

# Seagoe Parish Magazine.

SEPTEMBER, 1930.

## RECTOR:

Rev. Canon Archer, B.D., The Rectory, Seagoe,  
LAY READER (Bishop's Licence):

Mr. Robt. Gracey, 69 Bridge Street, Portadown.

## CHURCHWARDENS:

Rector's—Wm. H. England.

People's—Gilbert Price.

## Harvest Thanksgiving.

Our annual Services of Thanksgiving for the Blessings of Harvest will be held in the Parish Church and throughout the Parish at the end of this month and during October. The Services in the Parish Church will be held on Thursday, October 16th, and on the following Sunday, October 19th. The preacher on Thursday evening will be the Rev. Chancellor MacLaurin, M.A., Rector of Killaloe, Co. Clare. Chancellor MacLaurin is a son of the late Rev. Canon MacLaurin, for many years the greatly respected Rector of Markethill, Co. Armagh. Chancellor MacLaurin occupies a leading position in the Diocese of Killaloe, being Rector of Killaloe Cathedral and also Secretary of the Diocese. He is also a Diocesan Nominator. The offerings at this Service will be given to Foreign Missions.

## Hacknahay Harvest Services.

The Harvest Services in Hacknahay will be held on Sunday, September 28th, at 3.30 p.m., and on Monday, September 29th, at 8 p.m. The offerings on Sunday will be on behalf of the local Sunday School Fund and on Monday for Foreign Missions.

## Edenderry Harvest Services.

These Services will be held on Sunday, October 5th, at 3.30, and on Monday, October 6th, at 8 p.m. A special choir is already practising the Harvest music. The offerings on Sunday will be given to the Parochial Hall Fund and on Monday to Foreign Missions.

## New Curate of Seagoe.

Mr. Frederick W. Hayes, L.Th. and B.A. of the University of Durham, will be ordained at the Ordination of the Bishop of Down on Sunday, September 21st, as Curate-Assistant of the Parish of Seagoe. Mr. Hayes comes to us with the highest recommendations. We ask the Parishioners to remember him in their prayers, especially on the day of his Ordination. Some will perhaps turn to the Service for the Ordering of Deacons in the Book of Common Prayer and read there in a prayerful spirit the responsibilities demanded from a Deacon on his Ordination.

## Our Lay Reader.

It is with feelings of no ordinary regret that we announce the approaching departure from the Parish

of Mr. Robert Gracey, our Lay Reader. Mr. Gracey first came to the Parish in the spring of 1928 and was solemnly set apart by the Bishop as a licensed Lay Reader at the Service of Confirmation held in the Parish Church on June 6th, 1928. Mr. Gracey has gained the affection of all the Parishioners for his sterling Christian character and for his sympathetic and genial kindness of heart. We will miss him badly when he goes but our prayers and good wishes will go with him as he enters upon his studies in St. Aidan's College, Birkenhead, in preparation for the Sacred Ministry of the Church. Mr. Gracey hopes to leave Seagoe early in October. The first term at St. Aidan's lasts for ten weeks but we hope to see Mr. Gracey back in these parts during the Christmas holidays.

## Special Week's Mission.

Mr. Robert Gracey will conduct a special week's Mission in Edenderry Parochial Hall, beginning on Monday, September 22nd, and concluding on Friday, September 26. The Services will begin each evening at 8 o'clock.

## Board of Education.

The annual appeal on behalf of the Diocesan Board of Religious Education will be made in the Parish Church on Sunday, September 14th, at Morning and Evening Prayer. The Board of Education does a most important and necessary work in the Diocese, providing four Inspectors for conducting examinations in Religious Knowledge in our Public Elementary Schools, arranging the Sunday School Calendars and notes and also supervising much of the Church property of the Diocese. The Bishop expresses a hope that Church people will liberally support the work of the Board in the United Diocese.

## Carne Bible Class.

A Bible Class for men and women is held in Carne Church Hall on each Thursday evening at 8. Those residing in the district are invited to attend. St. Mark's Gospel is the present subject of study.

## Edenderry Children's Service.

A Service for children is held in the Parochial Hall every Wednesday at 4 o'clock. Parents, send your children to this bright and helpful service.

## Drumgor Church Hall.

A happy gathering of the Junior Sunday School classes at Drumgor was held in the Hall on Tuesday, August 19th. Tea was provided by the teachers of the Junior Classes, the Misses Margaret, Rachel, and Lily Gracey and Miss Mabel Dickson. Games and music completed a very pleasant evening.



### C.L.B. Cadets

The Cadets and their parents were present at a social in the Parochial Hall on Tuesday, August 28th, organised by Messrs. J. Lavery and R. Hoy. The Rev. J. Magill, Curate of St. Mark's, kindly sang, also Mr. Albert Wilson, the Misses Walker and M'Broom, and Mr. Sydney Walker gave instrumental solos and duets. It was a most enjoyable evening.

### A Church Repairs Fund

A Parishioner has suggested that we should have in Seagoe a Church Repairs Fund. There are many repairs of the Church fabric needed from time to time and the repairs are often delayed through not having the funds in hand. We heartily commend this suggestion to the Parishioners. Each year it might be possible to put aside a small sum towards this object which would in the course of time amount to a substantial sum.

### Twenty-Five Years Ago

SEPTEMBER, 1906.

The great event in the Parish in September, 1906, was the Mission conducted by the Rev. W. Bryan-Brown, of the Church of England Parochial Mission Society. It began on Saturday, September 22nd, and concluded on Monday, October 1st. The Mission proved a great blessing to many in the Parish, and Mr. Bryan-Brown was a most faithful Missioner. The Church was crowded throughout the Mission. There are seven Baptisms recorded in the Parish Registers for the month, also three marriages and three burials. An Infant Sunday School has been opened in the Wooden Hall, Edenderry, under Miss Connor and the Misses Montgomery. Major and Mrs. Blacker are welcomed to the Parish. The Anchor Cafe advertisement appears for the first time in the Magazine. The contract for the introduction of gas into the Church is given by the Vestry to Mr. Kerr of Castle Street. Capt. Gaskell and Lieut. Simmons of the Church Army are to help at the Mission. A G.F.S. excursion takes place to Loughgall. Old Seagoe Notes deal with the Silver Communion Plate, the Moyntiaghs, and the Font.

### Attempted Robbery at Seagoe

We regret to record an attempted robbery at Seagoe Church on Saturday night, August 24th. Robbery of any kind is a serious offence but when it is perpetrated against the House of God it becomes an offence abhorrent to everyone who believes in God. Fortunately the thieves secured nothing of importance. Their booty amounted to a solitary sixpence which happened to be lying on the Vestry table. The miscreants gained access to the Church by breaking the upper portion of a small window near the Vestry. The opening is so small that it seems only a boy could get through it. A deliberate attempt seems to have been made to blow up the lock of the Vestry safe. The keyhole was stuffed with a mixture of carbolic soap and an explosive of some kind. Ap-

parently the thieves were disturbed at their evil work as no cap or fuse was found. The robbery was first discovered by Robert Richardson, the sexton, at 8 o'clock on Sunday morning, and he communicated with Mr. R. Gracey, who sent for the police. The matter is now in the hands of the police and we expect that before long the culprits will be duly punished. Ever since the burglary at the Church in 1911 the Rectory has been careful to keep everything of value belonging to the Church in a place of complete safety, otherwise the robbery on this occasion might have been serious. We are thankful that no real injury has been done to the Church building and that no disarrangement of the furniture or fittings has taken place. This occurrence will draw the hearts of the Parishioners closer to their beautiful House of Prayer and they will perhaps say with new meaning the words of Hymn 435—

"We love Thy Church, O God,  
Her walls before Thee stand  
Dear as the apple of Thine eye  
And graven on Thy hand."

### Parish Register for August

#### Baptisms

The following were Baptized in the Parish Church on August 2nd, 1930:—

**Winter**—Hermione, daughter of Hiram Oswald and Anne Elizabeth Winter, of Edenderry.

**Sponsors**—Mary Freeburn, Anne Elizabeth Winter, Ramsey—Abigail Jane, daughter of John and Esth. Hamilton Ramsey, of Kernan.

**Sponsors**—John Ramsey, Esther Hamilton Ramsey  
**Joyce**—Mildred, daughter of Joseph and Florence Joyce, of Upper Seagoe.

**Sponsors**—Edith Florence Richardson, Florence Joyce.

#### Marriages

**Craig and Coulter**—August 6th, 1930, after Banns. Joseph Craig, of Glasgow, to Sarah Georgina Coulter, of Tarsan.

**Richardson and Dawson**—August 14th, 1930, Arthur Baden Richardson, of Portadown, to Lucie Ann Dawson, of Kernan.

**Maxwell and M'Kerr**—August 20th, 1930, Richard Maxwell, of Lurgan, to Martha M'Kerr, of Drumgor.

**Millar and Richardson**—August 28th, 1930, Robert Millar, of Levaghery, to Edith Florence Richardson, of Upper Seagoe.

#### Burials.

**Webb**—August 9th, Mary Webb, of Edenderry, aged 83 years.

**Caddell**—August 30th, William John Caddell, of Tarsan, aged 79 years.

**Best**—September 5th, Samuel Henry Best, of Ballyteagh, aged 81 years.



### Our Friends Abroad

We send greetings to all our Seagoe people scattered across the world, to those in Canada, United States, South America, Terra del Fuego, the Islands of the Pacific, New Hebrides, Queensland, Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, Western Australia, New Zealand, China, Japan, India (Madras), Irak, Egypt, South Africa, West Africa and wherever else you may be. We do not forget you and hope you do not forget us. Send us a message which we may print in the Magazine. We want to know all about you and the country in which you live.

### Cottage Services

A Cottage Service will be held in Mr. Thos. Dickson's house, kindly lent for the occasion, at Tamnaghlasson, on Tuesday, September 9th, at 8 p.m. Will all the parishioners in that neighbourhood please take note of the Service. A largely attended Service was held in Knock Lane on Tuesday, September 3rd, Mr. W. J. England kindly lent his house for the Service. Mr. R. Gracey gave an address.

### Seagoe on the High Seas

The Misses Hawthorne of Edenderry sailed for Melbourne, Australia, in the liner "Largs Castle" on August 5th. They did good work for the Church and Sunday Schools during many years. The good wishes of the Parishioners will accompany them on their long voyage and our hopes that they may have much success in their new Australian home. Mrs. Robinson (a daughter of Mrs. McDowell of Killycomaine) who has been on a visit to her mother, has returned with her daughter to her home in South Manchester, U.S.A. She landed here in June from the s.s. "Transylvania." During the voyage the ship was held up in a dense fog. Messages came through the ether from the aeroplane "The Southern Cross," asking for their bearings. The liner turned up its searchlight to guide the fliers and gave them their position. Shortly afterwards the radio came through "Thanks to your help, we shall make land now."

Miss Lily M'Kee, of Kernan, sailed for Toronto, Canada, on August 9th.

### C.L.B. Social

A very pleasant and largely attended social was held in the Parochial Hall on Thursday, September 4th, at 8 p.m. It was organised by the Officers and Lads of the Seagoe Company of the C.L.B. Each lad was invited to bring a friend with them. After tea, those present engaged in various games. A duet, violin and clarinet, was given by Miss M'Broom and Mr. Albert Wilson. Mr. Wilson also sang with good effect the song "Mary of Argyle." During an interval the Rector spoke on the advantages of mem-

bership in the C.L.B., and gave a brief record of the work of the C.L.B. from the visit of the Founder of the Brigade, Captain Gee, to Seagoe in 1905, to the present day. Captain Gracey also spoke and congratulated the lads on the efficiency of the Company.

### Old Seagoe Notes

**The Wentworth Family in Seagoe.**—In continuation of our notes on the Wentworth family in our last issue we give this month some further interesting particulars regarding the family. The Wentworth family came originally from Yorkshire, where Woodhouse Wentworth was settled. A descendant of his was Michael Wentworth, who had a son D'Arcy. This D'Arcy Wentworth became steward to the 4th Earl of Roscommon. He was born in 1640, and in 1690 was a Captain in the Meath Militia. He married first Alice, daughter of Sir Robert Sterling, Knt. of Cork, and 2nd Sarah Dodwell of Athlone. He and his second wife were buried in St. Patrick's Church at Trim. He died on 29th April, 1710, aged 70 years. By his second wife he had three sons, Robert, George, and D'Arcy. Robert married Mary Walsh, who bore him a son D'Arcy and a daughter Catherine. He married secondly Anne, daughter of John D'Arcy, of Millstown, Co. Meath, who had a daughter Sarah. Robert's son D'Arcy was born in 1722 and came to Killycomaine in 1747. He was married on January 8th, 1747, in Seagoe Church to Martha Dixon. He died 11th November, 1806, aged 84, and was buried in Seagoe. His wife died on July 17th, 1803, aged 76, and was also buried at Seagoe. D'Arcy Wentworth had a family of 4 sons and 2 daughters. The sons were—1, William, of Mullantine, Co. Armagh, married on 2nd Feb., 1777, in Seagoe, to Elizabeth Dickson. 2, Robert, who married a Miss Oliver. 3, D'Arcy. 4, Charles Watson, who entered the Indian Civil Service. His daughters were—1, Mary, who married Skegton Thompson; 2, Martha, who married William Bucknell, and emigrated to Australia.

D'Arcy, his third son had three sons—1, Samuel, baptized in Seagoe; 2, Gerrard; 3, D'Arcy. Also four daughters—1, Mary, baptized in Seagoe 12 Dec., 1747; 2, Dorothy, married James Joyce and migrated to Cchenectady, U.S.A.; 3, Martha, married first to Moses Paul (died 1812), and secondly to John Johnston of Lurgan; 4, Mary Anne, born 1771, married in 1779 to Thomas Sinnamon, Esq., of Portadown, and had issue, D'Arcy Sinnamon of Portadown, and Harriet, who married George Kinhead ( ) of Portadown.

The fourth son D'Arcy emigrated to Australia in 1791, was Superintendent of Police at Sydney on 8th April, 1815, and died at Home Bush Paramatla, New South Wales, on July 7th, 1827. By Catherine Parry, his wife (died 1800) he had three sons—1, William Charles; 2, D'Arcy (Major in the 63rd and 73rd Regiments) who went to Tasmania and died there 21st July, 1861, aged 65; 3, John, a midshipman, drowned in 1820; also a daughter Martha who died young.

It was his eldest son William Charles who is known



as "the Australian Patriot" and became President of the Legislative Council of New South Wales in 1861.

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**Extract from a Sermon preached by Archdeacon Saurin in Seagoe Church on Oct. 15th, 1848:—**

The text of the sermon was Ezek. xviii., 30—"Repent, etc." The closing sentences of the sermon are as follows:—It does not become us to bound that which is boundless—the mercies of God in Christ; but we may confidently declare, that a death-bed repentance can have none of the characters of that true repentance, which we have been describing. It does not spring from a respect to the commands of God, for these He has ever disobeyed and would continue to do so, did his health and strength allow him. Neither does it bring forth the fruits of repentance—for the productiveness of the tree is past; it brought forth wild grapes in its maturity, and now, when it would gladly bring forth the fruits of righteousness, it is withering on the ground. It is a repentance which arises, indeed, from a sorrow for sin, but it is a penitence not of faith and hope, a penitence caused by sorrow and despair.

O! let us not then neglect to obey this, the earliest invitation of the Gospel! We have not the plea of ignorance, for we have heard the voice of our Saviour from our infancy. He invites us now to repent, in love—let us not be compelled, at last, to turn to Him in terror. Now, while it is called

to-day, let us listen to His gracious voice, which addresses even the vilest as his children, and promise the broken-hearted and penitent a pardon as extensive as their transgressions. 'Come unto Me, he says, all ye that labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls. Let us obey this gracious call in time, so that after a life of progressive holiness the fruit of faith, and the test of pure repentance, we may at last be admitted to dwell for ever with Him! Whose presence there is fulness of joy, and at whose right hand there are pleasures for evermore.—Amos

## ITEMS

The new houses being built in Upper Seagoe are of good architectural design and will add much to the attractions of the neighbourhood.

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The sewage works are still rendering the roads at Edenderry very difficult but a real effort has been made to keep them level for traffic.

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St. Mark's Tower has been cleared of its scaffolding and can now be seen in its fine proportions. It is a great ornament to the town and is much admired.

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The apple orchards in the Parish bear a splendid load of fruit just now.

## 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.

**Hacknahan**—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, Hacknahan, 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.

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