

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

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The Sale of Work.



AS we go to press the Sale of Work is proving a great success. The opening ceremony took place on Thursday, at 3 o'clock. The room was crowded with friends from all sides. The Stalls were very prettily decorated. They were five in number, on one side the Bachelor's stall with an interesting poetical motto,—

For long with patient skill to please you we
did try,
Your task is far more easy, you merely have
to buy.

Beside it was the Cake stall with an abundance of tempting sugared dainties. On the opposite side of the room was a Work Stall, with a splendid assortment of useful and ornamental goods. Near the entrance door was the Farm Produce Depot containing a fine selection of eatables of all kinds. At the end of the room a well-furnished Flower Stall completed the picturesque scene. Major Blacker occupied the chair at the opening ceremony, and in his speech asked for the liberal support of the Parishioners on behalf of the School. He then called on Mrs. William Moore to declare the Sale open. Mrs. Moore received a most hearty welcome, and in a few neat sentences expressed her pleasure at being present, and hoped that the Sale would be most successful, she then formally declared it open. At this stage of the proceedings a beautiful bouquet of Carnations was presented to Mrs. Moore on behalf of all present by Miss May Best, a pupil of the School. A vote of thanks to Mrs. Moore was proposed by the Rector, who also spoke about the extension of the School buildings. He dwelt on the necessity of having in connection with Seagoe Parish a school of first-rate efficiency, both in equipment and instruction. Mr. George Calvert seconded the vote of thanks, which was passed by acclamation.

A vote of thanks to Major Blacker was heartily passed on the proposition of Mr W. R. Atkinson, seconded by the Rev. George Bloomer, both of whom referred to the valuable services rendered by the

Blacker family to Seagoe Parish during many generations.

After the opening ceremony Sales proceeded with great briskness. Every stall did good business. The Refreshment Stall, which occupied the Boys' Schoolroom, was largely patronised, and formed a pleasant retreat from the crowd in the Sale room. The Sales went on satisfactorily until the doors closed at ten o'clock. The receipts at the close of the evening had realised £50 1s 11d.

The Sale on Friday.

Friday, although the second day of the Sale, proved very successful. The opening proceedings took place at 3 o'clock, the Chairman being the Rev. Canon Stewart, M.A., of Killowen, Lisburn, who is known far and wide for his generous encouragement of every deserving object. In a short speech he expressed his pleasure at being present, and hoped the sale would be a great success. He then called on Mrs. Gray, of Ashton Villa, to declare the Sale open. Mrs. Gray, in a graceful and eloquent speech, expressed her interest in the object of the sale, the encouragement of education, and her pleasure at the success which had attended it. She had much pleasure in declaring it open. A hearty vote of thanks to Mrs. Gray was passed on the motion of the Rector, seconded by Mr. George Calvert. The Rev. Chancellor Hobson proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman, which was seconded by the Rev. G. Bloomer, and passed by acclamation. A handsome bouquet was presented to Mrs. Gray by Miss Dorothy Stevenson, a pupil of Seagoe School. The Sales throughout the day were good, and in the evening the outdoor amusements were well patronised. A full statement of all receipts and expenditure in connection with the Sale will be published in next month's issue of the Magazine.

The Sales on Friday realised £26 16s 9½d, which makes the total received for sales during the two days £76 18s 8½d. Subscriptions and Card Collections bring the total up to something over £120.

Teachers Wanted.

There is a constant demand for more Teachers in our Sunday Schools. Nothing affects the efficiency of the Schools so much as a shortage of Teachers. We would like to see those of our Parishioners who really *can* teach and who are interested in the spiritual welfare of the children of the Parish coming forward and offering themselves for this grand work. It is a great responsibility each Sunday to have for one or two hours the charge of 8 or 10 young lives to mould them for eternity, but to the true Christian every such responsibility becomes a glorious privilege. We have in Seagoe a splendid band of teachers, and in every class sound and definite instruction is imparted to the children in the Scriptures and Church formularies each Sunday, but in a large Parish like this, changes in the teaching staff are always taking place, and vacant places must be filled. Teachers who cannot be present should always send word to the Superintendent of the School beforehand. On one Sunday in August in one of our Sunday Schools there was only *one* Teacher present, and none had sent word to the Superintendent beforehand. No doubt, each teacher who was absent thought that the other teachers would be present, but it is not fair to the Superintendent or to the children who attend that such a state of things should occur. Each teacher should endeavour to keep in view the welfare and efficiency of the whole school and not merely of the class which he or she teaches. A post card is a very convenient way of letting the Superintendent know. Keep a few half-penny stamps and some blank post cards near you, and if anything very important is likely to keep you from your class on Sunday just send a line to the Superintendent not later than Thursday.

Attendance in Church.

The congregations last month seemed larger than hitherto, but on no Sunday was the Church full. The highest number present was only 336, and there is seating accommodation for 550 persons, so that even when the Church was fullest during last month no less than 214 more worshippers could have found places within its walls. The Church people of Seagoe Parish must wake up to their responsibilities in the matter of Public Worship. Look at the list

of members of the Church of Ireland residing in Seagoe Parish printed in the last Annual Report, and compare the thousands in that list with the few hundreds who attend Service in the Parish Church. If, when you read this, you realise that you are one of those who habitually neglect to worship in the Parish House of Prayer, will you not without delay take heed to the Bible, when it says "forsake not the assembling of yourselves together as the manner of some is."

The Recent Census.

The recent Census contains an interesting fact for members of the Church of Ireland. While all other Denominations in proportion to the population have remained stationary, or declined in numbers, the Church has advanced by 1 per cent. in the City of Belfast. The increase may seem small, but it means that in the period of ten years since the last Census, the Church has not merely shepherded her own flock, but has added to her numbers some 2,000 new recruits. This speaks well for the vitality of the Church in our populous centres.

Orchard Competitions.

Two of our Parishioners have won distinction in the Orchard Competitions. Mr. J. H. Stevenson has been awarded Second Prize in the Young Orchard Competition, and Mr. W. J. Calvert has won Second Place in the Competition for the Gibson Cup. Mr. Stevenson's Orchard is situated at Ardmore, but Mr. Calvert's is in Seagoe Parish. It seems as if in the near future the premier place in Ulster will be won by an Orchard in Seagoe Parish. This ought to encourage all fruitgrowers in the neighbourhood to enter for these important prizes. We heartily congratulate Messrs. Stevenson and Calvert on their distinguished success and we anticipate higher honours for them in the future.

A Profitable Cow.

Carne Dairy boasts of a very profitable cow. In two successive seasons of 34 weeks and 38 weeks respectively this cow has yielded no less than 1,000 gallons of milk each season. This record is seldom beaten. All the milk in the Dairy is carefully weighed and tested, and an accurate record is kept of the milk given by each cow.

Hymns for September.

"Let the people praise Thee, O God."

		MORNING.		
1st	8th	15th	22nd	29th
56	496	57	552	177
376	302	289	438	518
273	631	606	468	404
381	335	610	339	448
		EVENING.		
577	479	594	256	249
131	419	630	460	420
535	632	295	633	237
574	584	453	579	425
520	557	553	487	315

The above list contains several new hymns not hitherto sung in Seagoe Church. On the first Sunday there is a special reference in the Hymns to Holy Communion. The season of the year has also suggested several of the Hymns. Some children's hymns are also added, including Hymn 610, which is being learned by the children this month in the Sunday Schools. The Hymns for the last Sunday of the month—the 29th—are suitable to the "Ulster Day" Service.

Marriage of the Rev. T. Stothers.

The Rev. T. Stothers, Curate of Kilroot and Islandmagee, was married to Miss Vaughan of Killycomaine, in Seagoe Church, on Wednesday, August 14th. The Rector officiated, assisted by Canon Pouden. There was a large Congregation present. We wish Mr. and Mrs. Stothers all prosperity and happiness in their future life. The children of Seagoe School gave the happy pair a rousing cheer as they drove off after the ceremony.

Aeroplanes in Seagoe.

It is quite possible that the aviators who are going to fly from Dublin to Belfast on September 7th, will pass over this district. They leave Dublin at 1.30 p.m., and should pass here between 2.30 and 3 p.m., or perhaps a little later. It is rumoured however, that they intend to fly along the shore near Newcastle, and in that case would not of course be visible here. Some of the more adventurous ones may however determine to fly over the Mourne mountains, and following the railway line would pass

over Seagoe. The humming of the engines is the first thing noticed. We see that an aviator is to give an exhibition of flying at Lurgan Show early this month.

Singing Class.

Our readers will be glad to learn that a Singing Class is being formed in the Parish, and will begin practices early in October. Mr. Hallowes, the Organist of St. Mark's Church, has been engaged to instruct the Class. The first meeting of the Class will take place in Seagoe School, on Monday, October 7th. The charge for a quarter's instruction (12 lessons), will be—for Men, 1/6, and for Girls, 1/- This will be a valuable opportunity for learning the art of Singing. Particulars regarding the Class can be had from Mr. T. H. Wilson, Organist, Seagoe Cottage.

Baptisms.

"My covenant will I not break."

Saturday, August 3rd, 1912—

- Thomas, son of William John and Rebecca Major.
- Robert Henry, son of Robert Henry and Mary Elizabeth Brown.
- Mary Ellen, daughter of Robert Henry and Mary Elizabeth Brown.

Marriages.

"I will betroth thee unto me for ever in righteousness."

- August 13th—Robert John Gray, Carne, to Elizabeth Guy, Tarson.
- August 14th—Thomas Stothers, Whitehead, to Jane Vaughan, Killycomaine.

Burial.

"Jesus called a little child unto Him."

- August 1st—Joseph Robinson, Joseph Street, aged ten weeks.

Church Collections for August.

"Render unto Cæsar the things which are Cæsar's, and unto God, the things that are God's."

Sundays—Mornings,	£4 17 1
" Evenings,	1 18 4
Wednesdays,	0 5 6
	£7 0 11

The collection on Sunday morning, August 25th, amounted to £1 7s. 2d., from which 3s. 2d. was deducted towards the parochial contribution for the Deaf and Dumb.

Items.

The Rev. G. Bloomer has been enjoying a holiday at Portstewart, Co. Antrim, but returned for a few days to assist at the Sale of Work.

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The Bran Dip at the Sale, in charge of Miss M. Irwin, did a big business.

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The Prayer Book Questions and answers in this month's issue are very useful and interesting.

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Among the many subscriptions received for the Sale of Work, two are from kind friends in America £1 each, from Miss Henrietta Porter, of Philadelphia, per Mrs. Samuel Porter, of Seagoe, and from Mr. William Reid, of Seattle, per Miss Montgomery, of Seagoe.

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The children of Seagoe Day School helped splendidly at the sale. Not only did almost every child give something, but their gifts were also of considerable value.

Nature Notes.

The swallows are just about to take wing to warmer southern climes. You will now see them any day gathering on the ridges of roofs or on the telegraph wires apparently discussing their plans for a journey south. It has recently been proved that some at least of the swallows which frequent this country winter in Portugal, others no doubt fly as far as North Africa.

Every year some one of the weeds which grow so plentifully in our fields and hedgerow is more abundant than the others. Two years ago the Golden Ragweed was to be seen everywhere, last year the large Meadow Daisy whitened the land, this year it is the turn of the Knap-weed or Knob-weed called by botanists *Centaurea Scabiosa*. It is at present to be seen in every field in Seagoe Parish with its bright purple flower on a tall branched stem two or even three feet high. When the delicate bunch of purple petals fall from the blossom a tough hard knob is left, hence its name Knob-weed, or Iron-weed. The Poet sings—

And Iron-weed content to share
The meanest spot that Spring can spare,

E'en roads where frequent traffic comes,
Are not without its purple blooms,
Whose leaves with threatening prickles round
Thick-set, that have no strength to wound,
Sink into childhood's eager grasp.

Old Seagoe Notes.

An Ancient Seagoe Ghost.—We suppose that in every Parish which claims an ancient past there must be a ghost associated with it, but we had never heard until a month ago that there had been a ghost in Seagoe. However, we have no doubt now about the matter. One hundred years ago a rumour was widely current that a ghost frequented the vicinity of Upper Seagoe. It was before the present church had been built. Some people positively affirmed that the ghost frequented a certain lane in Upper Seagoe and although it could not be seen yet its steps could be distinctly heard and the weird sound of clanking chains accompanied its every movement. We do not know what became of the ghost, but after visiting the district occasionally for some years it disappeared and has neither been seen nor heard for more than eighty years.

Churchwardens of Seagoe (Continued)

1790.	1890.
James Willsen.	Thomas Gilpin.
Samuel Donaldson.	David W. Walker.
1791.	1891.
Robert Harrison.	James Atkinson.
Joseph Macomson.	George Calvert.
1792.	1892.
James Lutten.	James Atkinson.
Dynes Gilpin.	George Calvert.
1793.	1893.
John Greer, Esq.	Thomas J. Montgomery.
James Byrne (Kinigo)	Capel Reid.
1794.	1894.
John Greer, Esq.	Thomas J. Montgomery.
James Byrne	Capel Reid.