin.
 " " Norman, son of William and Martha Livingston.
 " 21st—Mary, daughter of William and Mary Ford.
 " " Margaret, daughter of Albert and Sarah Ann Hall.

BURIALS.

" Jesus wept."

- August 14th—Mabel Holland, aged 13 years.
 " 24th—Margaret Boyle, Belfast.
 " 27th—Norman Livingston, aged 3½ months.
 " 28th—Eleanor Jane Hall, aged 8 years.

Death has carried away from our midst this month two of our Sunday School children. Mabel Holland was one of our best. Her Church Attendance Card showed that she had attended most regularly the House of Prayer, and in her last illness her quiet trust in the Saviour whom she had learned to love was a beautiful testimony to the depth and reality of her Faith. She was most popular with her school-fellows and teachers who sent very handsome wreaths as a token of affection. We sympathise deeply with Mr Holland and his family. Little Eleanor Hall has also passed beyond the Veil after some months of suffering. She was a happy gentle little child just entering upon life, and God has called her to the perfect Life above.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL QUESTIONS.

This month the subjects in the Calendar are very interesting and practical. Following the suggestions made at the Lurgan Conference we have inserted at the head of each lesson the central thought to guide the Teachers. The portion of the Catechism for this month is Our Duty towards God. It is very important that all the Children should know every word of it perfectly. It will well repay the Teacher to spend some time over it. For the benefit of the Teachers we are this month getting the Questions printed on separate slips, which each Teacher may get from the Superintendents of Sunday Schools, price 1d each.

SEPTEMBER 8th.

MORNING—Jephthah's Vow—Judges xi, 29-40—(Central Thought—The sin of promising what you cannot or should not perform.)—1. What was Jephthah's vow? 2. How many cities did he take? 3. What did Jephthah say to his daughter? 4. What custom arose in Israel?

AFTERNOON—The Feast—S. Luke xiv, 15-24—(Central Thought—Danger of excuses.)—1. What were the words of invitation? 2. What were the three excuses? 3. Who were invited? 4. How were those that refused treated?

SEPTEMBER 15th.

MORNING—Shibboleth—Judges xii—(Central Thought—Past sins rising up against us.)—1. What did the men of Ephraim say to Jephthah? 2. Why did the Gileadites fight against Ephraim? 3. How did they find out who were Ephraimites? 4. Mention some of the judges after Jephthah?

AFTERNOON—Lost—S. Luke, xv., 3-10.—(Central Thought—God's love for Sinners). 1. To whom did our Lord address the parable? 2. Whom do the ninety and nine represent? 3. How did the man express his joy? 4. What is the moral? 5. In what respects do the two parables agree?

SEPTEMBER 22nd.

MORNING—Samson's Birth—Judges xiii.—(Central Thought—Total Abstiners are Strong).—1. Who was Samson's father? 2. What does Nazarite mean? 3. How did Manoah's wife describe the Angel? 4. In what way did the Angel disappear?

AFTERNOON—The Prodigal—S. Luke xvii.—32—(Central Thought—Steps into Sin). 1. What was the request of the younger son? 2. How did he spend his portion of Goods? 3. What was his occupation? 4. What is the meaning of "came to himself?" 5. How did his Father receive him? 6. What was the effect on his elder brother?

SEPTEMBER 29th.

MORNING—Samson's Riddle—Judges xiv.—(Central Thought—How to fight our sins). 1. What do you know about the young lion? 2. What happened to the carcass? 3. What was Samson's riddle? 4. How did they find out the answer?

AFTERNOON—The Steward—S. Luke xvi., 1-9.—(Central Thought—The duty of honesty). 1. How did the Steward treat his Master? 2. What were his inmost Thoughts? 3. What plans did he adopt? 4. What lesson does he teach us?

OCTOBER 6th.

MORNING—Defeat of Philistines—Judges xv.—(Central Thought—How to break bad habits)—1. How did Samson burn the corn? 2. Who bound Samson? 3. What does Ramath-Lehi mean? 4. How did Samson quench his thirst?

AFTERNOON—Special Missionary Lesson—Acts xvii., 16-34.—S. Paul at Athens.—Idolatry—Images. God not made.—Not an Image of Silver or Gold.—Hath made of one blood all Nations.—Missionaries go Abroad.—See Idols.—The Cruelty of the Heathen. What Missionaries say about God.—How much do we give to Missions.—Verse to be learned S. Matt. xxviii. 19-20, also Hymn 120, verse 3.

(N.B.—The Teachers are asked to make special preparation for this Lesson so as to encourage the Children to take an interest in the Missionary work of the Church.)

ITEMS.

A handsome new Lamp and Fountain have been erected on the Square at Edenderry. We hope this is only the beginning of many further improvements in this District.

We congratulate the Council on their determination to consider the widening of the Bridge at Edenderry. It is much needed.

Some sort of recreation ground is greatly needed in Edenderry District. We hope our young men will next year take the matter in hand.

The Collections for the Choir Fund will be made this month.

The Seagoe Recreation Rooms will open for the winter season on October 1st.

A splendid new Moulding Shop has been erected in the Portadown Foundry. We congratulate Mr David Bright on this fresh evidence of his energy and business capacity.

Mr. James Twinem has returned to the Parish, and is we hear about to start business in Portadown. We wish him every success, and are very glad to have him with us again.

We are glad to hear that Miss Smart, a valued teacher in our Sunday Schools, is recovering from her long and serious illness.

The average attendance at Hacknahay Sunday School during the half year ending June 30th, has been 72 out of a total of 95 on the Roll.

The Synod for the Election of the new Bishop will be held in Clarence Place Hall, Belfast, on Tuesday, September 3rd, at 11 a. m. We hope all our Seagoe Synodsmen will attend without fail.

We are glad to hear that there is a demand for more Church Attendance Cards from Carne Sunday School.

A meeting for Sunday School Teachers will be held in Seagoe School on the last Thursday of each month during the Winter. The first meeting was held last Thursday. There was a large attendance, and an excellent paper was read by Mr. A. Murray.

The Rev. D. W. Galway preached an able sermon on Evolution and the Fall of Man, in Seagoe Parish Church on last Sunday week.

Please remember the week-night service on Wednesday evenings in the Church. After the service the Choir meets for practice. All members of the Choir are expected to attend.

The great Belfast Choral Festival will be held in the Cathedral on Friday, (All Saints' Day), November 1st. Seagoe Choir has been asked to take part. The new Cathedral Organ lately erected at a cost of £2500 will be used at the Festival Service.

Information is wanted as to the whereabouts of Solomon Carvill, who left this parish for America some 37 years ago. Perhaps some of our friends in America could give us his address.

ESSAY PRIZE.

A Book Prize will be given to the Sunday School Teacher or member of the Bible Classes who sends in to the Rector before September 25th the best short paper on "Why am I a member of the Church of Ireland?"

(The usual set of Teachers' Questions is held over this month.)

OLD SEAGOE NOTES.

The first entry in the Seagoe Registers dates so far back as the year 1673. The reason why there are no Registers older than that is that they were probably destroyed when the Church of Seagoe was destroyed during the rebellion of 1641.

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The list of Rectors of Seagoe is practically complete from the year 1244.

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In next issue of the Magazine we hope to insert a photograph of Archdeacon Saurin who became Vicar of Seagoe in 1826, and Rector of Seagoe in 1832, and held that position until his death in 1879.

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There is reason to think that at the beginning of the Christian era a fort occupied the position now occupied by the old Church, and that St. Gobhan about the 6th century turned it into a place of Prayer. There were two other forts in the neighbourhood one on Kernan Hill, and the other at Lisniskey, which derives its name from a fort surrounded by a circling fosse of water. The name Duneglish (Fort of the Church), is still applied to the District between Lisniskey and the Church.

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The Forts were no doubt erected here either to guard the fording place on the Bann now occupied by the Bridge or else to prevent marauding bands from coming up the river from Lough Neagh which in ancient times was a famous gathering place for all the Ulster tribes.

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In old days the Vestry of Seagoe beside discharging duties on behalf of the Church, also attended to such matters as the making and repairing of Roads through the Parish, the support of the poor, regulation of mendicancy, planting of trees, the ballot for service in the Militia, or provision for substitutes, etc. We give here from the Vestry Minutes of 1705 the Form of exemption by Seagoe Vestry from payment of Hearth-money, an old tax long since abolished:—

'COUNTY ARDMAGH.

'We doe certify that Charles Ryder of the Parish of Seago is a very poor man, and lives upon alms and is not able to get his living by his work and labour, and soe not lyable to be charged with the payment of Hearth-money. Dated the 3rd day of April 1705.'