

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

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Harvest Thanksgiving Service.

The annual Service of Thanksgiving for the Blessings of Harvest will be held (p.v.) in the Parish Church on Thursday, October 20th, at 8 p.m., and on Sunday, October 23rd, at Morning and Evening Prayer. Further particulars will be announced in our next issue.

District Harvest Services.

The following provisional arrangements have been made for the holding of Harvest Thanksgivings in the various districts of the Parish:—

- Hacknahay**—Sunday, Sept. 25th, at 3.30.
,, Monday, Sept. 26th, at 8.
Edenderry—Sunday, October 2nd, at 3.30.
,, Monday, October 3rd, at 8.
Drumgor—Sunday, October 9th, at 4.
,, Monday, October 10th, at 8.
Levaghery—Sunday, October 16th, at 3.30.
,, Monday, October 17th, at 8.
Carne—Sunday, October 30th, at 3.30.
,, Monday, October 31st, at 8.
Bocobra—Sunday, November 6th, at 3.30.
,, Monday, November 7th, at 8.

The offerings at the Service in the Parish Church will be given on Thursday to Foreign Missions and on the Sunday to the Parochial Fund for the upkeep of the Parish Church and its services. The offerings at the District Services will be given on the Sundays to the local Sunday School Fund, and on the Mondays to Foreign Missions.

Improvements at Seagoe School.

During the past month some extensive improvements have been carried out in Seagoe School. A very fine large steel window has been placed in the senior schoolroom. The old window, although of good proportions, was obstructed by heavy piers. The belfry of solid cut stone is a handsome feature of the School building but owing to its weight, some eight tons, it created a difficulty. Mr. Hobart, our consulting architect, and Messrs. Hyde, who have the contract, have succeeded in making the necessary alterations without altering the architectural features of the building. Another important improvement has been the insertion of a lead course under the coping stones on the roof. There was always a certain amount of leakage which made the gable walls damp but

this cannot happen in future. Internally, a great improvement has been made by the removal of the stoves from the three rooms and the introduction of a central heating apparatus with radiators. A new furnace chamber has been built outside the School. Further important improvements are in contemplation. The total net sum available from the late Bazaar is £320, which will be divided equally between the Church and the School.

Seagoe Church Improvements.

Some much-needed repairs have been effected at the Parish Church. The outside wall of the chancel has been very carefully pointed, with the result that all the damp spots which disfigured the interior of the Church have dried out and almost disappeared. The doors of the Church have been cleaned and varnished and repaired and are now in perfect condition to withstand the weather. The doors are of very fine pattern and the beautiful graining of the wood is now seen to perfection. The Memorial gates have been carefully cleaned and painted and now with the pillars form a very beautiful memorial to our fallen comrades. The names on the pillars have been gilt, which enriches the appearance.

A Sad Accident.

A very sad accident occurred last month which caused the death of one who was well-known to many among us and who was a regular worshipper in Seagoe Church, Mrs. Ann Jane McClelland, of Knockmena. While crossing the Lurgan Road near her house she was struck by a motor car which inflicted severe injuries. She was brought without delay to Lurgan Infirmary, but although she regained consciousness she passed away on the following morning. We sympathise most sincerely with her two daughters, one of whom witnessed the accident. The numerous accidents from motors are of almost daily occurrence and much care should be exercised in crossing the roads. There are still some very dangerous corners in the Parish, although the hedges have been cut down low. At such corners the only safe plan is to remove the hedges altogether and put in a fence. Many precious lives have been lost and many seriously injured through careless driving on dangerous roads.

Death of Mrs. McDowell.

We deeply regret to announce the death at the advanced age of 87 years of Mrs. M'Dowell, of Killicomaine. She had been in failing health for some time but retained her faculties to the very end. Her son, Mr. James M'Dowell, of Providence, Rhode Island, U.S.A., had been with her on the occasion of her 87th birthday last June, and she was then in fairly good health. The funeral to Seagoe was largely attended. The Rev. W. F. Hayes officiated, the Rector being absent on holiday. We sympathise very deeply with Mr. M'Dowell and all the members of the family on their sad loss. We feel that we have lost an honoured parishioner who claimed the respect and friendship of many in Seagoe.

**Parish Register for August.
Baptisms.**

The following were Baptized in Seagoe Parish Church on August 6th, 1932:—

Robinson—Florence Maeve, daughter of Johnston and Sarah Robinson, of Drumgor.

Sponsors—Johnston Robinson, Sarah Robinson.

Hooley—Dorothy Louise, daughter of Albert and Elizabeth Hooley, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Albert Hooley, Hannah May Campbell, Elizabeth Hooley.

Traynor—Albert, son of Francis Sloane and Beatrice Helena Traynor.

Sponsors—Francis Sloane Traynor, Beatrice Helena Traynor.

Simpson—Robert Valentine, son of William and Deborah Maria Simpson, of Kilvergan.

Sponsors—Hannah Russell, Deborah Maria Simpson.

Millar—Henry, son of Robt. and Edith Florence Millar, of Lower Seagoe.

Sponsors—Caroline Guy, Edith Florence Millar.

Hall—Jocelyn, daughter of William and Martha Hall, of Drumgor.

Sponsors—Elizabeth Gregson, Martha Hall.

Marriage.

Baird and England—Sept. 5th, 1932, Alexander Baird, of Belfast, to Anne Elizabeth England, of Knock.

Burials.

Robinson—Aug. 9th, Mary Robinson, of Tamnifcarbet, aged 47. Interred at Drumcree.

M'Dowell—Aug. 21st, Elizabeth M'Dowell, of Killicomaine, aged 87.

M'Clelland—Sept. 3rd, Anne Jane M'Clelland, of Knockmena, aged 69.

Sympathy.

The death of Mrs. Robinson, of Tamnifcarbet, was very sad. After a short illness and at a comparatively early age she passed away, leaving a large young family. Her husband, the late Mr. Joseph Robinson, died some years ago. Our sympathy goes out to those who mourn the loss of an affectionate and self-denying mother. Her remains were interred in Drumcree Churchyard.

Miss Cherry Dawson.

Miss Cherry Dawson, who has for some time past been residing in the South of England, is still very keen on Mission work and has just accepted a post as Matron of the English Women's Settlement at Bucharest, the capital city of Roumania. She will be leaving for Bucharest in the course of a few weeks. Bucharest means the City of Joy. Cupolas and minarets abound, and as there are large spaces of unoccupied ground within the city boundaries there is a pleasant profusion of beautiful trees, especially Acacia and Poplar. Religious communities abound, Greek, Roman Catholic, Lutheran and Calvinistic. Jews are numerous, and there are no less than ten Synagogues in the city. The population numbers a quarter of a million. When Miss Dawson has had some experience of her work in Bucharest we hope she will send us a letter for insertion in the Magazine. The people of Seagoe who have very happy recollections of her work in the Parish in days now long past will wish Miss Dawson a very happy stay in the City of Joy.

Men's Bible Class.

The Men's Bible Class, which meets in the Orange Hall, Edenderry, each Sunday morning at 10.15, resumed its session on the first Sunday in August. The Rev. W. F. Hayes, Curate of Seagoe, conducts the class and it has a large membership. We invite the men of the Parish to join this class. There is no greater help in leading the Christian life than a careful study of God's Written Word. Attendance at a Bible Class such as this is a great help in this direction. Much interest in religious matters is taken by many in the Parish, and they will find the Bible Class very helpful.

Cottage Service.

A Cottage Service is held on the 2nd Thursday of each month in Mr. Dickson's house, Rushin Lane, Tamnifglasson, kindly lent for the occasion, at 8 p.m. The next service will be held (p.v.) on Thursday, October 13th. The opportunity of worship afforded by these Services has been much appreciated by many in the district.

C.L.B. Social.

A pleasant social gathering was held on the Parochial Hall on Thursday, September, 8th, at 8 p.m. It was arranged by the Company of the Seagoe C.L.B. to mark the beginning of the winter session. The Rector presided, and after tea a programme of games and music followed. A feature of the evening was community singing, in which all present heartily joined. Captain Metcalf and Lieutenant Mitchell are indefatigable in their efforts for the welfare of the Brigade. We look forward to a very interesting and attractive winter session. Those who intend to join the Brigade should send in their names without delay to Captain Metcalf.

Church Army Mission.

Captain Stevenson and his Lieutenant have been holding a van Mission in Hacknahay School for the past fortnight. It concludes on Sunday, September 11th. The services have been well attended and we believe much good has under Divine guidance been accomplished. The Captain and his Lieutenant expect to leave with the van for Loughbrickland on Monday next. During the summer months the van has rested in a shed at Mr. T. E. Maginnis's, Breagh. The van, which is the Dromore Diocesan van, badly needs painting and some repairs. The expense entailed by such would amount to about £18. Perhaps some who read this and who appreciate the fine work done by the Church Army here and elsewhere would be inclined to send a subscription towards this object. If subscriptions be sent to the Rector they will be acknowledged in next month's Magazine.

Wedding at Seagoe.

On Monday, September 5th, an interesting wedding took place in the Parish Church, when Mr. Alexander Baird, of Belfast, and Miss Anne Elizabeth England, daughter of Mr. William James England, of Knock, in this Parish, were married. The marriage took place at 2.30 p.m. At the wedding both parents of the bridegroom and of the bride were present, and the bride was given away by her father. The presence at a wedding of the parents of either or both parties to the wedding is a very happy circumstance but is, we regret to say, a rare occurrence in this and neighbouring Parishes. What more natural and fitting than that when a son or daughter is entering into the Holy Estate of Matrimony the parents should be present and join in the Service. We wish Mr. and Mrs. Baird a happy and prosperous future in their new sphere of life.

Death of Mrs. J. B. Atkinson.

We regret to announce the death on August 1st of Mrs. Minnie Charlotte Atkinson, widow of the late Mr. John Buckby Atkinson, formerly of Eden Villa. Mrs. Atkinson died at Burgess Hill, Sussex, the residence of her daughter. Mr. and Mrs. Atkinson were for many years much interested in Seagoe Parish, of which Mr. Atkinson was for a time Hon. Treasurer. The death of her only son five years ago was a heavy blow from which she never fully recovered. Mrs. Atkinson erected a Brass Tablet to her son's memory in Seagoe Church. She had resided in England for many years since her husband's death. Her last visit here was three years ago, just before her illness, which proved fatal, began. We express our sympathy with her daughters and other relatives in their bereavement.

Buried Townlands.

The following are the correct solutions of the "Buried Townlands" in our last issue:—1, Knockmena; 2, Drumgor; 3, Carrick; 4, Carne.

ITEMS

All the traffic of the Lurgan Road going east has for the past few weeks been diverted to the Seagoe Road and Church Lane owing to a section of the Lurgan Road being closed for re-laying with concrete.

Seagoe Church Vestry are arranging plans for the laying-out of the newly-purchased garden beside the Church.

The Vestry has also decided to have the pinnacles and stone coping on the top of the Church tower repaired. One of the pinnacles had become somewhat insecure.

Mr. Harry Hynes, our energetic and most obliging Superintendent at Edenderry Afternoon Sunday School and also a most useful member of the Choir, has been, we regret to say, unwell for a few weeks but is, we are glad to say, rapidly recovering his normal health.

Seagoe Choir has recently adopted the new pointing of the Canticles and Psalms. It may be some time before the congregation get quite accustomed to it but it brings out the meaning of the words much better than the old system. We congratulate Mr. Wilson and the choir on the efficient way in which the change was made from the old chanting to the new.

We hope shortly to print in the Magazine the portrait of Archdeacon M'Murray, a native of Ballygargan., Canadian Missionary Pioneer and founder with others of the University of Toronto, where his portrait now hangs.

Old Seagoe Notes.

The Ancient Inns of Seagoe Parish.—The records of Seagoe contain several references to the Ancient Inns of the Parish. Two of these Inns were specially well-known. They were the two that lay along the old Coach Road, sometimes called the King's Road, which ran through the Parish from Knock Bridge to Lurgan, and from Edenderry through Killicomaine to Bluestone. It was the High Road to Lurgan; the Low Road ran through Upper and Lower Seagoe and Ballinacor. The houses are still in existence but are no longer used as Inns. Each Inn had a signboard. "The Red Cow" was the sign of the Inn in the townland of Crossmecahilly, and "The Rose and Crown" was the sign of the other Inn somewhat nearer Lurgan, in the townland of Moyraverty. The latter is usually referred to in the Vestry Records as "The Rosen Crown." The sign board which hung outside the Red Cow had on it a painting of a red cow and underneath it the following inscription:—

"The Old Red Cow
Gives good milk now."

This signboard was in existence until comparatively recently but is now lost or perished through years. The other Inn known as "The Rose and Crown" had also a signboard. The Rose was the old Tudor Rose which was so conspicuous in Queen Elizabeth's reign and is carved on the lid of her coffin in Westminster Abbey. The Rose also brings us back to the days of the Wars of the Roses between the rival factions of York and Lancaster. York chose as its badge the White Rose and Lancaster the Red.

Extracts from Seagoe Vestry Records.

29th Sept. 1761.—A very wrangling Vestry. Tuft and Holland were pests.

Aug., 1815.—J. Overend owes £5 12 8 of a ballance of the cess payable at Easter 1815.

J. Overend paid M'Caghley for road money

2 7 6 per my order, R. Olpherts.
5 12 8

2 7 6

3 5 2

In John Overend's hands which I never could get from him, R. Olpherts.

Vestry Tuesday, 1st Sept., 1812—2s per acre to be levied. Thomas Arron in Ballyhannon. The Road from Seagoe March to John M'Caughley's house, in Derryvore.

Ballinacoar—From John Crony's Lyme Kiln to the House of Thomas Sedgewick. The Road between the big Stone and the Glebe Moss.

Seagoe Moss Road to Derryvore Mearing. The New road in Bocombra. The road from the High Way through Drumnagoon Moss. Ballyhannon Back road. In Derryvore to Henry Duck.

Easter Tuesday April 20 1813.— $3\frac{1}{2}$ d per acre to be levied for 16 years and three quarters Henry Cush.

To George M'Caughly for teaching a Sunday School £6 16 6. To John Worthington for teaching in Aghacomon £3 8 3.

It is agreed at this sd Vestry that in consequence of the Parishioners having unanimously agreed to pay three pence half penny an acre for sd. mentioned time, no further cess shall be in future ask'd at Vestry for the purpose of finishing our New Church and this we promise and Bind ourselves to adhere to.

Stewrt Blacker.

Richd Olpherts, Curate.

[The above is in Dean Blacker's writing.]

Sarah Kerr of Ballynamoney is recommended for the first vacancy being an Idiot and without friends.

The Church Wardens have settled their accounts this 20th of April 1813, Richard Olpherts

Tuesday 7th Sept., 1813.—2d per acre to be levied. It is unanimously requested by sd Vestry that no Presentment will be paid hereafter without the necessary affidavits prescribed by Law. Richard Olpherts, Curate.

8th March, 1814.—At a vestry held on this date Pursuant to Public Notice given two Sunday days before for the purpose of changing the site of Seagoe Church which was done by the unanimous consent of the parishioners present

Stewart Blacker, Incumbent.

Jno Overend

Wm. Gilpin Church Wardens.

Wolsey Atkinson.

John Walker.

John Walker.

Easter Tuesday, April 12th, 1814.— $3\frac{1}{2}$ d per acre to be laid on for 15 years and three quarters.

[A long list of names of poor follows.]

To Meredith Conn for teaching Aghacommon £3 8 3. The yearly interest of £1000 to the Board of First Fruits £60.

The Church Wardens have handed over to the Rev. Richd. Olpherts the sum of £48 1 2 to be appropriated to the Interest of the Money lent to the Parish by the Board of First Fruits. We appoint the same Churchwardens Mr. John Overend and William Gilpin for the ensuing year.

Richard Olpherts, Curate.