

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

NOVEMBER, 1906.

THE BAZAAR.



THE Select Vestry has decided, on the recommendation of the Bazaar Committee, to postpone the Bazaar until next Spring. We believe this is the wisest course, for by that time there will be a much larger supply of goods for the Stalls, and everyone will have had more time to do some work. A meeting of the Committee was held on Monday, 22nd ult., when there was a good attendance of the Stall-holders. Tea was provided for those present through the kindness of our Hon. Treasurer, Mr. W. R. Atkinson and Miss Atkinson. A report of the sums collected on the Cards was made, and it was found that a considerable sum has been received, but we are anxious that all those who have cards should redouble their efforts, so that we may have a substantial sum of money in hand before the Bazaar comes off. It would be a great advantage if those who have a fair amount of money collected would hand it in to Mr. W. R. Atkinson, so that it might be lodged to the credit of the Bazaar Fund, and so save interest, which otherwise would have to be paid on the money borrowed to pay for the Gas Installation in the Church. At the meeting of the Committee all present agreed to do this.

Now we want everyone in the Parish to get interested in the Bazaar. It will not be sufficient for you to come to the Bazaar when it opens, but you must begin to prepare for it by collecting money (you can get a Collecting Card from Mr. Atkinson) or by making some piece of work that will be likely to sell well at some of the Stalls. Here are some things that the girls can make:—Pinafores, cushions, slippers, ties, socks, embroidery and needle-work of all kinds. Young men can frame pictures, do fretwork, make tables or boxes, seats or chairs. Ironworkers and mechanics could make fan-bellows, rests for smoothing-irons, mantelpiece ornaments, candlesticks, etc. In fact, every one can do something, and it will make the long winter evenings seem quite short if you begin to make something for our Bazaar.

DEATH OF COL. SAUNDERSON.

Much regret has been occasioned in Portadown by the death of our late Member Col. Saunderson. The Rector was present at the funeral, and the bell of Seagoe Church was tolled on the day of the funeral. As we go to Press we hear that Mr. W. Moore, K.C., has been chosen as candidate for the vacancy. The choice is an excellent one, and we wish Mr. Moore much success.

OFFERTORIES FOR OCTOBER.

	Morning.			Evening.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Oct. 7th—17th Sun. af. Trinity	1	5	10			
„ „ — „ „ „	0	7	2	0	17	2
„ 10th—Wednesday				1	10	5
„ 14th—18th Sun. af. Trinity	1	4	7	0	15	8
„ 17th—Wednesday				0	3	6
„ 21st—19th Sun. af. Trinity	0	2	9			
„ „ — „ „ „	1	1	9	0	15	0
„ 25th—Thursday				4	5	5
„ 28th—20th Sun. af. Trinity	3	13	7			
„ „ —				2	5	0
„ „ —Children's Service				0	10	0
	£7	15	8	£11	2	2

Baptisms.

“As many of you as have been baptised into Christ have put on Christ.”

- Oct. 6th—Mary Jane, daughter of James and Jane Elza Hynes, Edenderry.
 „ „ —Amelia Garton, daughter of Albert and Jemima Matchett, Edenderry.
 „ „ —Sarah Jane, daughter of Thomas and Ann E. Freeburn, Edenderry.
 „ 5th—Martha Jane, daughter of Isaiah and Rachel Ruddell, Whiteinch.
 „ 14th—Hugh, son of James Wm. and Mary J. Roney, Edenderry.
 „ 28th—Jane, daughter of Wm. J. and Margaret England, Knock.

Marriage.

“Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder.”

- Oct. 17th—William Henry England, Ballymacrandle, to Evelyn Holmes, Killycomaine.

Death.

“Death is swallowed up in victory.”

- Oct. 30th—Mrs. M'Laughlin, Knockmena.

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CHURCH ATTENDANCE CARDS.

As we have not yet received the complete returns from all the schools we postpone the publication of the names of the boys and girls who attended every Sunday during last quarter, until our December number.

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THE SUSTENTATION FUND.

The collection for this most important fund will be made throughout the Parish during November. A special circular in connection with it is being issued to the Parishioners.

MOST PEOPLE HAVE HOBBIES.

Ours are to make the BEST BREAD and CONFECTIONERY in the Kingdom; and to Sell the BEST TEAS the World can produce

At *2/8, *2/4, *2/-, 1/10, 1/8. These marked thus * are our leading lines.

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PORTADOWN.**

CHURCH IMPROVEMENTS.

We can chronicle this month a notable Church Improvement in the introduction of gas. A special service was held on Wednesday, October 10th, when the Church was lighted with gas for the first time. There was a large congregation, and an appropriate sermon was preached on "The Sun of Righteousness" by the Rev. H. S. Harpur, Rector of Loughgilly. We congratulate the contractor for the work, Mr. Thomas Kerr, of Castle Street, Portadown, on his successful completion of this important work. The light is beautifully clear and bright, and the cost seems scarcely to exceed that of the old paraffin lamps. The coronas are very handsome, and altogether the improvement is a matter on which the Parish may congratulate itself.

Ye Anchor Cafe

(FIRST-CLASS RESTAURANT UPSTAIRS)

At the Bridge,

Five Minutes Walk from Station.

Breakfasts . . .

Luncheons . . .

Teas . . .

. . . Hot Luncheons . . .

DAILY FROM 1 TO 3 O'CLOCK.

PRICES VERY MODERATE.

Separate Room for Country Weddings if Notice is Given.

ITEMS.

We heartily thank all who contributed fruit, flowers, and evergreens for the decoration of the Church at the Harvest Services, and also those who assisted at the decorations.

The Singing Class meets at the Parochial Hall on Tuesdays, at 8. It has now a membership of thirty, and the charge is only 2/- for the term. If you would like to learn how to sing join without delay.

We are glad to have Mr. M'Kinstry back amongst us, and hope that he will soon be quite restored to health.

The Mission at St. Stephen's Church, Belfast, conducted by the Rev. W. Bryan-Brown, proved very successful.

Carne Harvest Service takes place on Sunday, November 4th, at 3-30, and will be continued on Monday, November 5th at 8.

Drumgor holds its Harvest Services on Sunday, November 11th, at 3-30, and on Monday, November 12th, at 8.

The Annual Report will be issued next week.

At the recent Diocesan Synod the Rector was elected to a place on the Supplemental List of the Representatives to the General Synod, and the name of our Treasurer, Mr. W. R. Atkinson, appears on the Supplemental List of Laymen for the Diocesan Council, and for the General Synod.

The County Antrim Harriers joined the Seagoe Harriers in a cross-country run on Saturday, 27th ult., and were afterwards entertained to tea at the Anchor Cafe, by the Rector. The Seagoe Harriers have been kindly invited by Major Blacker to have a run from Carrickblacker on an early date.

The Rev. Canon Blacker hopes to visit Major Blacker during November. He will be heartily welcomed by his many friends in the parish of Seagoe.



VERY REV. ABRAHAM DAWSON, M.A.,

Dean of Dromore and Rector of Seagoe.

DIED NOVEMBER 20th, 1905.

"The memory of the Just is blessed."

We present our readers this month with a portrait of our late regretted Rector, the Very Rev. Dean Dawson. It is just a year since he passed to his rest on Monday, November 20th, 1905, but his memory will long remain fresh in our minds for his gentle kindness of manner and the godliness of his life.

NOTES ON OLD SEAGOE.

The parish of Seagoe originally consisted of 47 townlands, and 3 manorial districts—Carrowbrack, Kerdnan (Kernan), and Derry (Edenderry).

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The average depth of the Bann in Seagoe parish is 30 feet and its width 150 feet.

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Edenderry, in 1837, consisted of 6 houses of three stories in height; 12 houses of two stories, and 5 of one story; 23 houses in all, and of these, 3 were thatched and the rest slated.

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On 22nd September, 1837, there were 75 children present in Hacknahay day school, of whom 69 were Church of Ireland, and 6 Presbyterians. The master was George Edbrooke.

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The following entry occurs in the Burial Register for 1819—"June 20th—Samuel Cook, aged 35, killed by the stab of a small sword by John Saunderson, of Portadown."

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We print here the entry in the Vestry Book ordering the "dashing" of the "new" Church. The pebble dashing now to be seen on the tower was then carried out—

"The Committee appointed to receive proposals for the dashing of the Church having met on Friday, the 8th of May, 1821, pursuant to regulation at the Easter Vestry, the proposal of Francis Maguire and Edward Atkinson to point and plaister with clean Bann sand, and pebble dash with Lough pebbles the outside of the new Church tower and vestryroom of Seagoe for the sum of £40, not to be paid until next Easter Vestry was received on condition of their producing security for £100 within eight days that the work will be properly finished on the 1st of August, 1821.

STEWART BLACKER, Vicar
JOHN BEATTY, Curate
ROBERT WATSON
WILLIAM BYRNE
W. BUCKEY
T. LUTTON
JOSEPH MALCOMSON"

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The following interesting record occurs in the Baptismal Register for 1780. Note the curious use of the word "Gossips" for Godparents—

"July 3rd, Mary, daughter of William Robinson, Esqr., by Jane his wife, Gossips, Mrs. Carlow, her son and daughter."

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Another entry in Burial Register for 1781 points to the unsettled state of the country at that time—"May 20th, John M'Neally found murdered."

HARVEST SERVICES.

On the 25th inst., the Annual Harvest Service was held in the Parish Church. The special preacher was the Rev. T. G. G. Collins, B.D., Rector of Warrenpoint. The church was crowded in every part with a reverent congregation, who joined heartily in the service. The music was carefully rendered by the choir, under the skilful leadership of Mr. T. H. Wilson, organist, while the solo in the anthem was sung with fine expression by Miss Amy Walker. The subject of the address was "Labour and Life," and the preacher, in an eloquent discourse, pointed out the true dignity of labour and its influence upon all life. The services were continued on the 28th inst., when the Rev. R. B. Cook, M.A., Rector of All Saints, Belfast, was the preacher at both services. The congregations were very large. The preacher gave an able and eloquent exposition of the lessons of the harvest, pointing out the spiritual beauty of a fruitful life. The following clergy were present at the services:—Rev. G. H. Dannt, Rector of Knockmuckley; Rev. J. F. Johnston, Drumcree; Rev. J. E. Archer, Rector of Seagoe, and Rev. J. Taylor, curate. The church was tastefully decorated for the occasion.

HACKNAHAY SCHOOL.

The Harvest Services at Hacknahay School took place on Sunday, October 28th, and on Monday, October 29th. We have seldom seen such pretty decorations, and the schoolroom seemed for the time being to have become a garden of flowers under the tasteful skill of Miss Calvert and her willing band of helpers. On Sunday afternoon the room was crowded, and the Rev. R. B. Cooke preached an eloquent sermon on the harvest. The music was excellent, and the choir sang as an anthem the harvest hymn "We plough the fields and scatter." On Monday evening the Rector preached on God's ownership of the earth, basing his remarks on Gen. i., 1. The room was again filled with a large congregation. Amongst those present on Sunday afternoon we noticed Major Stewart Blacker and Mr. W. R. Atkinson.

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In connection with the Harvest Services in Seagoe Church a largely attended Children's Service was held on Sunday afternoon, October 28th. The Rector preached on "The Bread of Life." The singing of the children was very hearty and tuneful, and there were over 300 present.

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Those who have not yet paid in their subscription to the Auxiliary Fund for this year should do so at once as all returns must be made to the Diocesan Office before the close of the month.