

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

SEPTEMBER, 1909.

Hacknahay Fete.

On Thursday, August 26th, the Summer Fete and Variety Sale was held at Hacknahay School. We were favoured with fine weather and the surroundings of the school looked their very best. Inside the building stalls had been erected, gaily decorated with the colours of the rainbow and the recess at the end of the school had been transformed into a most inviting Tea Room. No trouble had been spared by the indefatigable ladies who had charge of the stalls to make the school as nice as possible for the occasion and everyone who visited the Sale was astonished at the completeness and attractiveness of the preparations. At 3 o'clock the chair was taken by the Rev. J. E. Archer, who in a short speech explained to those present the object of the Sale. He described the events which led up to the re-opening of the School last year and congratulated the residents of the District on the generous support which they had given to the venture. The School had succeeded well both in numbers and efficiency and there were at present 74 children on the roll.

The Chairman then called on Miss Armstrong to declare the Sale open. In an eloquent and graceful speech Miss Armstrong expressed the great pleasure it gave her to be present on that occasion and referred to the importance of Education, and to the need of the school in that district. Having formally declared the Sale open, Miss Armstrong was presented by Miss Helen Calvert, on behalf of the Sale Committee, with a beautiful Bouquet. Major Blacker, J.P., proposed a vote of thanks to Miss Armstrong, and in the course of an interesting speech remarked that though at the beginning he had not been altogether in favour of opening the School, he had come to see that it was necessary and would prove a great advantage to the neighbourhood. He apologised for Mrs. Blacker's absence and hoped the Sale would be a great success. The vote of thanks was seconded by Mr Wolsey Atkinson, who said it gave him much pleasure to be present and to support the vote of thanks to Miss Armstrong, who had in so many ways helped Seagoe Parish. Mr. George Calvert also said a few words, and thanked all who had assisted in making the sale a success. The vote was passed by acclamation.

After the opening the sales proceeded briskly. Many were present from Portadown, and also from outlying parts of the Parish, and everyone seemed anxious to show their sympathy and interest by making purchases. A capital Concert was given in

one of the rooms at 4-30. The programme had been arranged by Mr. Chambers and proved very successful. The room was crowded. One of the items was done by the school children. The tea tables, which were in charge of Miss Wilson and her helpers, could scarcely accommodate the large number who patronised the Refreshment Stall. Miss Calvert had a splendid collection of things on the Farm Produce Stall, and Miss Neill's Variety Stall was also stocked with a great supply of useful articles. The Cake Stall presided over by Miss Templeton proved a great attraction, and towards the end of the evening almost all the cakes had been sold. The Toy Stall in charge of Miss Dickson was also a great success. Mr. James Killow acted as Phrenologist and had many interested visitors during the day. His character reading was very cleverly done.

The outdoor amusements were largely patronised. Mr. Thomas Atkinson had charge of the Shooting range and was untiring in his efforts. Mr John England had charge of Aunt Sally and during the afternoon and evening gave great help. Mr Jas. Best reaped a good harvest of coppers at the sand bag competition. The members of the Ballyhannon Band most kindly played selections during the evening which were much appreciated. A second Concert was given at 8-30 and was attended by an overflowing audience.

The announcement of the winner of the Gold Watch was made at 8 o'clock. The fortunate winner was Miss Fowler, of Portadown, the winning minute being 3.33. Mr Conn, of Portadown, won the Clock presented by Messrs Rea & Ross.

The Sale was continued on Friday evening from 7 to 10 and whatever had been left unsold on the previous day then found purchasers. The outdoor amusements were also well patronised.

Amongst those who were present at the opening ceremony we noticed Miss Carleton, Rev J. Taylor, and the Misses Taylor, Mr Bryson, Mr Acheson, Rev J. J. O'Malley, etc.

We acknowledge with many thanks the following subscriptions. Rev Canon Blacker, £5. Miss Armstrong, Mr. Thos. Armstrong, Mr. W. J. Allen, Mr. W. H. Atkinson, Rev. W. R. Crichton, £1 each. Mr. J. A. Thompson. Miss Bell (Hillsborough), and Mr. W. M. Clow, 10/- each. Miss Henderson, 5/- Mr. Anderson, per Mrs Frazer, 2/6.

Mr. William Finlay, of Breagh, very generously presented a valuable Clock, also a large Cake and Chocolates to the Sale.

Miss Georgie Atkinson gave her kind assistance at the Bran Dip, and Master Norman Robb brought his pony and allowed it to be used for rides round the grounds.

We return our heartiest thanks to all who helped.

PROCEEDS OF THE SALE.

We are glad to be able to announce the full result of the Sale.

Refreshment Stall (Miss Wilson)	...	£10	10	11
Variety Stall (Miss Neill)	...	9	5	2½
Cake Stall (Miss Templeton)	...	9	0	1½
Farm Produce Stall (Miss Calvert)	...	27	5	0
Amusements	...	3	19	4
Subscriptions, etc.	...	20	11	6
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Gross Receipts	...	80	12	1
Expenses	...	6	1	1
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Net Receipts	...	74	11	0

Baptisms.

"Jesus called a little child unto Him."

- Aug. 7—Rebecca Jane, daughter of William and Rebecca Gracey.
- „ „—David Henry, son of Robert James and Jessie Beckett.
- „ „—Sarah Lavinia, daughter of Thomas and Fanny Hoy.
- „ „—George, son of George and Letitia Gillespie.
- „ „—Eva, daughter of Robert and Sarah M'Kerr.
- „ „—John, son of William John and Elizabeth Magee.
- „ „—Joseph Conrad, son of Joseph and Meta Twinem.
- „ „—Moses, son of James and Sarah Simpson.
- „ „—Elizabeth, daughter of Robert and Mary Ann Dobbin.
- „ „—Margaret Jane, daughter of William John and Margaret Hara.

Marriages.

"God is Love."

- Aug. 6th—Henry Forsythe, Seagoe, to Elizabeth Webb, Lisniskey.
- „ 15th—Joseph Robinson, Edenderry, to Mary Loney, Edenderry.

Burials.

"In the midst of Life we are in Death."

- Aug. 7th—Robert Charles Browne 35.
- „ 13th—Thomas Killow, Levaghery, 81.
- „ 26th—John McClure, Tamnificarbet. 79.

Obituary.

Mr. Thomas Killow, whose death at an advanced age we regretfully announce this month, was very well known in the Parish, and especially in Levaghery, where he had lived all his days. He was never tired of telling of the "old times," and his memory was so clear that he could relate incidents

that happened sixty or seventy years ago. Although in feeble health for some years, he still continued to attend to the work of his farm, and actually died in the hay-field, where he had been working. We express our sincere sympathy with his wife and family in their affliction.

Offertories.

"We give Thee but Thine own."

	Morning.			Evening.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Aug. 1st— 8th S. after Trinity	1	19	11	0	11	6
„ 8th— 9th S. after Trinity	1	1	3	0	12	2
„ 15th—10th S. after Trinity	1	4	3	0	7	1
„ 22nd—11th S. after Trinity	1	5	4	0	11	2
„ 29th—12th S. after Trinity	0	7	8	0	10	0
Wednesdays				0	8	0
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Total	£5	18	5	£2	19	11

Recognition.

Last month we had occasion to record an act of bravery on the part of two residents in the Parish and again this month it is our pleasing duty to record two further acts of courage and presence of mind by two parishioners. Mr. Maxwell Stoops, a member of the Edenderry Men's Class, performed a very smart action last month in rescuing a carter in Bridge Street who had slipped off his load right in front of the wheels and seemed unable to move out of his perilous position. Mr. Stoops happened to be riding past at the moment and seeing the man's danger instantly dismounted and pulled the unfortunate man out of harm's way. Had Mr. Stoops hesitated for a moment probably the man would have been crushed to death. The second act of bravery was performed by Mr. Samuel Currie, of Bridge Street. While bathing in the Bann at the dinner hour, opposite the Foundry, a companion of his swam across the river and on trying to swim back got into difficulties. Mr. Currie at once swam to his assistance, and in presence of a great number of spectators brought the unfortunate lad safely to shore. We hope that both these brave actions will be suitably recognised and communications with that object in view are being made to the proper authorities in Lounon. Mr. Sam Currie is also a member of Edenderry Men's Bible Class and we think the members are to be congratulated on having in their midst two such plucky individuals.

Seagoe Day School.

GOVERNMENT INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

The National Board Inspector (Mr. H. Worsley) held his annual examination in Seagoe School, on Thursday, September 2nd. The examination was most searching, and at the close he reported the School as "very good." We hope parents will note this, and we congratulate Mr. Chambers and the teaching staff very heartily on their success.

Across the Seas.

Every month that passes deprives us of some one or other of our people through emigration to America. We begin to think that there are almost more Seagoe folk in U.S.A. than in Seagoe itself. One of our most recent losses in this way is Miss Susan Allen, daughter of our respected parishioner Mr. James Allen, of Joseph Street, who left for America a few weeks ago. Susan Allen will be greatly missed from the choir, and from Edenderry Sunday School, and from Miss Armstrong's Bible Class. She was a great favourite ready to assist in Christian work in every way. She was a most regular member of the Girls' Friendly Society and took a great interest in the meetings. Before leaving the Parish she was presented with a Bible, and Hymn Book, and Prayer Book, by the members of Miss Armstrong's Bible Class. The presentation was made in Edenderry Parochial Hall. We wish Miss Allen much blessing and prosperity in her new home, and can assure her that the recollection of her Christian example and influence in Seagoe Parish will not soon be forgotten.

We have also to record the departure of Mr and Mrs Thomas Webb, who have left our shores for America. Mr Webb was a member of Edenderry Men's Class, and also a regular worshipper in the Parish Church. We wish them a prosperous experience in the new country.

We hope that those who emigrate to America will become regular worshippers in the Churches of the Protestant Episcopal Church of America. In every city and in most country places they will find the Church and Clergy just as in our home parishes.

Items.

The Rev. W. R. Crichton is spending his holiday in North Wales.

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The Children attending Hacknahay Day School furnished the toy stall at the recent Sale of Work.

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Seagoe Choir will take part in the Choral Festival at Gilford Church on Saturday, September 11th.

On several Sunday mornings recently the congregation in the Parish Church has exceeded 500.

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The Harvest Thanksgiving Services in Seagoe will be held on October 29th and 31st.

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The new swing at Hacknahay School is a source of great delight to the children.

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The Rev. W. Galway, Curate of Port Glasgow, Scotland, has been spending a holiday in the Parish.

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We are glad to see the Lamp and Fountain in Edenderry back again in their place,

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Portadown did so well last Saturday with closed Public-houses, it would, we think, be a good thing to keep them closed all the time.

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The Rev J. Taylor is enjoying a holiday at his home near the Grange. He looks well, notwithstanding his hard work in Belfast.

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Mr. A. M'Kegnie, of the C.I.Y.M.S., Belfast, has conducted services in several Districts of the Parish on Sunday evenings during the past month.

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Mr. Green's garden in Edenderry is a great improvement in the District. The grass and flower beds are beautifully kept.

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The Edenderry Sunday Morning Bible Classes will meet in the Men's Recreation Rooms on Sunday morning instead of in the Anchor Cafe.

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The Report is issued this week. We recommend our Parishioners to read it carefully. We are glad to say that there is a substantial improvement in the Sustentation Fund.

Nature Notes.

WASPS AND THEIR HABITS.—At this season of the year when the fruit ripens wasps come about us in unpleasant numbers. Were it not for their stings, which are sometimes very freely used, their visits would be more welcome. In many respects they are very interesting little creatures. They are extremely industrious. Lord Avebury (Sir John Lubbock) has studied their habits very carefully. On one occasion he began watching a wasp which he had

marked at 6.10 a.m. in the morning. At that hour the wasp alighted on some honey placed in the window, and the same wasp visited the honey at intervals of about 10 minutes until 6 o'clock in the evening, paying no less than 51 visits in $11\frac{1}{2}$ hours. On another occasion another wasp paid no less than 94 visits in the day. Wasps do not seem to be able to hear, but they can distinguish colours, but are less guided by them than bees are. Lord Avebury says "I have been much struck by the industry of wasps. They commence work early in the morning, and do not leave off till dusk. I have several times watched a wasp the whole day, and from morning to evening, if not disturbed, they worked without any interval for rest or refreshment."

THE LAST SWALLOW—Those of our readers who are fond of observing Nature should endeavour this month to note the last appearance of the Swallow. They usually take flight southwards when a strong northerly wind blows. The Seagoe Swallows probably winter somewhere in Morocco or Algeria, that being the land most directly south of this country.

Old Seagoe Notes.

Drumclogher Hill.—This hill, situated in the townland of Ballyhannon, has always been a kind of landmark in Seagoe Parish. It slightly exceeds in height the highest point of Bocombra townland, being 215 feet above sea level while Bocombra hill is 218 feet, so that when you stand on Drumclogher Hill you are at the highest point in Seagoe Parish. A magnificent stretch of country can be seen from its summit. The hill has an interesting history. It usually went by the name of Standard Hill in olden times. In the year 1816 a flagstaff was erected on it. These were troublesome times and England had many enemies to face at home and abroad. The Seagoe Yeomanry were a famous force and ever ready to obey the call of duty. An alarm post was stationed on Drumclogher Hill and when the standard was hoisted it was to be the signal for the calling together of the Yeomanry to meet a sudden emergency.

In these more peaceful days the Hill provides a useful place for the Reservoir which supplies Portadown with water. Owing to its elevated position the water flowing from the reservoir has sufficient force and pressure to supply the loftiest buildings in Portadown to the top storey. Drumclogher means *Stoney-Back*."

Seagoe Sundials.

In old days even before grandfather's Clocks had been made the people of Seagoe had to know what o'clock it was. But the familiar tick of the clock was unknown to them, and the handy pocket watch had not been invented. No factory syren screamed out at 6 or 8 or 9 o'clock to summon them to work. How then did they measure time? It was by Sundials. On the Ordnance Survey Map of 1834, Sundials are noted. There was a Sundial at Derryvore. On the old Church there was a Sundial over the entrance or South Door. There was also a Sundial in the Rectory garden. The Rector has in his possession a Sundial with an interesting inscription. It is possibly the Sundial that was in the Rectory garden in old days. The inscription is as follows:—"Hora Ruit" (Time Flies) Made by Malachi Donaldson 1767. After successive changes presented to Jas. Saurin, A'Deacon of Dromore, 1849. The Dial is made of slate, octagonal in shape and about 6 inches in diameter.

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Edenderry—Increase of Population.

The increase of population in Edenderry has been one of the most remarkable features in the history of Seagoe Parish during the past 70 years. At the first census of 1841 the population of Edenderry Townland was 497; in 1851, 629; in 1861, 1140; in 1871, 1473; in 1881, 1709.

The number of houses in Edenderry in 1841 was 83, and in 1881, 364.

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Seagoe Farmers in 1708.

A complete list is extant of those who held 30 acres and over in Seagoe Parish in the year 1708. Last month we gave a detailed list of holders of land in Lower Seagoe in 1749, and the month before, of those who held in Kilvergan. But we now go back 40 years behind that. Here are some of the names:

EDENDERRY—Mr Francis Mathers, John Woolsey, elder, John Woolsey, ye younger. **KILLYCOMAINE**—Mrs. Elizabeth Workman, John Blake, Kellom Kinningham. **BALLINACOR**—Timothy Kirk, George Bell. **TANEPHEGLASSON**—Thomas Gilphen (Gilpin), Jas. Chambers, Pat. Best. **DRUMINACANVE**—George Whelly, Matthew M'Connel.

One of the Townlands mentioned in the Return is Killinirged, The more correct spelling would be Killinargit, which means Silverwood. "Silverwood," the residence of Miss Cuppaige, near Lurgan, and which up to 1878 formed part of the Parish of Seagoe, is apparently a site of considerable antiquity, the name being an English translation of the old Irish title.