

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

NOVEMBER, 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.

The Spirit of Thanksgiving.

We record in this month's issue an account of many Harvest Services held throughout the Parish. We believe that a spirit of true Thanksgiving has been present at these Services. Of course some may attend in a careless way, more out of habit and curiosity than from a real sense of Thanksgiving and desire to worship God. The thought that our Heavenly Father expresses Himself in the gift of the Harvest is a wonderful thing and must stir in us the knowledge that God is a God of Love as well as of Power. If these Services have kindled in our hearts a spirit of Thankfulness it will show itself in our life by a more consistent following of the Divine commands. We trust and believe that such will be the effect in the Parish of our many Services of Thanksgiving.

Harvest Thanksgiving Services.

The Annual Services of Thanksgiving for the Blessings of Harvest were held in the Parish Church on Thursday, October 24th, at 8 p.m., and on Sunday, October 27th, at 11.30 a.m. and at 7 p.m. The Church had been very tastefully decorated by a willing band of ladies and young men of the Parish. Abundant supplies of flowers were contributed, as well as large offerings of grain, fruit and vegetables. These, together with the usual stately palms, provided a fitting setting for those who, once more in this ancient and solemn festival, expressed their gratitude to the Giver of All for the mercies of another most bountiful Harvest season. The Services were largely attended. The Church was filled with a mass of people at each. On Sunday evening, despite the torrential rain, the building was crowded. The aisles as well as the pews, were filled with people; extra seating had to be provided. Special music appropriate for the occasion was rendered in a very feeling and impressive manner by the choir, which had been thoroughly trained by Mr. T. H. Wilson. This in no small measure contributed to the high spiritual tone of devotional gratitude, which was so distinctly manifested throughout the services. The choir was ably accompanied

by Mrs. W. A. Casey, who kindly presided at the organ. The special music rendered included Hopkin's setting to the Te Deum, settings to the Magnificat and the Nunc Dimittus by Frederick Lloyd, and Edwyn V. Clare's Harvest anthem, "The Fruit of Thy Works." The solo portion of the latter was taken by Miss N. K. Montgomery.

The Rev. G. C. Johnson, M.A., Rector of Magherally was the preacher on Thursday evening. On Sunday morning the Very Rev. E. A. Myles, Dean of Dromore, preached. During the course of his sermon, the theme of which was strength and beauty, the Dean made fitting reference to the life of Lord Carson. The Rev. T. Parr, M.A., Rector of Seapatrick, preached on Sunday evening, his text and his subject was "The Love of God."

Children's Service.

A very bright Children's Service was held in the Parish Church on Sunday, October 27th, at 3 p.m. It was attended by a large number of children. Many adults were also present. Mr. T. H. Wilson was at the organ. The singing was sweetly led by the children. The Rev. W. F. Hayes conducted the Service and also gave the address. The collection was taken up by two members of the Sunday School, Ernest Caddell and James Simpson.

Levaghery Harvest Services.

A Harvest Thanksgiving Service was held in the Levaghery School on Sunday, October 6th, at 3.30. The room was prettily decorated with fruit and flowers. There was a very large gathering. The Rev. B. de G. Loughheed, B.A., Curate of Seapatrick, Banbridge, was the preacher. Mrs. C. B. Kirkpatrick presided at the harmonium, and a solo, "The Raven He feedeth," was sung by Miss Mabel Best. On Monday evening, October 7th, the Services were continued and there was again a large number of people present. The Rev. E. Burns, M.A., Rector of Aghaderg, Loughbrickland, preached. The offerings were on behalf of Foreign Missions.

Drumgor Harvest.

The Service of Thanksgiving was held in Drumgor Church Hall on Sunday, Oct. 13th, and on the following Monday evening. The Service on Sunday was at 3.30. From 3.15 until the beginning of the Services a special selection of choruses was sung by the children of the Sunday School. The Superintendent, Mr. W. Hutchinson, conducted the singing, while

Miss R. Gracey was at the harmonium. The Hall was beautifully decorated with splendid samples of flowers, grain and other local products. There were a large number present. An impressive feature of the Service was the part taken by the children, and the lead which they gave in reciting the General Confession and the Apostles Creed, and in answering the responses. The preacher on Sunday was the Rev. J. Eger-ton, B.A., Curate of St. Mark's, Portadown. There was a large congregation at the service on Monday evening. A very interesting Missionary address was given by the Rev. J. Douglas, B.A., Curate of Maralin.

Harvest at Carne-

A Harvest Thanksgiving Service was held in Carne Church Hall on Sunday, October 20th, at 3.30. The Superintendent, Mr. George Wilson, and his loyal band of teachers had the Hall very attractively decorated. The Service was taken by the Rev. W. F. Hayes. The Rev. J. Wright, B.A., Curate of Drumcree, was the preacher. Mr. T. H. Wilson arranged the music and presided at the harmonium. There was a crowded congregation, who joined heartily in the service and in the singing of the hymns. The Service on the following Monday at 8 p.m. was also well attended. The Rev. J. I. Lea, M.A., Rector of Mullavilly, preached. The subject of his address was the work of the Church overseas. This was illustrated by many incidents in his own experience during his years while a missionary in India. The collection was on behalf of Foreign Missions.

The Mothers' Union

The members held their usual monthly meeting in Seagoe School on Tuesday, October 15th, at 7.30 p.m. It was a record meeting as regards attendance. After a very good tea, the Mothers' Union Hymn was sung. The prayers were taken by the Rev. W. F. Hayes. A very spirited address, which was warmly appreciated, was given by Mrs. A. G. Hannon, Shankill Rectory, Lurgan. At the close the President, Mrs. J. H. Twinem, on behalf of the Mothers, expressed a hearty vote of thanks to the speaker. The next meeting of the Mothers' Union will be held in Seagoe School on Tuesday, November 12th, at 7.30 p.m. The Rev. F. J. Halahan, M.A., M.C., Rector of Drumcree, has kindly consented to address the members.

Annual Subscriptions.

It would be a very great help if those who give an annual subscription to the Sustentation Fund would kindly send in their subscriptions during this month or early in December. The parish accounts close on December 31st. Any sums received after that date must go into the accounts of the following year.

Armistice Day.

On Monday, November 11th, Armistice Day a short service will be held in the Church at 10.45, and the two minutes' silence will be observed at the Memorial Pillars and Gates. On Sunday, Nov. 10th, the Sunday next the anniversary, the services will be of a memorial nature. The Ex-servicemen and the Seagoe Company of the Church Lads' Brigade will parade at Morning Prayer.

Edenderry Harvest

The Harvest Thanksgiving Services will be held in the Parochial Hall, Edenderry, on Sunday, Nov. 3rd, at 3.30, and on the following Monday evening at 8 p.m. The preacher on Sunday will be the Rev. F. R. M'Culloch, Rector of Aghalee. The collection will be for the upkeep of the Parochial Hall. On Monday the address will be given by the Rev. G. W. Millington, Rector of St. Mark's, Portadown. Special music has been arranged for the occasion including a Harvest Anthem.

The Diocesan Synod.

The annual Synod of the United Dioceses of Down and Connor and Dromore will be held in Clarence Place, Belfast, on Tuesday, November 5th, at 11.30 a.m. It will be preceded by a celebration of Holy Communion in St. Anne's Cathedral at 10 a.m. for Synod members. This Parish has four lay representatives. In connection with the Synod several special evening gatherings have been arranged which must appeal to all interested in the welfare of their Church. A Service of Dedication for Church Workers will be held in St. Anne's Cathedral on Monday, November 4th, at 8 p.m. A mass meeting will be held in the Wellington Hall on Tuesday, Nov. 5th, at 7.30. A youth rally will be held in the Wellington Hall, on Wednesday, Nov. 6th, at 7.30. On the following Thursday at 3 p.m. a Women's Meeting will be held at Clarence Place. These meetings are open to all who wish to attend. Subjects of vital importance to Church people will be dealt with by distinguished speakers. The Bishop hopes that the attendances at these meetings will be representative of the whole Diocese.

C.L.B. Concert

The Seagoe Company of the Church Lads' Brigade will give their annual concert in the Parochial Hall, Edenderry, towards the end of November. Tickets announcing the date will be issued in the meantime. The members have been busy for some time arranging and practising what will, no doubt, prove to be a very interesting and entertaining programme. The proceeds will be in aid of the funds of the organisation.

Parish Register for October.**Baptisms**

The following were Baptised in the Parish Church on October 5th, 1935:—

Pickering—Margaret, daughter of Albert Edward and Margaret Dilworth Pickering, of Edward St., Portadown.

Sponsors—Albert Edward Pickering, Frances Magowan and Letitia Neill.

Alexander—Rachel Catherine, daughter of William James and Margaret Jane Alexander, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Mary Campbell, Margaret Jane Alexander.

Fletcher—Harold Sidney, son of Thomas James and Sarah Myrtle Fletcher, of Levaghery.

Sponsors—Jane Eliza Fletcher, Sarah Myrtle Fletcher.

Simpson—Edward, son of David William and Hannah Jane Simpson, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Hannah Jane Magee, Hannah Jane Simpson.

Received into the Congregation.

Whiteside—Oct. 5th, Mary, daughter of Ferguson and Mary Whiteside, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Anne Greenaway, Mary Whiteside.

Marriage

Summerville and Forbes—Oct. 22nd, 1935. Robert Summerville, of Hacknahay, to Rebecca Forbes, of Hacknahay.

Burial.

Nesbitt—Oct. 28th, Kenneth Harold Nesbitt, of Levaghery, aged 4 months.

Death of Lord Carson.

The people of Seagoe, as well as of the rest of Ulster will deeply regret the death of Ulster's splendid friend and defender, Lord Carson. On his last visit to Portadown, when he addressed a great meeting in the Shamrock Park grounds, the Rector had a conversation with him. He was greatly pleased when he heard that the well-known saying about the Home Rule Bill and Portadown originated in the Parish of Seagoe. Lord Carson's burial in the Cathedral at Belfast was very fitting and will draw further attention to that sacred building, which has become a great religious centre in recent years.

Twenty-five Years Ago.**OCTOBER, 1910.**

The copy of the Magazine for October, 1910, contains an interesting portrait and autograph of Mr. John Walker, more familiarly known as "Clerk" Walker. He acted as Parish Clerk in Seagoe Parish from the year 1825 to 1873. There is a lengthy reference to his life and work.

His father also acted as Parish Clerk for some years, besides being agent to Sir Francis Macnaghten. The annual Harvest Thanksgiving Services in the Parish Church are announced, also a list of district Harvest Services to be held in Tamnificarbet, Hacknahay, Carne and Drumgor. Seven Baptisms are recorded, one marriage and four burials. Arrangements are mentioned for the erection of a memorial to the late Rector, the Very Rev. Dean Dawson. The memorial to be the addition of a new wing to the Seagoe Parochial School. The Girls' Friendly will open their winter Session with a united Service in the Parish Church. Mr. Robt. T. Montgomery is congratulated on obtaining a **silver and a bronze medal** at a recent grocers' Exhibition in London.

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The local matter begins with a reference to Winter organisations. A meeting of the newly-formed Communicants' Union is announced to be held in the Parochial Hall. Week night Bible Classes for men are arranged to be held in Bocombra, Tamnificarbet and Hacknahay. Six Baptisms are recorded, two marriages and three burials. Reference is made to the death of Constable Mitten. Canon Grierson, Rector of Seapatrik, was the preacher at the Harvest Thanksgiving Service in the Parish Church on the Thursday evening. The Rev. R. D. Patterson preached on the Sunday of the Harvest at both Morning and Evening Prayer. The solo in the anthem was taken by Miss Amy Walker. District Harvest Services were held in Tamnificarbet and Hacknahay. Major Blacker is congratulated on his election as a member of the Diocesan Council. The opening meeting of the Band of Hope is announced. The Old Seagoe Notes refer to Wolves in Seagoe. There is a note on a former Parish Clerk, Woolsey Smurphett, and a list of Churchwardens of the Parish in the eighteenth century.

The Annual Report.

The annual report has now been completed and will be distributed without delay throughout the Parish.

The Parochial Hall.

In last month's issue we published a list of subscriptions made towards defraying the expenses of the improvements recently carried out in the Parochial Hall, Edenderry. The following sums have since been received:—James Wilson, 5/-, John Dermott, 10/-.

ITEMS.

The Rev. J. Hamilton, curate of Donacloney, will (D.V.) preach in the Parish Church on the evening of Sunday, Nov. 3rd.

We have had many severe storms lately. During one of them two large trees were blown down in the Glebe lands at the Rectory. One was an elm planted in 1740 and the other a poplar planted in 1826.

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 Mr. Victor B. Collins, a successful solicitor in New York and a relative of the Dickson family on the Lurgan Road, is very proud of his connection with Seagoe and hopes before long to pay it a visit. He was born in America. His mother, who still lives, was Dickson to her maiden name.

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 The clergy from neighbouring Parishes have given very kind help at the Parish Church during the Rector's illness.

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 Serious defects in the furnace chimney at Seagoe School have recently been carefully repaired.

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 Captain Blacker, who has inherited Carrick Blacker, paid a visit to Seagoe last month.

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 New houses are being built in the townlands of Knock and Seagoe Upper.

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 Many new families have recently come to reside in the Parish. We welcome them to our midst. We hope that they will, without delay, share fully in our parochial life.

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 We congratulate Betty Kearns, of Killicomaine, in gaining fourth place in County Scholarship examination. There were over one hundred competitors.

Old Seagoe Notes.

An Interesting Seagoe Relic.—The following account of a very interesting Seagoe relic appeared in a recent issue of "The Portadown News":—"A resident in the parish of Knocknamuckley possesses a grandfather's clock the case of which was made from the wood of the pulpit of Old Seagoe Church. The pulpit was a conspicuous feature in the old church now in ruin, and it is said to have had inscribed upon it the date 1666, being the year in which the old church was re-built by Valentine Blacker after its destruction in the rebellion of 1641. The clock was made by George J. Black, of Lurgan, to the order of Wm. Dynes, of Shane Hill on the occasion of his marriage to a namesake of his own, named Nancy Dynes. The clock keeps excellent time and is much prized by its possessor. The case is highly polished. The wood is very sound and is of oak of a dark colour. The timber from which it was made is at least 270 years old. Wm. Dynes, for whom the clock was originally made, died about 60 years ago at an advanced age." The Rector heard of this clock many years ago and was kindly shown it by its owner, who then lived near Blear Cross. The timbers in the Old Church were very well preserved and when the Church was dismantled about 1816 they were purchased by parishioners. Some of them were used in outbuildings at the Rectory and are still in a good state of preservation. A parishioner who lives in Drumnagoon had a chair which was made from some of the timber. Perhaps some of our readers know of similar relics and could inform us of them.

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.

MARRIAGE 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. **FEEES**—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. **FEEES 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.