

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

SEPTEMBER, 1913.

A Splendid Summer.



THE splendid summer weather which we have enjoyed during July and August calls for a special note of thankfulness. Complaints about unseasonable weather are so frequent in this uncertain climate, that it is refreshing to hear on all sides expressions of delight and satisfaction at the unbroken spell of sunshine which has brightened our land for so long a time. Our Heavenly Father has indeed been gracious to us, and has heard and answered the special prayers which we offered to him in the springtime for a blessing on the seed sown. In every part of the Parish the crops have proved very prolific, and although the apple-crop has been a failure the abundant return in other directions will make up for its deficiency. We hope that the gracious gift of sunshine will not alone brighten our daily life and fill our storehouses with plenty, but will also tune our hearts into a spirit of true thanksgiving and worship to Him who giveth us life and health and all things.

Visit of the Lord Primate to Seagoe

The Lord Primate has kindly consented to attend the Dedication of the Memorial Panelling in the Chancel of Seagoe Church, on Sunday, October 26th, at Morning Prayer. The people of Seagoe remember with pleasure the visits paid to the Parish by His Grace when Bishop of Down, and they will rejoice to have him once more in their midst as Archbishop of Armagh. The Lord Primate was an intimate and beloved friend of the late Canon Blacker when he resided in the South of Ireland as Bishop of Ossory. Woodbrook the residence of Canon Blacker being situated in that Diocese. It is possible also that the Bishop of the Diocese (Rt. Rev. Dr. D'Arcy) may also be present at the Service.

Seagoe Day School.

Building the New Class-room.

The clink of the bricklayers trowel is now a familiar sound at Seagoe School. The walls of the new classroom are rapidly rising to their full height, and before the end of this month the outer structure will be complete. It is possible now to get a good idea of what the structure will be like. It will be

specially well lighted with five large windows, and equally well ventilated. Provision has been made for heating it thoroughly in cold weather by a central stove. It will provide Mr. Chambers and his staff with separate large Schoolrooms for the Senior, Junior, and Infant departments. This will mean more efficient teaching under healthier conditions. The out-offices of the school have been constructed on the most approved principles. In the planning of the new building everything possible has been done to safeguard the health of the pupils, and to render the school a perfectly suitable building for providing an up-to-date education for the children of the Parish. The building is being erected by Mr. Hyde, of Portadown, the carpentering work being in the capable hands of Mr. Herbert Holland, of Edenderry. Mr. James Twinem, Rector's Churchwarden, is giving constant time and attention to the supervision of the work.

St. Mary's Church, South Manchester, U.S.A.

We have been sent a copy of the Year Book of St. Mary's Church, South Manchester, U.S.A., a town where very many Seagoe people are living, most of them being employed in Messrs. Cheney's Silk Mills. The Year Book is very interesting, and contains a great deal of information about the work being done in the Parish. The Rector, the Rev. Manning Bennett, is a most active worker, and deserves the strenuous help of every Seagoe parishioner who lives in South Manchester. We notice that the Wardens for this year are Messrs. John Wright, and J. B. Hubbard. The Vestry consists of six members. There are two "Counters of Money," Alexander Madden, and John Finlay. We hope they are kept constantly employed. The Sexton is Charles Anderson. The Parish contains the large number of 952 Communicants. The debt incurred in the building of the Parish House has been paid, and the Mortgage on the Rectory cancelled. The walls of the Church have been decorated, and new carpets and cushions purchased. A new pulpit has been presented by the Ladies Guild. The Churchyard has been beautified by the planting of many shrubs and the laying of new side-walks and curb (a hint to Seagoe). "Our congregations are so large at present that it is frequently necessary to place chairs in the aisles to accommodate those who wish to attend the Services." The Rector concludes his Introduction with the following sentence "Our responsibilities are great. The time has come when we must squarely face our problems or lose an opportunity for development." We notice among the officers of the Choir a "Choir Mother." Miss Dorothy Cheney is the Branch Secretary of the Girls' Friendly Society. The branch consists of 60 members, 40 probationers,

and 24 Candidates. The Sunday School is graded into Senior, Intermediate, Junior, and Primary Departments. Among its officials is a 'Statistician', T. J. Faulkner. The members of the Men's Bible Class presented 100 new Prayer Books to the Church last year. A Confirmation was held on May 20th, 1913. Among the Marriages we notice familiar and unfamiliar names. June 5th, 1912, Max Kasulki to Sadie Weir. December 31st, Louis Klinkhamer to Ethel Robinson.

In many parts of the Report names of former Seagoe Parishioners, we are glad to say, appear as supporters of the Church.

Harvest Thanksgiving Services.

The Annual Services of Harvest Thanksgiving will be held (D.V.) in Seagoe Parish Church, on Thursday, October 9th, and on Sunday, October 11th. The preacher at the week-night service will be the Rev. Canon Garstin, Rector of Letterkenny, Co. Donegal, and formerly Rector of St. Luke's Parish, Belfast. At the Sunday Service the preacher will be the Rev. R. Usher Greer, Rector of Banbridge, and formerly Rector of St. Michael's Parish, Belfast, and of Christ Church, Lisburn. The collections at the week-night Service will be on behalf of Foreign Missions, and at the Sunday Services in aid of Parochial Funds.

District Harvest Services.

The following provisional arrangements have been made for these Services.

Hacknahay, Sunday, September 28th, at 3-30 p.m., and Monday, September 29th, at 8 p.m.

Tamnificarbet, Sunday, October 5th, at 7 p.m., and Monday, October 6th, at 8 p.m. Other arrangements will be announced in our next issue.

The Select Vestry.

The Select Vestry at their recent meetings have transacted a great deal of important business. At their last meeting a sub-committee was appointed to arrange for the renovation of the interior of the Church.

The Bazaar.

Many of the Parishioners are engaged preparing work for the forthcoming Bazaar in aid of the Rectory Purchase Scheme, which is to be held in the Town Hall, Portadown, on Thursday, December 11th, 1913. We have heard also that some former Parishioners now residing in the United States are also working hard for it. It is quite time that the stallholders came together to organise their special departments. Card collectors should also make every effort to increase their collections.

Holy Communion.

We specially invite those who have recently been confirmed to attend the celebration of Holy Communion in the Parish Church, on Sunday, September 7th. The rule of at least a monthly attendance at Holy Communion is one which brings both strength and comfort into our spiritual life, and should be observed by every devout follower of our Lord Jesus Christ.

A Dutch Fair.

It has been arranged to hold a Dutch Fair in Drumgor Church Hall, on Friday, October 3rd. Tickets Sixpence each. Full particulars on Handbills.

Hymns for September.

"Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord."

- 7th.—M.—57**, Almighty God, Thy Word is cast ; 357, My God, and is Thy Table spread ; 364, Sweet Feast of love Divine. **E.—38**, With one consent let all the earth ; 32, O day of rest and gladness ; 553, O Jesu, Thou art standing ; 561, We thank Thee, Lord, for this fair earth ; 562, When the day of toil is done.
- 14th.—M.—66**, Come, Thou long-expected Jesus ; 137, I lay my sins on Jesus ; 295, The King of love my Shepherd is ; 402, Jesus, Thou art my Righteousness. **E.—419**, Christ is our Cornerstone ; 461, Great God ! and wilt Thou condescend ; 463, There is a green hill far away ; 541, O my Saviour, hear me ; 641, Father, hear Thy children's call.
- 21st.—M.—134**, No ; not despairingly ; 193, Awake and sing the song ; 376, Thine for ever ;—God of love ; 443, God of my life, to Thee I call. **E.—493**, Jesu, stand among us ; 285, Nearer, my God, to Thee ; 162, In the hour of trial ; 179, We sing the praise of Him Who died ; 14, Abide with me ; fast falls the eventide.
- 28th.—M.—90**, verse 1, O Lord, the Saviour and Defence ; 127, Approach, my soul, the mercy-seat ; 378, Oft in danger, oft in woe ; 379, Onward, Christian Soldiers. **E.—377**, Soldiers of Christ ! arise ; 306, Jesus, Lover of my soul ; 279, I'm but a stranger here ; 448, To Thee our God we fly ; 280, To Zion's hill I lift my eyes.

New Chants—Te Deum—150, 128, Magnificat 565, Nunc Dimittis, 56.

At the Wednesday evening service the Parochial Mission Hymn Book is used.

The members of the congregation are asked to join heartily in the responses, and in the singing of the Canticles Psalms and Hymns.

PARISH REGISTER FOR AUG.

Baptisms.

"He will be mindful of His Covenant."

Baptized on August 2nd, 1913.

Robb.—Wilfrid Jones, son of William and Sarah Robb, of Glasgow.

Sponsors—William John Tate, Sarah Robb.

Dobbin.—Thomas, son of Robert and Mary Anne Dobbin, Portadown.

Sponsors—Caroline Montgomery, Mary Anne Dobbin.

McKerr.—Elizabeth, daughter of James and Sarah Anne McKerr, Portadown.

Sponsors—Emily Neill, Sarah Anne McKerr.

Holmes.—Thomas James, son of Thomas Henry and Frances Jane Holmes, Edenderry.

Sponsors—Margaret Graham, Frances Jane Holmes,

McCann.—Susan, daughter of William Henry and Phoebe McCann, Killicomaine.

Sponsors—Ellen Matthews, Phoebe McCann.

Hoy.—Rhoda, daughter of Thomas James and Frances Hoy, Lylo.

Sponsors—Jane Anne Webb, Frances Hoy.

McReynolds.—William, son of Henry Roland and Edith McReynolds, Upper Seagoe.

Sponsors—Mary Anne Atkinson, Edith McReynolds.

PRIVATELY BAPTIZED.

Adair.—August 20th, David Hugh, son of David Hugh and Elizabeth Adair, Edenderry.

Donaldson.—August 26th, Martha, daughter of Isaac Robert and Mary Donaldson, Killicomaine.

Marriages.

"Let Love be without dissimulation."

Gilpin and Thompson.—August 20th, 1913, Joseph Gilpin, of Edenderry, to Elizabeth Anne Thompson, of Ballyworkan, Portadown.

Burials.

"Come unto Me, and I will give you rest."

Wilson.—Aug. 6th, Sophia Wilson, Ballymacrandle, aged 85 years.

McKane.—Aug. 12th, David McKane, Ballymacrandle, aged 76 years.

McNally.—Aug. 16th, John McNally, Edenderry, aged 70 years.

Adair.—Aug. 22nd, Elizabeth Adair, Edenderry, aged 41 years.

Simpson.—Sept. 2nd, Lily Simpson, Edenderry, aged 16 years.

ITEMS.

The Rev. G. Bloomer is acting as English Chaplain under the Colonial and Continental Society at Baden-en-Suisse, Switzerland, during the month of September.

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A Union Jack is flying from the topmost bricks of the gable of the new Class Room in Seagoe School, the wall having been raised now to its full height.

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A Date Stone is being placed over the door of the new Schoolroom bearing the date "1913." It is a piece of fine limestone, quarried at Glanna in the Co. Tyrone, and has been supplied by Mr. William Best, Sculptor, Portadown, and People's Churchwarden of Seagoe for the current year.

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Many gardens in the Parish have been beautified by the packets of Seagoe Flower Seeds. If anyone has a specially good display they should inform the Rector of it before the blossoms fade.

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The Rev. Jas. N. Mackenzie, Rector of Blue Ridge Summit, U.S.A., sends us some very interesting particulars of his Parish which we hope to refer to in our next issue.

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A former Seagoe Parishioner now in Detroit, Michigan, U.S.A., writes—"I go to my Church every Sunday and I enjoy it fine, but I think of dear old Seagoe."

Special Services will be held in Seagoe Parish Church, on Sunday, September 28th, the Anniversary of the Signing of the Covenant on Ulster Day.

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Lizzie Dickson, of Tamnifglasson, a pupil in Drumgor Sunday School, has been awarded a Special Certificate of Merit for success in the "Round World" Missionary Scripture Competition (Junior Division). We hope others will enter for this interesting Competition.

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The Harvest Anthem, "Exalt the Lord," is now being practised by the Choir for Seagoe Harvest Festival.

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Deep sympathy has been felt for Mr. David Hugh Adair, of Edenderry, in the sad death of his wife after a brief illness.

Offertories.

"All things come of Thee."

Sunday—Mornings	...	£9	7	1
Evenings	...	2	11	5
Wednesdays	...	0	9	10
Total,	...	£12	8	4

The sum of £3 3s 0d was collected on Sunday, Aug. 31st, on behalf of the Poor Parishes Fund.

A Letter to the Parishioners.

The Hon. Treasurer of Seagoe Parish, Mr Wolsey R. Atkinson, of Eden Villa, writes as follows regarding the renovation of the Church—

It will be necessary to get at least £30 from the Parish which the Vestry consider can only be raised by subscriptions, and have asked Mr G. Calvert, and Mr Wolsey R. Atkinson, to solicit subscriptions for the doing up of the Church, and Ventilation of the Church. There may be some extra expense in connection with Chancel walls which are so much given to damp.

A Literary and Debating Society.

It is proposed to form a Literary and Debating Society to meet weekly in Edenderry Parochial Hall during the winter months. It is hoped to hold the opening meeting early in October. A preliminary meeting will be held (p.v.) on Tuesday, September 16th, in Edenderry Parochial Hall, at 8 o'clock. Mr J. J. Dobson is acting as Hon. Sec. pro tem.

Old Seagoe Notes.

Curates of Seagoe from 1673-1859. [We publish a complete list of the Curates of Seagoe with the University degree held by each, and the date when it was conferred, also the dates of his tenure of the Curacy, and any further particulars of interest regarding his later career.]

- 1673—Richard Jones.
- 1696—George Toombs.
- 1745-1766—John Carroll, B.A., 1729, Perpetual Curate of the Moyntiagh's, 1766.
- N.B.—The Moyntiagh's was formed into a separate District with a Curate in charge in 1766.
- 1749—Arthur Fforde, B.A., 1723, M.A. 1726, Vicar of Seagoe, 1731-1748. Afterwards Vicar of Shankill, Lurgan.
- 1756—Thomas Higginson, Sch. T.C.D. 1743, B.A., 1744.
- 1763-1764—William Tisdall, B.A., 1763.
- 1772-1773—Alexander Meecredy.
- 1776—William Campbell, Sch. T.C.D., 1763, B.A., 1764.

- 1779—Robert Henry.
- 1783-1784—John Price, B.A., 1779.
- 1794-1796—John Buckby.
- 1803—John Lodge, B.A., 1793.
- 1805—Thomas Radley.
- 1810-1816—Richard Olpherts, B.A., 1805, M.A., 1827.
- 1816—Francis Chamley, B.A., 1805, M.A., 1832, Licensed as Curate of Seagoe on February 8th, 1817.
- 1817—Edward Geoghegan, B.A., 1815, M.A., 1818. Ordained Priest and licensed as Curate of Seagoe, on August 21st, 1818.
- 1819—George Evans, B.A., 1817.
- 1820-1828—John Beatty, B.A., 1816, M.A., 1832. Afterwards Rector of Donaghcloney.
- 1828-1830—John H. Stafford, Sch. T.C.D., 1824, B.A., 1826.
- 1829-1838—Simon Foot, B.A., 1829, M.A., 1832. Afterwards Rector of Knocknamuckley.
- 1830-1831—Horatio Moffatt.
- 1830-1831—George Edmundson, B.A., 1828. Afterwards Vicar of Saintfield.
- 1831-1832—John Dixon Maughan, B.A., 1830, M.A., 1832.
- 1832—William Warburton, B.A., 1827, M.A., 1832, B.D. and D.D., 1853. Afterwards Dean of Elphin.
- 1833—James Adams, B.A., 1832.
- 1833-1834—Jeffrey Lefroy, B.A., 1832, M.A., 1843. Afterwards Dean of Dromore, 1876.
- 1835—Valentine Duke Christian, B.A., 1834, M.A., 1857.
- 1837-1838—John Charles William Leslie, B.A., Oxon, 1832.
- 1836-1838—Samuel Maxwell West, B.A., 1828, M.A., 1832.
- 1838-1839—James Ford, B.A., 1832.
- 1839-1840—Thomas Dawson, B.A., 1838.
- 1840-1842—Thomas Benjamin Adair, B.A., Oxon, 1837, M.A., 1842. Afterwards Vicar of Templepatrick.
- 1842-1845—Horace T. Townsend, B.A., 1839. Afterwards Rector of Kilcoe, Diocese of Ross.
- 1847 (March)—1859 (March)—Capel Wolseley, Born 1811, B.A., 1838. Afterwards held a living in Sligo, and was Rector of the Church of the Sacred Trinity, Salford, Manchester. Died at Southsea, England, 1885.

In next issue we will publish a list of Curates from 1859 to the present.