

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

SEPTEMBER, 1929.

RECTOR :

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CHURCHWARDENS :

Rector's—George Henry Wilson.

People's—John Harrison Twinem.

Harvest Thanksgiving Services.

The Annual Thanksgiving Services for the Blessings of Harvest will be held (p.v.) in the Parish Church on Thursday, October 17th, at 8 p.m. The preacher will be the Rev. W. T. Grey, M.A., a former Curate of Seagoe and for 12 years a Missionary in Japan. Mr. Gray is at present Deputation Secretary in Ireland for the Jews' Society. The offerings at this Service will be given to Foreign Missions. The Harvest Services will be continued on the following Sunday, Oct. 20th, at Morning and Evening Prayer. Further particulars regarding the Services will be announced in our next issue.

Hacknahay,

Harvest Thanksgiving Services will be held (p.v.) in Hacknahay School on Sunday, Sept. 29th, at 3-30 p.m., and on Monday, Sept. 30th, at 8 p.m. The offerings on Sunday will be on behalf of the local Sunday School Funds, and on Monday for Foreign Missions.

District Harvest Services.

Provisional arrangements have been made for holding Harvest Thanksgiving Services in the following centres on the following dates:—

Carne—Sunday, Oct. 6th, at 3-30 p.m.

„ Monday, Oct. 7th, at 8 p.m.

Drumgor—Sunday, Oct. 13th, at 4 p.m.

„ Monday, Oct. 14th, at 8 p.m.

Levaghery—Sunday, Oct. 27th, at 3-30 p.m.

„ Monday, Oct. 28th, at 8 p.m.

Edenderry—Friday, Nov. 1st, at 8 p.m.

„ Sunday, Nov. 3rd, at 3-30 p.m.

The offerings at the Sunday Services will be on behalf of the local Sunday School Fund and at the weekly Services on behalf of Foreign Missions.

The Tower of St. Mark's.

The Memorial Tower of St. Mark's Church, in Portadown, is rising rapidly from its foundations and is becoming a feature of the town. Its massive proportions and handsome architectural design will make it a worthy memorial of the brave men who laid down their lives in the Great War. When it is completed and its peal of bells are hung it will be a great ornament to the town, as well as a fitting completion to St. Mark's Church.

“Palestine Life.”

On Friday evening, October 18th, the Rev. W. T. Grey will hold a “Palestine Life” meeting in Edenderry Parochial Hall. It will begin at 7-30 p.m. The charge for tickets will be one shilling. Tea will be provided. Mr. Grey will bring with him many exhibits to illustrate life in Palestine. Tickets will be on sale during October. Mr. Grey has given this entertainment at many places in Southern Ireland and through it has aroused much interest in Christian work amongst the Jews. Secure your ticket in good time.

Religious Education.

Sermons on behalf of the Diocesan Board of Religious Education will be preached in the Parish Church on Sunday, September 8th, at Morning and Evening Prayer. The Board of Education is one of the most important organisations in the Diocese. Its members are elected annually by the Diocesan Synod. The Board acts as Trustees for almost all the school buildings in the Diocese. It supervises the Educational Endowments in the Diocese and controls all the educational machinery of the Diocese. It provides a staff of clergy whose duty is to hold annual examinations in Religious Knowledge in the Public Elementary Schools. It also publishes the Diocesan Calendar for our Sunday Schools and holds each year the Bishop's Medal Examination. It also provides courses of lectures for Sunday School Teachers. The Board is entitled to receive the generous support of all who value the Religious Education of the children of the Church.

A Pretty Wedding.

One of the prettiest Weddings that has taken place in Seagoe in recent times was that of Mr. Henry Millar and Miss Minnie Shearman on September 2nd. There was a large congregation present. The bride was given away by her father, Mr. William Shearman. The bride was presented with a gift of a handsomely bound Prayer Book and Hymnal by the Sunday School Teachers of Edenderry Morning Sunday School, where she had been a valued helper for some years. The bridal party were photographed after the ceremony by Mr. Moffatt at his studio in Edenderry.

Seagoe Mothers' Union.

There will be no meeting of the Mothers' Union this month, but the members will meet as usual on Tuesday, October 8th. Further particulars as to the meeting will be given in our next issue.

Parish Register for August.

Baptisms

The following were baptized in the Parish Church on August 3rd, 1929:—

Rainey—William John, son of Samuel and Elizabeth Rainey, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Minnie Hewitt, Elizabeth Rainey.

Whiteside—Harold George, son of Ferguson and Mary Whiteside, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Sarah Anne Woods, Mary Whiteside.

Parker—Malcolm Brian, son of Herbert John and Mary Florence Parker, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Mary Maria Crawford, Mary Florence Parker.

Hamilton—John, son of William John and Norah Hamilton, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Gertrude Freeburn, Norah Hamilton.

Heyburn—Harold, son of William James and Mary Jane Heyburn, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Elizabeth Clayton, Mary Jane Heyburn.

PRIVATE BAPTISM.

Sands—Aug. 3rd, 1929, James, son of James and Anne Sands, of Edenderry.

Marriages.

Stanfield and Boyd—Aug. 20th, 1929, William Stanfield, R.U.C., of Pomeroy, Co. Tyrone, to Margaret Boyd, of Edenderry.

Millar and Sherman—Sept. 2nd, 1929, Henry Millar, of Portadown, to Mary Isobel Sherman, of Edenderry.

Allen and Gracey—Aug. 21st, 1929, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Windsor, Vermont, U.S.A., by the Rev. Robert Child Wilson, Charlotte, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Allen, Carrick Blacker Road, Portadown, to Allan, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Gracey, of Castle St., Portadown.

Burials.

White—Aug. 22nd, James White, of Killicomaine, aged 68 years.

Ramsey—Sept. 4th, Anne Jane Ramsey, of Kernan, aged 85 years.

Seagoe P.E. School.

The School, re-opened after the summer holidays on Wednesday, August 14th, with a large assemblage of pupils. The School building has been much improved and further improvements are in progress. Externally the School has been re-painted. The finely-carved date-stone recording the fact that the present building was erected in 1859, has been renewed and the lettering painted. The words "Laus Deo," meaning "Praise to God," have been restored, having been almost obliterated by exposure to the weather.

Death of Mrs. Ramsey.

It is with much regret that we record this month the death of Mrs. Anne Jane Ramsey, of Kernan. Mrs. Ramsey had been all her life closely associated with Seagoe Parish. She was a member of the Costello family, of Carne, and a sister of Mr. Andrew Costello and of the late Mr. Atkinson Costello. Mrs. Ramsey had reached an advanced age, but she was always so active and so energetic that no one who knew her could realise that she had long passed the allotted span of life. Until a few weeks ago she was going about as usual. We offer our sincere sympathy to Mr. Ramsey and all the members of the family in their bereavement.

The Well at Seagoe.

The new well which has been sunk at Seagoe School reached a depth of 52 feet before water was reached. At that depth two layers of sand were uncovered. The well-sinker, Patrick Tighe, had just come up from the bottom of the well when the lower sides fell in, burying his pick and shovel, and a great rush of water made its way into the well. Water diviners had prophesied that there was an abundant spring of water under the surface of the School ground. A few evenings before the water appeared the forked twig held by a diviner bent so sharply that the twig broke in his hand. The Rector and Mr. James Twinem had a somewhat similar experience when testing for water in the school ground last year. The primary purpose for which the well was sunk was to provide water for use at Old Seagoe graveyard, but it will also prove of much use in supplying water to the neighbouring residents and to the School.

C.L.B. Social.

A very pleasant social evening was spent by the Seagoe C.L.B. in the Parochial Hall on Thursday August 29th. The parents of the lads and their friends had been invited, and a goodly company was present when proceedings began. Tea was provided and after this came music and games. Mr. Gracey, Captain of the C.L.B., had organised the entertainment and everybody enjoyed it to the full. The C.L.B. resumed its weekly parade on Monday, September 2nd, and is looking forward to an interesting and profitable winter session.

The Junior C.L.B. meets in the Parochial Hall on Tuesday evenings.

Girls' Bible Class.

The Girls' Bible Class meets in Seagoe School every Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. It is taught by Mr. R. Scott, Principal of Seagoe School. We invite the girls and young women of the Parish to join the class and thus to have an opportunity each Sunday morning of receiving careful instruction in the truths of God's Word. Seagoe School is very central for such a class.

Old Seagoe Notes.

Seagoe Yeomanry in 1833.—The following cutting is extracted from a recent copy of the "Portadown Times." The Seagoe Infantry or Yeomanry played an important part in helping the British Government during the strenuous days of the Napoleonic wars. We have not yet been able to ascertain whether any Seagoe soldier fought at Waterloo. We believe it is very probable that Seagoe was represented on that historic field. Perhaps some of our readers may be able to give information on the subject. The names of the Seagoe, Portadown and Tandragee Yeomanry are in the following list:—

PORTADOWN.

Captain Commandant Curran Woodhouse, date of Commission 22nd March, 1817.
 Captain Wm. Atkinson, 24th April, 1804.
 Lieut. J. O. Woodhouse, 9th November, 1820.
 Lieut. W. H. Woodhouse.
 Lieut. W. H. Woodhouse.
 Lieut. Richmond Pepper, 8th December, 1830.
 Lieut. George Woodhouse, 13th January, 1831.
 Benjamin Mallagh was given as an officer in a former list.

SEAGOE.

1st Capt. Lieut.-Col. Blacker, 31st October, 1796.
 2nd Captain James Blacker, 16th November, 1814.
 3rd Captain Thomas Fulton, 1st December, 1821.
 Lieut. Stewart Blacker, 19th January, 1831.
 Lieut. Wm. Hickland, 24th April, 1833.
 Lieut. Wm. Browne, 16th November, 1814.
 Lieut. John Joint, 27th June, 1823.
 Lieut. Wm. Fisher, 31st May, 1804.
 Lieut. George Dickson, 1st December, 1821.
 Lieut. Wolsey Sloane, 25th April, 1833.

TANDRAGEE.

Capt. Geo. Washington Patten, 26th April, 1816.
 Lieut. Abraham Hardy, 16th December, 1830.
 Lieut. R. Trotter.
 Lieut. Wm. Acheson.
 Lieut. James Hardy, 4th April, 1831.
 These corps were called out to aid the civil power in 1821.

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The Barony of O'Neilland in 1683—The following reference to the Barony of O'Neilland, in which the Parish of Seagoe is situated, dates back over 200 years and is of practical interest to the parishioners of to-day:—

The two baronies of O'Neilland West and East, in County Armagh, were formerly known by the general name of O'Neilland, and a letter written in 1682 by one William Brooke gives a quaint and interesting description of the district. "The soile of this barony," he wrote, "is very deep and fertile, being productive of all sorts of grain, as wheat, rye, barley, oats, &c. The vast quantity of wheat that is yearly carried hence into the county of Antrim, besides the maintenance of above two thousand families

with bread, which number I find to inhabit this small barony, most whereof being English, do plainly demonstrate it to be the granary of Ulster, and one of Cere's chiefest barns for corn; and as it excells all the rest for corn, so it challenges the preference for fruit trees, good sider being sold here for 30 shillings the hogshhead. . . The farmers here are enjoined by their leases to plant apple trees proportionable to the quantity of their land; so that if the sinfulness of the people do not forestall those blessings of peace and plenty which God in His bounty designs for us, this county twenty or thirty years hence will be little inferior to the best sider county in England.

Men's Bible Class.

The Men's Bible Class meets in the Orange Hall, Edenderry, every Sunday morning at 10-15. Its membership is very large, running up at present to about 96 in number. The members, under the guidance of Mr. R. Gracey, our Lay Reader, are studying the Book of the Acts of the Apostles. We invite others of our parishioners to join the class. There is no greater help towards living the Christian life than a regular study of God's Word, and membership in a Bible Class such as this provides our men with a great opportunity. We hope that the men who attend the class will come on after the class to the Church. The right use of our Sundays as days not merely of rest from work but of attendance at Public Worship in the Parish Church is a duty which every devout Christian and loyal Churchman should observe.

ITEMS.

The sewage pipes in connection with the Portadown Main Drainage scheme are being laid through Lower and Upper Seagoe.

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Some meadows still remain uncut owing to the unsettled weather.

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Mr. R. Gracey is having a holiday in Scotland.

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The Rector thanks a correspondent in Brisbane for interesting papers describing the Anzac Memorial Services held last April in Brisbane Cathedral.

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The Select Vestry at their meeting on September 3rd, passed a resolution of regret and sympathy on the death of Mr. Thomas J. Montgomery.

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The cause of a spot of damp over one of our Church windows has been discovered and is about to be remedied. Several sources of dampness in the Church walls have been in recent years examined into and successfully removed.

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Some of the graves and tombstones in the ground around the Church are much in need of attention.

ITEMS.

Many of the graves in Old Seagoe graveyard are now kept bright with beautiful flowers. This is as it should be.

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Many new houses are in course of erection in the Parish, especially along the Lurgan Road.

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Hedges need close cutting again at many corners if accidents are to be avoided and life and limb safeguarded.

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The exterior of Edenderry Parochial Hall has recently been painted.

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Portadown Shopping Week was a great success. Many of the shop windows were very beautifully arranged. We noticed the names of a large number of Seagoe parishioners in the lists of prize-winners.

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Cases of theft have recently occurred in the Parish. Tramps and beggars of all descriptions are allowed

to frequent our roads and the streets of our town. This has become not merely a public nuisance but a danger. Every Monday and Saturday a horde of such unworthy people descends on our neighbourhood and are generously helped by the gifts of our people. The deserving poor are left to shift for themselves.

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The Annual Report has now been published and will be circulated without delay.

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Seagoe P.E. School was for many years known as No. 11149. The Ministry of Education have now re-numbered the Schools in Northern Ireland, and Seagoe School becomes No. 1023

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The accounts for the excursion to Newcastle have been closed and the following are the items:—Sale of tickets, £83 5s; Mothers' Union subscription, £10; total receipts, £93 5s 0d. Paid G.N.R. for tickets, £g7 9s 0d; Messrs. Davison, £20 6s 3d; Mr. Dermott, £3 1s 5d; hire of Hall, £3; printing, 19s. Total expenditure £84 15s 8d. Balance in hand £8 9s 4d.

**SERVICES
THE PARISH CHURCH.**

HOLY COMMUNION—1st Sunday after Morning Prayer; 3rd Sunday at 8 a.m., and on the Chief Festivals.

HOLY BAPTISM—1st Saturday of Month at 3 p.m., and during any Service in the Parish Church, if notice be given; Two Sponsors at least are required, and they must be Confirmed members of the Church. Churchings are held at each Baptism. Mothers are expected to bring a thank-offering. (See Book of Common Prayer.)

MORNING PRAYER—Sundays and Chief Festivals 8 p.m. during Advent and Lent

EVENING PRAYER—Sundays 7 p.m.

DISTRICT SERVICES.

Hacknahay—Last Sunday of Month at 3.30 p.m.

Drumgor—Second Sunday of Month at 4 p.m.

Edenderry—Wednesdays at 8 p.m.

CLASSES, &c.

ADULT CLASSES—Sundays at 10 a.m.

For Men—Edenderry. For Women—Seagoe School.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—10 a.m. Edenderry Parochial Hall and Seagoe School. 3 p.m. Seagoe, Edenderry Parochial Hall, Levaghery, Hacknahay, Carne, Drumgor.

Mothers' Union—2nd Tuesday of each month.

DAY SCHOOL—Seagoe, 9-30 a.m. Principal—Mr. R. Scott.

MARRIAGES must be performed between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Licenses are issued by Rev Canon Hannon, Rectory, Lurgan. Due notice (48 hours) must be given to the Rector of intended weddings. **FEES**—By License—Labourers 5/-, Tradesmen 10/-, Merchants and Farmers 15/-, Professional £1. By Banns 5/-. **FUNERALS** will be attended by the Clergy if proper notice be given. **SICK CASES** should be notified to the Clergy without delay. **FEES FOR CERTIFICATES** BAPTISM, 3/7; Children (Factory), 1/- and 2/- (non-residents); **MARRIAGE**, 3/7. An extra search fee is chargeable in certain cases. It will be a help to the Clergy if they are notified of the arrival of new Church families in the Parish.

A copy of the Magazine will be sent post free to any subscriber for 3s per annum.