

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

SEPTEMBER, 1933.

CLERGY :

Rev. Chancellor Archer, B.D., The Rectory, Seagoe.

Rev. W. F. Hayes, B.A., Edendale, Carrick-Blacker Road, Edenderry, Portadown.

CHURCHWARDENS :

Rector's—Mr. James Twinem.

People's—Mr. Wm. White.

Harvest Thanksgiving Services.

The annual Services of Thanksgiving for the Blessings of Harvest will be held (D.V.) in the Parish Church on Thursday, Oct. 19th, at 8 p.m., and on Sunday, Oct. 22nd, at 11.30 a.m. and 7 p.m. The preacher at the Thursday evening Service will be the Rev. C. J. M'Leod, Rector of Maralin, and the offerings at this Service will be on behalf of Foreign Missions. The preachers at the Services on Sunday will be—at Morning Prayer, the Rev. R. H. White, M.A., Rector of Holy Trinity Church, Belfast, and at Evening Prayer the Rev. Precentor Hurst, M.A., Rector of Moira. The offerings at the Sunday Services will be for our local Parochial Fund.

District Harvest Service.

Harvest Thanksgiving Services will be held in Hacknahay School on Sunday, September 24th, at 8.30, and on Monday, September 25th, at 8 p.m. The offerings at the Service on Sunday will be on behalf of the local Sunday School, and on the Monday for Foreign Missions.

Seagoe Mothers' Union.

The next meeting of the Mothers' Union will be held (D.V.) in Seagoe School on Tuesday, September 12th, at 7.30 p.m. It will take the form of a musical night and will be very attractive and interesting. Last month the members met in the new Hall at Bocombra and had a most enjoyable meeting. Most of the members walked all the way to the Hall, but they are good walkers and did not mind the distance. The fine fresh air of Bocombra soon revived the tired ones and a splendid tea was provided through the kind generosity of the President, Mrs. James Twinem. The Rector gave a brief address to the members, after which Mr. James Twinem told the story of the building of the Hall, and the Rev. W. F. Hayes gave an interesting account of Church work in his own native Diocese of Killaloe, in the Co. Tipperary. He contrasted the few members of the Church in the Free State with the large numbers in Northern Ireland, and urged the members to take full advantage of the opportunities of worship which the Church offered

them in this populous district. The meeting was closed with the singing of the Doxology. The Rector pronounced the Benediction. There was a large attendance of members.

Choir Excursion.

A very happy day was spent by the Choir on Saturday, August 19th. They made an early start from the Church at eight o'clock in the morning. There was a goodly gathering, which filled the charabanc. Newcastle, Co. Down, was the ultimate objective, but a long detour was made. They passed through the Cathedral city of Dro-more, the centre of our Diocese, and then drove to Downpatrick. Here a halt was made to visit the great Cathedral which dominates the place. The building is beautifully situated on high ground. Mr. T. H. Wilson's brother was at one time organist of the Cathedral. Leaving Downpatrick, the excursion passed along the coast, visiting Killough and Ardglass. At the latter place they were much amused and interested in the way in which the Scotch fisher-girls "cleaned" the herrings. Arrived at Newcastle, the excursionists had a splendid dinner, their appetites being sharpened by the long drive through bracing air. The afternoon was spent in Newcastle, which was crowded with visitors. The drive home in the summer evening was much enjoyed. All arrived home greatly pleased and benefited by the excursion. Much credit is due to Mr. T. H. Wilson, our organist, who made all the arrangements for the day, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson accompanied the party and also the Rev. W. F. Hayes.

Electricity in Seagoe.

The Electricity Board for Northern Ireland has succeeded in bringing the current to our doors. In the section lying between Seagoe Church (including the houses in "Seafield") and the Lurgan Road the current will be immediately available. Its installation in the Church would be a great advantage and the subject will no doubt be considered by the Select Vestry in the near future. Electricity is undoubtedly the light of the future. It seems hard now to imagine the Church lighted as it used to be with paraffin oil lamps. Some of the old Church lamps, which were very good of their kind, can still be seen in the Parish.

Parish Register for August. Baptisms.

The following were Baptized in the Parish Church on August 5th, 1933:—

M'Loughlin—Robert David, son of Thomas Joseph and Beatrice Lillian M'Loughlin, of Killicomaine.

Sponsors—Bertha M'Loughlin, Beatrice Lillian M'Loughlin.

Hayes—Denis, son of James and Margaret Hayes, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Josephine Liggett, Margaret Hayes.

Sloan—Mary Jane, daughter of James and Caroline Sloan, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Margaret Anne Best, Caroline Sloan.

Conlon—Mildred, daughter of George and Sarah Conlon, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Emma Maginn, Emma Hunter.

Turkington—Florence Edna, daughter of Dynes and Wilhelmina Maria Elizabeth Turkington, of Killicomaine.

Sponsors—Rachel Anna Turkington, Wilhelmina M. E. Turkington.

Roney—Joseph, son of Samuel and Christina Roney, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Mary Isabella Roney, Christina Roney.

Allen—David Henry, son of Arthur and Anne Allen, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Elizabeth Allen, Anne Allen.

Heyburn—Norah June, daughter of William James and Mary Jane Heyburn, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Jane Campbell, Mary Jane Heyburn.

PRIVATELY BAPTIZED.

Hall—August 30th, 1933, Florence Elizabeth, daughter of Alfred James and Sarah Hall, of Tamnifglasson.

Burials

Forsythe—August 18th, William John Forsythe, of Upper Seagoe, aged 69 years.

Watson—August 29th, Samuel James Watson, of Levaghery, aged 20 years.

Our Losses.

We mourn this month the loss of two parishioners who were well-known and much respected in the Parish. William John Forsythe was a member of a family long and honourably connected with the Parish. He was always interested in the work and was regular in his attendance at the Parish Church. For the past five

years he had assisted his brother, the late Mr. Forsythe, of Seagoe Villa. He seems never to have recovered the shock of his brother's death and his health had visibly declined since then. His funeral to Seagoe was largely attended. The service was taken by the Rev. W. F. Hayes. Mr. Forsythe had for some time past resided with his daughter, Mrs. Cassells, in Dunganon Street. There has also passed from our midst in the last month Samuel James Watson. God has called him away in his early youth. He was popular with everybody and "had a word for everybody." He was always smiling, even to the end. His bright faith sustained him to his latest breath. Seagoe C.L.B., under Captain Metcalf, attended the funeral. To those who have been bereaved we offer our deep sympathy. The hope of a joyful reunion in the time to come will sustain them.

The New Plot.

Work at the new plot beside the graveyard has been delayed owing to the continuance of the dry weather which has made digging impossible owing to the hardness of the ground. Within the last few days work has been resumed and in a short time the main drains will be dug.

Our Sunday Schools.

All our Sunday Schools have now begun work again after the holidays. Each Sunday morning the Superintendents and Teachers meet their scholars in the Parochial Hall and in Seagoe School. On each afternoon our six Sunday Schools meet. Superintendents and Teachers form a large band of parish workers. It is very important that the schools should be as efficient for their work as possible. The punctual and regular attendance of the teachers and children is of the first importance. A great work which Eternity alone will reveal is being done quietly from Sunday to Sunday in our Schools. The repetition which the children are learning just now is the 5th chapter of St. Matthew, and the Catechism, the Ten Commandments, as well as portions of the Litany. The portions for study are taken from St. Mark's Gospel.

Congratulations.

At a meeting of the Board of Nomination of the Parish of Condevaddock (Portsalon), in the diocese of Raphoe, on Monday, Rev. Robert Gracey, curate of St. Donard's, Bloomfield, Belfast, was appointed rector.

Mr. Gracey, who was formerly a lay reader in the Parish of Seagoe, has been for two years in St. Donards, and has done good work amongst the young people of the parish. We heartily congratulate Mr. Gracey on his promotion and wish him much success in his new Parish.

The Harvest.

This year there has been a splendid harvest. The prolonged summer wather, so hot and dry, enabled the hay crop to be safely gathered in. Corn has also been cut and gathered at an unusually early date. The crop of fruit has also been abundant and is of specially good quality. The gracious beneficence of the Lord of the Harvest should make our Harvest Thanksgiving Services very special opportunities for true Thanksgiving.

The Gymkhana.

On Thursday, August 31st, a gymkhana and Summer Fete was held in Seagoe School. It had been intended to hold it in the Grove Field beside the School, but unfortunately the weather proved inclement and at very short notice it was decided to hold it in the School. At 3.30 a large number of people were present and it was wonderful how quickly the workers had transformed the School. The stalls were set up and arranged in half-an-hour, and the refreshment stall had tea ready and the tables neatly laid before the opening ceremony began. The Rector presided, and the opening ceremony began by the singing of Hymn 424, "The Church's One Foundation." Prayer was said by the Rev. W. Hayes. The Chairman then spoke, explaining the origin and object of the Fete, the proceeds of which were to be devoted to the School Improvement Fund. He then called on Mrs. Bullender Bullock to open the Fete. Mrs. Bullock spoke of her great interest in Seagoe and told of a visit she had paid to Seagoe with her father when she was very young. Having declared the Fete open, a hearty vote of thanks to Mrs. Bullock was proposed by Mr. Moses Gilpin, and seconded by Mr. R. M'Clements, and passed by acclamation. Mr. Bullock thanked all present for the kind vote of thanks that had been passed and expressed his best wishes for the success of the Fete. A pleasing ceremony then took place when little Elizabeth Reid, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Reid presented Mrs. Bullock with a Juniper tree in an oak tub. Mrs. Bullock expressed her thanks for the gift, which she appreciated very much. The Fete

continued until a late hour and large crowds attended. The proceeds for the day reached a sum of over £35. A most amusing preliminary to the sale was a country wedding party procession through the town the previous evening. Large placards had been printed in clear letters by Howard Neill, of Killicomaine.

Old Seagoe Notes.

[The Rector has received the following interesting communications]:—

61, Cadogan Gardens, S.W. 3.

8th August, 1933.

Dear Sir,—I am anxious to trace some genealogical particulars of the Hollingsworth family, a branch of which was at one time living in Ireland before their migration to America in the 17th century.

I enclose on the typewritten sheet particulars of those members who lived in Ballymacrandal, which I learn on enquiry from the Surveyor of Armagh is the present day form of the name Balleniskcrannal.

You will note that I am trying to trace this branch from Valentine H. back to the main family in Cheshire.

I shall be very grateful if you will kindly let me know whether there is any mention of the Hollingsworth family in your Parish Records and for all particulars you can send me about them.

I do not expect that you will have any record of the family's first coming to Ireland from Cheshire, but any facts concerning the various members while they were in Ireland I shall be very glad to have, as at present I have none beyond those I send.—Yours faithfully.

G. M. HOLLINGSWORTH THOMSON.

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An extract from "Descendants of Valentine Hollingsworth, Sr. Pub. 1924 in Kentucky:—

Valentine Hollingsworth was the original immigrant ancestor of the American family of Hollingsworth, was a member of the Society of

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Friends. He was the son of Henry Hollingsworth, of Belleniskerannel (sic), Parish of Legoe or Segoe (? Seagoe), County Armagh, Ireland, and of Catherine, his wife, was born at B. "about the year 1632."

Valentine H. (described above as the "original immigrant ancestor") married April 7, 1655, Ann Ree, daughter of Nicholas Ree, of Tanderagee, Co. Armagh, Ireland. She was born about 1628 at Tanderagee, and died Feb. 1, 1671. His second marriage was April 12, 1672, to Ann Calvert, daughter of Thomas Calvert, of Dromgora, Parish of Segoe (sic), County Armagh, and of Jane, his wife.

In 1682, Valentine Hollingsworth and his family, accompanied by his son-in-law, Thomas Conaway, and by John Musgrave, an indented servant, sailed from Belfast for the Delaware River. He settled on a large plantation near there and appears to have taken a prominent part in public affairs.

According to another ancient account Valentine H's first wife was not Ann Ree but

Catherine, daughter of Henry Cornish, High Sheriff of London, "who was executed (unjustly) during the reign of James II., October 2, 1685."

This report states that V.H. was probably born in Cheshire, but agrees that his second wife was Ann Calvert.

Henry H., son of V. H. by his first wife was born in Ireland September 7., 1658. He appears to have remained in Ireland a year or so after his father left, he then went to America and settled on the Elk River in Maryland, where his descendants are still to be found.

It looks to me as if this branch of the Hollingsworths first settled in Ireland during the Ulster Plantation. I am trying to trace this branch to the main family in Cheshire.

The Annual Report.

The annual report is in preparation and will shortly be issued. It will include the contributions to Foreign Missions and Sunlay School work up to Easter of this year.

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 each 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 thankoffering. (See Book of Common Prayer.)

MORNING PRAYER—Sundays and Chief Festivals, 11-30 a.m.

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.

BIBLE CLASS FOR MEN in Edenderry on Sundays at 10 a.m.

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

MOTHERS' UNION—2nd Tuesday of each month at 7-30 p.m.

CHURCH LADS' BRIGADE in the Parochial Hall on Tuesdays and Fridays.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY in Seagoe School on Mondays at 8 p.m.

SEAGOE P.E. SCHOOL, 9-15 a.m. Principal—Mr R. Scott.

MARRIAGES must be performed between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Licenses are issued by Rev. Canon Hannigan, Rector, 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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