

# Seagoe Parish Magazine.

NOVEMBER, 1931.

## SEAGOE PARISH BAZAAR

In SEAGOE SCHOOL, (opposite the Church)

On Thursday and Friday, November 26th 27th.

Opening Ceremony by Viscountess Craigavon, on Thursday,  
November 26th, at 3 p.m.

### CLERGY :

Rev. Canon Archer, B.D., The Rectory, Seagoe,  
Rev. W. F. Hayes, B.A., Edendale, CarrickBlacker  
Road, Edenderry, Portadown.

### CHURCHWARDENS :

Rector's—Mr. Robert Scott.  
People's—Mr. Isaac Dickson.

### The Bazaar.

Lady Craigavon has most kindly consented to come to Seagoe and open the Bazaar on Thursday, November 26th, at 3 p.m. In a letter to the Rector, Lady Craigavon says:—"I write to say that I shall be very pleased to open the Bazaar. Kindly let me have further particulars later on. I hope the Bazaar will be a great success."

The charge for admission for the opening ceremony will be Sixpence. No tickets will be required. The charge for admission in the evening from 7 p.m. will be Threepence.

On the second day the Bazaar will open at 3 p.m., and the charge for admission will be Threepence afternoon and evening.

The Bazaar will be open each day from 3 to 6 and from 7 to 10-30. There will be amusements of all kinds, including shooting gallery and Aunt Sally. Refreshments can be had at the Tea Stall at reasonable prices. The following Stalls have been arranged: Work Stalls, Farm Produce Stall, Handkerchief Stall, Pound Stall, Cake Stall Flower Stall Variety Stall. As only three weeks remain before the Bazaar our helpers are all working very hard. In every corner of the big Parish work is being prepared for the stalls, and our book collectors are getting in a large number of subscriptions. Progress is being made in all directions and as far as we can see the Bazaar is going to be a great success.

### The Harvest Services.

In the Parish Church and in many centres through

the Parish Services have been held during the past month to thank the Lord of the Harvest for His bounteous gifts. The Services in the Parish Church were as usual attended by large and attentive congregations. On Thursday, October 15th, the Very Rev. H. B. Swanzy, the new Dean of Dromore, preached. The offerings were for Foreign Missions. The musical part of the Service was hearty and devotional. Mrs. Casey presided at the organ. The anthem was Barnby's "Ye shall go out with joy." The solos were taken by Miss N. Montgomery and Mr. David Murray. The Church was very nicely decorated and for the first time they extended into the entrance porch.

On Sunday, October 18th, the Thanksgiving Services were continued. They began with the Celebration of Holy Communion at 8 a.m. At 11.30 Morning Prayer was said. The Rev. Dr. Orr, Rector of Gilford, preached. An afternoon service for the children of Seagoe Sunday School was held in the Church at 3.30. The Rector gave an address. At 7 p.m. Evening Service was held. The Church was crowded. The Rev. Francis Matchett, B.D, Rector of Hillsborough, preached. The offerings on Sunday were on behalf of the Church Expenses Fund.

**Levaghery.**—On Sunday, October 4th, and the following Monday Harvest Services were held in Levaghery. The school was tastefully decorated. The Rev. W. F. Hayes, Curate, preached. On Monday the Services were continued, and the Rev. W. G. Kerr, Curate of St. Mark's, preached. The offerings at this service were for Foreign Missions. Miss Selina Bradshaw played the accompaniments to the hymns.

**Edenderry**—Edenderry held its Harvest Services on Sunday, October 11th. The Rev. W. R. M. Orr, LL.D., preached at the Sunday Service, and the Rev. Robert Gracey, Curate of St. Donard's, Belfast, at the service on Monday. The hall was crowded and we were all very glad to see and hear our former lay reader

once again. At the close of the service the Rector spoke words of welcome to Mr. Gracey on his first visit to the Parish since his Ordination. The offerings were for Foreign Missions.

**Drumgor.**—On Sunday and Monday, October 25th and 26th, Services were held in Drumgor. The Hall was nicely decorated with fruits and flowers, and there were good congregations, who joined heartily in the services. The Rector preached on Sunday and the Rev. W. F. Hayes at the Service on Monday. Miss Gracey played the accompaniments of the hymns.

**Guest Tea in Edenderry.**

On Tuesday, October 21st, a most enjoyable Guest Tea was held in the Parochial Hall. A large number of guests were present and the Lady Hosts presided at each table. After tea, a programme of music and recitations was performed by a number of willing helpers. All the items were much enjoyed and encores were numerous. The Rector presided and at the close expressed the thanks of all present to those who had helped to make the "Tea" so great a success. The proceeds of the Tea were in aid of the Bazaar Fund.

**Notices of Services.**

Harvest Thanksgiving Services will be held (p.v.) in **Carne Church Hall** on Sunday, November 1st, at 3.30 p.m., and on Monday, Nov. 2nd, at 8 p.m. Thanksgiving Services will also be held in **Bocombra Orange Hall** (kindly lent for the occasion) on Sunday, Nov. 8th, at 3.30 p.m., and on Monday, Nov. 9th, at 8 p.m.

**Baking Competitions.**

In connection with the Bazaar Mrs. Scott, of Grove Lodge, Seagoe, has arranged a Baking Competition. Prizes will be given for the best cakes. Two conditions of the competitions are as follows:—For Adult Competitors—Sponge Sandwich, Pot-oven Cake with Fruit, 4 Soda Buns baked on griddle. For Girl Competitors (under 17 years of age)—Sandwich and Soda Cake. The entrance fee for competitors is Threepence. Further details will be given in handbills.

**Armistice Day.**

On Sunday, November 8th, the Sunday before Armistice Day, special Services of Remembrance will be held in the Parish Church at 11.30 and 7. The years pass but we will not forget our dear ones who laid down their lives for God and King and Country. Their names are inscribed on our Memorial Pillars at the Church gate. You can help our ex-Service men by purchasing Poppies for the British Legion Funds. The collection at Morning Prayer on Sunday, Nov. 8th, will be given to the British Legion Funds for ex-Service men. Ex-Service men who attend the service are asked to wear their medals.

**Concert in Levaghery.**

On Thursday, October 23rd, a concert was given in Levaghery School. A most attractive programme had been arranged and the newly-enlarged room was crowded to its utmost capacity by a very appreciative audience. It would be impossible to enumerate all the items. Two clever and amusing sketches were

performed and much enjoyed. At the close the Rector expressed the thanks of all present to the performers and those who had organised the concert, especially to Mrs. Abraham, of Breagh, for her kind help. The proceeds of the concert will be given to the Bazaar Fund.

**Concert in Drumgor.**

Please remember the concert on behalf of our Bazaar Funds which will take place in Drumgor Church Hall on Thursday, Nov. 12th, at 8 p.m. A splendid programme has been arranged.

**Jumble Sale.**

Mr. Stanfield, the Superintendent of Levaghery Sunday Schools, and his band of teachers have arranged to hold a Jumble Sale in Edenderry Parochial Hall on Friday, November 6th, at 8 p.m. The proceeds will be given to the Levaghery Sunday School Prize Fund. This is a very worthy object and we hope everybody will help to make the sale a success.

**Seagoe P.E. School.**

Miss Rountree is resigning her post as assistant in Seagoe P.E. School which she has held for the past three years. She is about to undertake Mission Work in West Africa. Mrs. Abraham, of Breagh, is taking temporary work at the School until the appointment of Miss Rountree's successor. Mrs. Abraham is very popular with the pupils in Seagoe School, where she has undertaken temporary work from time to time. The Ministry of Education have forwarded their suggestions regarding the alterations which they regard as necessary in the School building. An important meeting was held at the School on Wednesday, Oct. 28th, at 4 p.m., which was attended by the Manager (Canon Archer), the architect (Mr. Hobart), and Messrs. R. Scott (Principal of Seagoe School), P. McClements, J. H. Twinem and M. Gilpin (Hon. Sec. Seagoe Select Vestry). The Ministry's suggestions were carefully considered.

**Seagoe in Florida.**

Tom Webb writes to the Rector from Jacksonville, Florida, U.S.A., enclosing a very attractive illustrated booklet on the joy and sunshine of Jacksonville as a pleasure resort. Trade depression has hit the States but we think things are not perhaps quite so bad as Tom paints them. We hope not. Here is his letter:—

"General Delivery,

"Jacksonville, Florida, U.S.A.

"Rev. J. E. Archer,

"Seagoe Parish.

"My Dear Sir,—If you should know anyone who might be getting ready for to come over to America try and get them to stay at home. Business here is terrible bad and the American cannot stand it as we are used to better things of life. I am here in Florida the Land of Sunshine, with no winters. June all the time, but if I could get back to Seagoe I sure would go. I hope things are better with you all. With kindness and personal regards, I am yours,

"TOM WEBB."

### **A Seagoe Soldier.**

We continue this month the record of Staff Sergeant Dawson's military adventures. He was in the thick of the fighting in the Zulu War of 1879. "I saw some awful sights that day as we hunted the Zulus out. I caught the body of a Hussars officer as he fell dead over the edge of the cliff. Next day I was told off with two others to help the wounded Swazis. We got them under shelter and raided the kitchen for food and boiled up porridge in our camp kettles. We served it out to them on leaves of the Blue Gum trees because we had nothing else. I was in Cairo when the cholera broke out among the British soldiers and had to organise the hospital stores. I was again in Cairo when the English Army was without food for four days. While the men were sent out to scout for food the Egyptians attacked the camp but just then the men were returning laden with food and while they were munching the vegetables and bread they at the same time helped to repel the attack. I was in the Boer War. My word, the Boers were wonderful soldiers! They were deadly marksmen and mowed us down. You had only to put up your hand to have a bullet through it, dead centre. Army life in the early days was a romance. Men enlisted for life. Sometimes there were three generations in the same regiment, grandfather, father and son. The old men with their flowing side-whiskers and fiery complexions, commanded respect from the young men. When I was in India I could buy tobacco at 4d a pound, but I smoked so much of it that the doctor told me if ever I wanted to see my mother again I had better give up smoking. I could sometimes get steak at ½d a pound." We are glad to know that the Staff-Sergeant is still full of life and vigour and we are sure all our parishioners will join us in wishing him many more years of happiness and prosperity.

### **The Annual Report.**

The Annual Report is in the printers' hands and will be issued without delay. It is a very full and complete record of all the sums received and expended in connection with all our Parish Organisations. It also contains on the inside of the front cover a list of the Bequests which have been left to the Parish in recent years.

### **Congratulations.**

We very heartily congratulate the Rev. J. F. G. Magill, Senior Curate Assistant of St. Mark's Parish, on his appointment as Rector of the Parish of Milltown. Mr. and Mrs. Magill and "Kathleen" have been very popular while here in Portadown. Mr. Magill has been always very ready to help in Seagoe. We wish him and Mrs. Magill and Kathleen a very happy time in Milltown, and we hope often to see them in Seagoe. Mrs. Magill is a graduate of Queen's University, Belfast. Seagoe Mothers' Union have on many occasions welcomed her when she came to address their meetings.

### **The Diocesan Synod.**

The Diocesan Synod of Down and Connor and Dro-

more will meet in Belfast on Thursday, Nov. 3rd. There will be a celebration of Holy Communion in Belfast Cathedral at 10 a.m., and the Synod will begin at 11.30 a.m. in Clarence Place Hall. The Seagoe representatives are Messrs. James Twinem, John G. Gracey, J.P., R. M'Clements and Thomas Martin.

### **Seagoe Mothers' Union.**

The October meeting was the largest on record. The committee invited as their guests the committee of St. Mark's M.U. Miss M'Conaghy gave a most valuable address to the members on the subject of "The League of Nations." It was very clear, simply expressed, and interesting and was listened to with close attention. The next meeting of the Mothers' Union will be held (p.v.) in Seagoe School on Tuesday, Nov. 10th, at 7.30 p.m. Tea will be provided for the members.

### **Seagoe Parish Register. Baptisms.**

The following were Baptized in the Parish Church on October 3rd, 1931:—

**Hayes**—Samuel John, son of James and Margaret Hayes, of Edenderry.

*Sponsors*—Susan M'Broom, Margaret Hayes.

**Bere**—Mabel, daughter of William and Elizabeth Bere, of Levaghery.

*Sponsors*—Mabel Brady, Sarah Jane Carville.

**Low**—Ellen, daughter of Alexander and Hannah Jane Low, of Edenderry.

*Sponsors*—Elizabeth Thornbury, Hannah Jane Low.

### **Marriage.**

**M'Nally and Milligan**—Oct. 10th, Richard M'Nally, of Edenderry, to Margaret Milligan, of Edenderry.

### **Burials.**

**M'Nally**—October 13th, James M'Nally, of Edenderry.

**Neill**—October 16th, Margaret Jane Neill, of Edenderry, aged 81. Interred at Milltown.

**Wilson**—October 22nd, Robert James Wilson, of Lisniskey, aged 59 years.

### **Sympathy.**

We express our deep sympathy with families in our Parish who during the month have suffered bereavement. James M'Nally, of Edenderry, passed away suddenly although for some months his health had been impaired. He was known by many in the Parish and was highly respected. Robert James Wilson was called away suddenly although he had suffered much for some years. His kindness of disposition and his quiet endurance of suffering were very marked features in his character. He was always so ready to help everybody. He will be sadly missed. Margaret Jane Neill, of Edenderry, had only been a short time in the Parish. She had reached a good old age and was interred in Milltown Parish, where she had lived her life and to which she was much attached. To all the bereaved we offer our heartfelt sympathy.

**Twenty-Five Years Ago.**

NOVEMBER, 1906.

A glance at Seagoe Parish Magazine for November, 1906, is very interesting. "The Bazaar" is the heading of the first local note. "We want everyone in the Parish to get interested in the Bazaar. Collect all the money you can. Girls can make pinafores, cushions, slippers, ties, socks, etc. Young men can frame pictures, do fretwork, make tables or boxes. Iron-workers could make fan-bellows. In fact everyone can do something." A reference is made to the death of "our late member Colonel Saunderson." Six Baptisms are recorded. One Marriage and one Burial. Among Church improvements noted is the introduction of gas-lighting into the Church on Wednesday, Oct. 10th. The Rector of Loughguile, the Rev. H. S. Harpur preached on "the Sun of Righteousness." "The light is beautifully clear and bright, and the cost seems scarcely to exceed that of the old paraffin lamps." The County Antrim Harriers joined the Seagoe Harriers in a cross country run on Saturday, Oct. 27th, and had tea together afterwards in the Anchor Cafe.

**Concert in Edenderry.**

A very successful concert in aid of Seagoe C.L.B. was held in the Parochial Hall on Thursday, Oct. 29th, at 8 p.m. The Rector presided. There were 27 items on the printed programme and each item proved very attractive, in fact every piece was encored and the concert did not conclude until 11 p.m., but everybody waited to the very end. The Wilson Band played several items and proved themselves a most efficient combination. Mr. T. Montgomery's saxophone solos and duets with his brother were a novel and very effective item. The surprise item was very startling and created much amusement. Altogether the concert was a great success and reflects much credit on Mr. Albert Wilson, junior, who had made all the arrangements and did not allow any of the expenses to fall on the C.L.B. Funds.

**Concert at Bocombra.**

A concert for the Bazaar has been arranged to be held in Bocombra Orange Hall (kindly lent) for Thursday, Nov. 19th, at 8 p.m.

**Bazaar Committee.**

A general meeting of the Bazaar Workers will be held in Seagoe School on Wednesday, Nov. 4th, at 8 p.m. This is an important meeting.

**Two Presentations.**

On Friday, Oct. 16, a pleasant gathering assembled in Drumgor Church Hall. The Rev. W. F. Hayes presided in the unavoidable absence of the Rector. After tea, a presentation was made to Mrs. Baxter on the occasion of her recent marriage. Mrs. Baxter had for long been closely associated with Drumgor Sunday School, and the teachers and pupils arranged for the presentation as a testimony to their affection for her. The gift consisted of a china tea service.

Mrs. Baxter thanked all present for their great kindness. Corporal Baxter was unable to be present owing to his military duties at Holywood Barracks.

On Friday, Oct. 30th, at the close of school, the children attending Seagoe School gathered in the large room and presented Miss Rountree with a Bible on the occasion of her leaving the School for Mission work in Central Africa. A Mission hymn was sung. The Bible was handed to Miss Rountree by Jean Finney, a pupil in her class. Miss Rountree thanked the children for their gift and hoped they would remember her in her work, and she promised to write to them from Africa. Mr. Scott and Miss Reid also spoke, expressing their good wishes for Miss Rountree's future. The Rector, in conclusion, wished Miss Rountree much success and blessing in her Mission work. The gathering concluded with a prayer for Foreign Missions. Miss Rountree shook hands with each child as they passed out.

**Old Seagoe Notes.**

**Ploughing with Bullocks in Seagoe.**—Mrs. Wilson formerly of Drumnagoon and now residing in a bungalow on the Lurgan Road, has many interesting facts to tell regarding old times. She is now approaching her 86th birthday but is as active and clear in her memory as ever. She remembers when bullocks were used in ploughing the land. When a young girl she saw a yoke of bullocks ploughing Mr. Phelps's land in Drumlin. Mr. Phelps always used bullocks in his farm work. Mrs. Wilson possesses an interesting relic of old Seagoe. It is the harmonium which was used by Mrs. Saurin at the choir practices held in the hall of Seagoe Rectory in the sixties of the last century. At that time harmoniums had only recently been invented and this harmonium is of small size. Mrs. Wilson, whose maiden name was M'Murray, is related to Archdeacon M'Murray, the Canadian of whom we wrote recently in these notes. She remembers her father receiving from Canada objects heavily covered with beads, the work of Canadian Indians, sent by his relatives.

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**The Story of "Bludgeon Nuttle."**—Another of our old Parishioners is Mrs. Best, of Carrickblacker Road. She is also well on in the eighties but her memory of what happened once ago is very vivid. She can recall the deeds of "Bludgeon" Nuttle of Ballymacrandle. He did a big business in money lending but was very severe in exacting re-payment and so he became known far and wide as "Bludgeon" Nuttle. Nuttle is, of course, another form of Luttol. Mrs. Best's (who married Wm. Best, one of her own name) father was John Best. He died of Famine Fever on August 8th, 1848, aged 52 years, and was buried in Seagoe Graveyard. The Rev. Capel Wolseley officiated at his funeral. Mrs. Best remembers when a child attending cottage services held by the Rev. Capel Wolseley in John Coulter's house at Tarsan. Mrs. Best has 19 great-grandchildren.