

# Seagoe Parish Magazine.

SEPTEMBER, 1935.

## CLERGY :

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

Rev. W. F. Hayes, B.A., The Bungalow, Lower  
Seagoe, Portadown.

## CHURCHWARDENS :

Rector's—Mr. H. MURRAY GIBSON.

People's—Mr. THOMAS MARTIN.

## Harvest Thanksgiving Services.

The Parish will soon be joining in a Service of Thanksgiving to Almighty God for the gift of the Harvest. With unfailing regularity year after year there comes to mankind this wonderful gift. The Psalmist expresses the fact in a vivid illustration: "Thou openest Thine Hand and fillest all things living with plenteousness." Mankind must not be ungrateful for God's gifts nor think less of them because they come with almost mechanical regularity, and so the Church holds these Services that Christian people may have an opportunity of worshipping in God's House of Prayer in a spirit of true thankfulness and praise. Services will be held in the Parish Church on Thursday, Oct. 24th, at 8 p.m. The offerings at that Service will be on behalf of Foreign Missions. The preacher will be the Rev. G. C. Johnston, M.A., Rector of Magherally. Mr. Johnston is himself the son of a distinguished Missionary, the Rev. A. E. Johnston, B.D., Principal for many years of the C.M.S. College at Allahabad, India. The Services will be continued (D.V.) on Sunday, Oct. 27th, at 11.30 a.m. and 7 p.m. The offerings at the Services on Sunday will be on behalf of Seagoe Parochial Fund. The Rev. J. F. G. Magill, M.A., Rector of Milltown, will preach at the Morning Service, and the Rev. Thomas Parr, M.A., Rector of Seapatrik, at the Evening Service.

## District Harvest Services

During the coming weeks Harvest Services will be held in the various Sunday School centres throughout the Parish. The following is a provisional arrangement for these Services:—

**Bocombra**—Sunday, Sept. 22nd, at 3.30.

.. Monday, Sept. 23rd, at 8.

**Hacknahay**—Sunday, Sept. 29th, at 3.30.

.. Monday, Sept. 30th, at 8.

**Levaghery**—Sunday, Oct. 6th, at 3.30.

.. Monday, Oct. 7th, at 8.

**Drumgor**—Sunday, Oct. 13th, at 3.30.

.. Monday, Oct. 14th, at 8.

**Carne**—Sunday, Oct. 20th, at 3.30.

.. Monday, Oct. 21st, at 8.

**Edenderry**—Sunday, Nov. 3rd, at 3.30.

.. Monday, Nov. 4th, at 8.

The offerings at the Services on Sundays will be given to the local Sunday School Fund, and on the Mondays to Foreign Missions.

## The Rector's Illness

In our last issue it was announced that the next issue of the Magazine would be published in the second week of September. The reason for that slightly later date being that the Rector was about to take a holiday. Much has happened since then. On Sunday, August 4th, just before Evening Prayer the Rector was struck down by sudden illness and has since been confined to his room under the care of Doctors and Nurses. Hopes are held out that he may soon regain much of his lost strength, and he has already improved in health.

## Thanks.

The Rector desires to thank all those from within and without the Parish who have so kindly written to him or enquired about him. He has received great sympathy and kind wishes for his recovery from very many sources. The Select Vestry, the Choir, the Mothers' Union and Edenderry Sunday School have most kindly sent him resolutions of sympathy which have helped him much in his time of weakness. The clergy have been very kind in helping at the Services in the Church. The Rev. G. H. Daunt preached at Morning Prayer on Sunday, Sept. 1st, and the Rev. G. A. Boulger, Curate of Shankill, will preach at Evening Prayer on Sunday, September 8th.

## The Sunday Schools.

All the Sunday Schools in the Parish re-opened on Sunday, August 18th. The teachers and children are glad to be together again after their long holiday. The Sunday Schools have now adopted the system of a weekly collection. Each teacher has been supplied with a book in which an account is kept of the amount contributed by each member of his or her particular class. We are glad that this new system is being generally supported.

### **The Bocombra Hall.**

The Church Hall at Bocombra, which was damaged, when struck by lightning in the early summer, has been repaired. New slates have been placed on the roof. The cost of this has been defrayed by the Insurance Company, which made an allowance for the damage done. Other minor repairs have been carried out in the building.

### **Special Sermons.**

On Sunday, September 15th, Special Sermons will be preached in the Parish Church at Morning and Evening Prayer on behalf of the Diocesan Board of Education. This is a most important Diocesan organisation, for it controls the Religious Instruction of the children of the Church in this great and populous Diocese. We appeal to all those who value the religious upbringing of the young to help by their gifts this great work. Envelopes for special subscriptions will be placed in the Church on Sunday, September 8th.

### **C.L.B. Social.**

The Cadets had their opening Social on Tuesday, September 3rd, in the Parochial Hall. There was a very large attendance. A good tea was provided. Afterwards games and musical items were enjoyed. During the course of the evening Captain E. Mitchell outlined the programme for the year, and made special reference to the formation of an Old Comrades' Association. At the close the Rev. W. F. Hayes gave a short address.

### **An Excursion to Lough Neagh.**

The members of the Bocombra Sunday School and their friends had a very pleasant outing to Lough Neagh on Saturday, August 17th. The party, which numbered over sixty, assembled at the Bocombra Church Hall at 4 p.m. It was a splendid day. They were conveyed in a luxurious charabanc to the Lough. There they enjoyed some light refreshment. The party then scattered along the shore. Some bathed and some paddled. Some wandered through the beautiful stretches of heather, others sat along the pier. Everyone enjoyed the sunshine, the fresh air and the lovely views of the wooded shores on the opposite sides in the Counties of Antrim and Tyrone. At 7 p.m. the party returned to the Bocombra Hall. There they enjoyed a very substantial tea which awaited them. Mr. James Twinem, the Superintendent, and the teachers accompanied the excursionists. We wish to thank all who helped to make the occasion such a happy one.

### **A Manchester Wedding.**

A pretty wedding took place in Flixton Parish Church, Manchester, on Saturday, August 31st, between Oliver Best and Ellen Wright. The bridegroom is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs.

Robert H. Best, Goban Cottage, Seagoe Upper. Mrs. Best and other members of the family were present at the ceremony. Miss Mabel Best was bridesmaid, and Mr. William H. Best acted as groomsmen. The marriage was performed by the Rev. J. Jolly, who also gave a short address. After the ceremony a reception was held at the bride's residence. We wish them every happiness in their new home at Flixton.

Flixton Parish Church is one of the oldest Churches in Manchester.

### **Parish Register for August.**

#### **Baptisms**

The following were Baptised in the Parish Church on August 3rd, 1935.

**Bonis**—Thomas, son of Robert John and Elizabeth Bonis, of Kernan.

*Sponsors*—Ellen Dowd, Elizabeth Bonis.

**Gracey**—Samuel Harold, son of Samuel George and Elizabeth Jane Gracey, of Edenderry.

*Sponsors*—Anne Greenaway, Elizabeth Jane Gracey.

**Boyd**—Anne Norah, daughter of David and Minnie Boyd, of Seagoe Upper.

*Sponsors*—Evelyn Porter, Minnie Boyd.

**Webb**—Dorothy, daughter of William James and Elizabeth Jane Webb, of Lurgan.

*Sponsors*—Sarah Jane Webb, Ethel Webb.

#### **Marriage.**

**Galwey and Forsythe**—Aug. 17th, 1935, Charles Hillier Galwey, of Portadown, to Florence Forsythe, of Seagoe Upper.

#### **Burials.**

**Vaughan**—Aug. 7th, James Vaughan, of Leaghery, aged 75.

**Roberts**—Aug. 20th, George Roberts, of Killicmaine, aged 69.

#### **Death of Mr. Roberts.**

We regret to record the death of Mr. Roberts, of Killicmaine, at an advanced age. Mr. Roberts during his life held many responsible positions. In the old days before motors he was employed by many of the great families who lived near Bray, Co. Dublin. He took great pleasure in the splendid horses and equipages he was called upon to drive. On one occasion when employed by the Knight of Glyn he drove King Edward VII. To the very end he loved to recall these good old days.

#### **The Annual Report.**

The Annual Report is in the hands of the printers and will be published shortly.

**Seagoe P.E. School.**

Seagoe P.E. School re-opened after the holidays on Monday, Aug. 16th. There was a large attendance of pupils. During the holidays the School received a very thorough cleaning. The health of the pupils attending Seagoe School has always been remarkably good and epidemics rarely occur.

**A Seagoe Giant.**

Big men and great men have through the centuries been associated with Seagoe. Just here we would like to refer to a splendid specimen of Seagoe manhood who holds a high position in Queensland, Australia. He is Major Costello, nephew of Mr. Andrew Costello, of Tannficarbet. In his stocking feet Major Costello stands 6 feet  $\frac{6}{8}$  inches in height, and is broad in proportion. He is Member of Parliament in the Queensland Government. He visited Seagoe before the War, through which he served with distinction. His height and alertness may be guessed by the fact that whenever he was getting into his uncle's trap for a drive he just threw his leg over the wheel and took his place.

**The Mothers' Union.**

A meeting of the Mothers' Union was held in the Bocombra Church Hall on Tuesday, 13th August. Since the erection of the Bocombra Hall it has become almost an annual procedure that the Mothers hold one of their meetings there during the summer months. The gathering was of a quiet social nature. The Rev. W. F. Hayes presided and opened the meeting with prayer. There was a large attendance, and a very good tea was provided by the Committee. During the course of the evening the members passed a resolution of sympathy with Chancellor Archer, in his illness, and expressed their earnest hope for his speedy recovery. The next meeting of the Mothers Union will be held in Seagoe School on Tuesday, 10th September, at 8 p.m. An address will be given on that occasion by Canon Taylor.

**Edenderry Parochial Hall.**

The heating arrangement of Edenderry Parochial Hall has been in an unsatisfactory condition for some time. It was examined recently by a representative of the firm of Messrs. Musgrave, Belfast. He considers that the present apparatus needs immediate attention. The Committee of the Parochial Hall have decided to have the ne-

cessary repairs carried out. This Hall serves a very useful purpose in the Parish. It is used twice each Sunday for Sunday School, and each evening of the week throughout the greater part of the year it is occupied by some parochial organisation. It is very essential that the building should be well heated and kept in good general repair.

**Choir Excursion.**

On August 3rd the Choir held their annual excursion to Portrush. A very comfortable bus from Messrs. Gastons arrived at the Church at 7.30 a.m., and 37 members started at 8 o'clock. The weather was beautiful, and all enjoyed the lovely drive, arriving about 11 a.m. Dinner was ready at 12 noon. After dinner some members went to the Causeway, others bathed, and all enjoyed themselves, till after having a good tea a start was made for home at 8 p.m. Miss Nora Montgomery very kindly sent a large box of toffee which was much appreciated.

**The C.L.B.**

The Seagoe Company of the Church Lads' Brigade will begin its new session on Tuesday, 10th September. The Training Corps will meet weekly in the Parochial Hall, Edenderry, on Tuesdays at 7.30; the Cadets on Tuesdays, at 8.30 p.m. The Carne branch of the Training Corps will meet on Fridays at 7.30. The Brigade is strong in numbers, but it is hoped at the beginning of this session that many new recruits will come forward. A special effort is being made in that direction at present. A circular is being sent to parents of possible candidates explaining the aim of the organisation.

The Church Lads' Brigade exists solely for a religious purpose. It aims primarily at the building up of Christian character. The General Headquarters of the Organisation insists on all its members attending each week at the services of their Parish Church. It expects them also to become enthusiastic Church workers.

**Drumgor Sunday School.**

The pupils attending the above School received a delightful surprise when the School re-opened after holidays. Apparently fairies had been at work, for the school interior had taken on a new coat. The children beheld walls that had been tastefully distempered a beautiful primrose tint.

The windows and door were resplendent with new paint. The woodwork, organ and prayer-desk had received fresh coats of varnish. The lamps had also been cleaned in preparation for the winter's work. The forms and floor had been scrubbed by willing hands, and everywhere there was a charming atmosphere of freshness and neatness. The furniture of the School has recently been enhanced by the addition of a number of beautiful bentwood chairs for the use of the teachers. The good fairies in this case were the teachers of the School, who had undertaken all the alterations voluntarily. There has been some little expenditure in the matter of distemper and paint, but we understand this will be met out of the funds of the School. At the moment the pupils are practising hard for their forthcoming Harvest Festival. The Superintendent and teachers are to be congratulated on their efforts.

**Twenty-Five Years Ago.**

**SEPTEMBER, 1910.**

The issue of the Magazine for this ancient date contains a reference to the fact that the Magazine had been already in existence for five years and was still going strong. Other local Magazines started since Seagoe Magazine had been started

had come to an inglorious end. Reference is also made to the approach of the Harvest Season. There is a long list of no less than eleven Baptisms, but only one Marriage is recorded. There are 7 Burials. A long account is given of a G.F.S. excursion to Lough Neagh, where tea was enjoyed on the lake short in front of Ardmore Rectory. Sir Robert Bredin's recent visit to Portadown from China is noted. Unsettled weather threatens to spoil the harvest. A Missionary exhibition in the Ulster Hall is announced to be held in November. Among the Old Seagoe Notes is one on "The Ghost at Portadown Bridge" and "Seagoe in the Ice-age."

**ITEMS**

There are good prospects of an excellent harvest.

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Apples have ripened this year at an earlier date than for the past 50 years.

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We congratulate the Rev. G. H. Daunt on the new and pretty bungalow which he has built for himself in the Mahon district.

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Mr. Wm. Reid, of Pittsburg, U.S.A., after a brief holiday visit to Seagoe, sailed again for the States in the liner "Samaria" last week.

**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, 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 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 3/- per annum.