

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

SEPTEMBER, 1934.

CLERGY :

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

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

CHURCHWARDENS :

Rector's—Mr. John Harrison Twinem.

People's—Mr. Robert M'Clements.

The Season of Harvest.

It is specially appropriate that Thanksgiving should be offered to Almighty God at the season of Harvest. The time of the ingathering of the fruits of the earth has always been marked by special services. The Jews held their Harvest Services at Pentecost, which corresponds with our Whitsuntide. Owing to the character of the semi-tropical climate of Palestine the crops were reaped before the heat of summer arrived. In our colder climate the crops continue to grow through the summer heat and the reaping takes place in Autumn. But this distinction of seasons had no effect in altering the duty of Thanksgiving. In a very solemn manner the Jew offered in the Temple or local Synagogue the first sheaf of Harvest. The Jewish farmer carrying into his place of Worship the sheaf cut from his own fields and offering it solemnly to the Most High provided a vivid picture of man's recognition of God's natural gifts. Even so must the Christian show by his attendance in the House of prayer and by his offering of a suitable gift, express his thankfulness to his Heavenly Father for the gift of the Harvest. If our people come to our Harvest Services in this spirit of Worship and Thankfulness the Harvest Season of 1934 will bring great blessing to our Parish.

Harvest Thanksgiving Services.

Our annual Services of Thanksgiving for the Blessings of Harvest will be held (D.V.) on Thursday, October 18th, at 8 p.m., and on Sunday, October 21st, at 8 a.m. (Holy Communion), 11.30 a.m., Morning Prayer, and 7 p.m., Evening Prayer. The Rev. Canon Moore, M.A., Rector of St. Donard's Church, Belfast, and the Rev. J. I. Lea, M.A., Rector of Mullavilly, will be the special preachers. The offerings on Thursday will be on behalf of Foreign Missions, and on Sunday for our Parochial Fund, which provides for the upkeep of the Parish Church and its services.

District Harvest Services.

The following is a provisional arrangement of

dates for the District Harvest Services throughout the Parish:—

Bocombra—Sunday, Sept. 23rd, at 3.30.

Monday, Sept. 24th, at 8.

Hacknahay—Sunday, Sept. 30th, at 3.30.

Monday, Oct. 1st, at 8.

Carne—Sunday, October 7th, at 3.30.

Monday, October 8th, at 8.

Drumgor—Sunday, Oct. 14th, at 3.30.

Monday, Oct. 15th, at 8.

Levaghery—Sunday, Oct. 28th, at 3.30.

Monday, October 29th, at 8.

Edenderry—Sunday, Nov. 4th, at 3.30.

Monday, Nov. 5th, 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 C.L.B.

The Church Lads' Brigade began its new session on Tuesday, 11th September. The Training Corps will meet weekly, in the Parochial Hall, Edenderry, on Tuesdays at 7.30 p.m.; the Cadets on Tuesdays at 8.30 p.m. Those intending to join the Brigade this year should do so without delay. The age limits for the Training Corps are from nine to fourteen, and for the Cadets from fourteen to twenty-one.

A Visit to Mrs. Wolseley.

During the Rector's recent holiday he had the pleasure of visiting in London Mrs. Wolseley, widow of Major Wolseley, and daughter of the Rev. Capel Wolseley, who was Curate of Seagoe from March, 1847, to March, 1859. Mrs. Wolseley was born in Seagoe 86 years ago, in the year 1848, and was baptized in Seagoe Church on November 16th, 1848. Notwithstanding her great age she is in wonderful health and remembers distinctly her early days in Seagoe, where she lived until she was eleven years of age. The flight of years has not lessened her interest in the old Parish, and she spoke with animation and enthusiasm about her experiences in the Parish. She is greatly interested in Seagoe Magazine, which is sent to her each month, and the August number was on the sofa beside her at the time of the Rector's visit. Mrs. Wolseley was born in Seagoe Cottage, where Mr. T. H. Wilson now resides, but after a few years her father moved to the house newly built for him higher up Church Lane, now occupied by Mr. Robinson. This house was

known as **Dun-Eglish,**

or the Fort of the Church. The name is an ancient one and apparently arose from an earthen

Fort erected many centuries ago on the same site. Mrs. Wolseley remembers the strenuous work which her father had to accomplish. He held services at places seven miles distant from the Church for in his days the parish extended beyond Lurgan to Analoist and Bird Island. She also recalls his work in the Sunday School which was held in the Church, the present School not being built until 1859. Mr. Capel Wolseley had a very faithful coachman and general helper in Sam Russell, of Drumgor, and when Mr. Wolseley left Seagoe for the Parish of Lisadell, in Sligo, Sam went there with him. Mrs. Wolseley has also vivid recollections of Archdeacon and Mrs. Saurin, who lived in "the big house." She was somewhat afraid of the Archdeacon. He used sometimes to look at her when she was seated in the big square pew in the Church, and she called him "the man with the india-rubber face." Mrs. Saurin had two lap-dogs, which were great pets, and Mrs. Wolseley was greatly interested in them. Their names were

"Linda" and "Soleta."

While Archdeacon Saurin and his family were in Spain from 1885 to 1858 the Rev. J. Annesley Beers came to the Parish to assist Mr. Wolseley. He and Mrs. Beers and their family of young children lived at the Rectory. Mrs. Wolseley remembers Mr. Beers's energy as a preacher and noticed that he chose very difficult texts. She also recalls a children's party at the Rectory at which there was a beautiful doll of great size. She admired it greatly and thought how nice it would be if she had a doll like it. When the guests were leaving the Rectory Mrs. Beers took up the doll in both hands and gracefully handed it to Miss Annie Wolseley. Her delight knew no bounds. Mrs. Wolseley's only son, Sir Capel Wolseley, Bart., was killed in a motor accident a few years ago. He is buried in Suffolk, and on his grave a rose from Seagoe is grown. This rose grew from a rose which the Rev. Capel Wolseley gave one day to a sister of Miss Jane Collins, of Seagoe, a sprig of which was sent by the Rector to Mrs. Wolseley many years ago. We hope that Mrs. Wolseley will send us some more of her recollections of Seagoe. They will always be read with interest by the parishioners among whom the good work done even so many years ago by her father is still cherished and remembered. We wish on behalf of the Parish to express our affectionate regard for Mrs. Wolseley and our hope that she may be spared to many more years of health and happiness.

The New Burial Plot.

We hope to publish the scale of Fees for the new Burial Ground in our next issue. The

ground has been kept in order, the grass cut and the walks cleared of weeds. It is a beautiful site under the shadow of the Church and has been most carefully drained with deep drains and surrounded by a handsome protecting wall.

Parish Register for August.

Baptisms.

The following were Baptized in Seagoe Parish Church on August 4th, 1934:—

Hewitt—Mabel Winifred, daughter of Robert Ernest and Minnie Hewitt, of Lisniskey.

Sponsors—Margaret Forker, Minnie Hewitt.

Wortley—Gladys Marie, daughter of Stewart and Mary Jane Wortley, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Isabella Hutchinson, Mary Jane Wortley.

Best—Russell, son of James and Sarah Best, of Balteagh.

Sponsors—Anne Jane Hunter, Sarah Best.

Frazer—William James, son of William and Norah Florence Frazer, of Upper Seagoe.

Sponsors—Edith Florence Miller, Norah Florence Frazer.

M'Loughlin—Cyril Arnold, son of Robert John and Margaret Elizabeth M'Loughlin, of Banfoot, Parish of Ardmore.

Sponsors—Florence Jane M'Loughlin, Margaret M'Loughlin.

Reilly—David James, son of Thomas Edward and Elizabeth Reilly, of Levaghery.

Sponsors—Mary Alice Maguire, Anne Adelaide Maguire.

Marriages.

M'Fall and Magee—August 4th, 1934, Thomas John M'Fall, of Portadown to Evelyn May Magee, of Killicomaine.

Sproule and Neill—August 10th, 1934, Joseph Sproule, of Lylo, to Elizabeth Neill, of Killicomaine.

Elliott and Cox—September 4th, 1934, William Elliott, of Armagh, to Ellen Cox, of Edenderry.

Logan and Stanfield—September 6th, 1934, Thomas Harold Logan, of Edenderry, to Olive Stanfield, of Levaghery.

Burials.

Ford—August 7th, Mary Anne Ford, of Edenderry, aged 64 years.

Telford—August 12th, William Robert Telford, of Edenderry, aged 65. Interred at Armagh.

Ramsey—19th August, James Ramsey, of Kellan, aged 85 years.

M'Donald—2nd September, Richard M'Donald, of Edenderry, aged 65 years. Interred at Drmucree.

Armstrong—7th September, John Armstrong, of Edenderry, aged 70 years.

Seagoe P.E. School.

The following is the result of the Scripture examination held in the School on Tuesday, 5th of June, 1934:—1st Class Certificates—Peggy Brownlee, Emma Morrison, Amy Duke, Jean Finney, Sam M'Cabe, James Clayton, Olive Wennard, Robert Abraham, Robert Guy, James Ruddell, Thomas M'Cabe, George Lester, Walter White, Richard Robinson, John Beatson, Ernest Caddell, David Weir, Joseph Liggett, William Caddell, Harry Girvan. 2nd Class—Myrtle Caddell, Edna Grey, Geo. M'Clatchey, Viola Morrison, Edna Montgomery, Isobel Ruddell, Dorothy Ruddell, Betty Metcalfe. 3rd Class—Alfred Hall, Isa Abraham, James Whiteside, Jack Hamilton, Isobel Magee, Dorothy Lester.

C.L.B. Social.

Socials have been held for the C.L.B. Cadets and Training Corps during the past week. The Training Corps had their social on Monday, September 10th, in the Parochial Hall. Thirty-six lads were present and the proceedings were very enjoyable. After a hearty tea, some splendid games were enjoyed under the direction of Captain Mitchell, Lieut Currie and Sergeant-Major D. Allen. A drill-down for seniors and juniors was followed by "Rats and Rabbits," which was followed by "Cock-roosters" and boxing. At the close the Rector and the Rev. W. F. Hayes gave short addresses and at the close the Brigade Prayer was said. Lads of the Parish should join the C.L.B. without delay. The Winter Session began last Tuesday.

Board of Religious Education.

The annual Sermons on behalf of the Board of Religious Education will be preached in the Parish Church on Sunday, September 23rd, at Morning and Evening Prayer. The Board of Religious Education for the United Diocese carries out the most important work in supervising Religious Education in our Day Schools and Sunday Schools. It provides four clerical inspectors who hold annual examinations in the Public Elementary Schools throughout the Diocese. It also supplies books of notes for teachers in our Sunday School and arranges the Sunday School calendars. In it are vested almost all the School buildings in the Diocese, including in Seagoe Parish both Seagoe and Hacknahay Schools.

Envelopes for special subscriptions will be placed in the pews on next Sunday, September 16th, and we ask the Parishioners to kindly help the Funds of the Board by liberal offerings. Last year the offerings from Seagoe were largely increased from former years and we hope for a further increase this year.

ITEMS.

Mrs. David Johnston and her son David have arrived safely at their home in Thompsonville, U.S.A., after their visit to Seagoe.

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Many hedges at road corners throughout the Parish need cutting. This should be done without delay so that motor accidents may be avoided.

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Electricity is now the motive power in most of the houses in Upper and Lower Seagoe. A kettle of water can be boiled in eight minutes.

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Dr. Morres Russell, of Ash Vale, Surrey, is at present on a visit to the Rectory and has renewed his acquaintance with many of the parishioners.

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The shortage of water which has prevailed for so many months seems to be coming to an end. The recent heavy rain has replenished the Seagoe wells.

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Dr. Victor Walker, of Ipswich, has given his yacht the appropriate name of "Seagoe."

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The little book "Stretching Forward" given to each of those who have recently been confirmed has proved helpful to many.

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The swallows will soon be leaving for North and South Africa. We wonder who will see the last swallow ere it leaves Seagoe for the southern clime.

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We regret a delay in the publication of the Magazine this month. We hope it will not cause inconvenience to any of our readers.

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The Annual Report is in the printer's hands and will be issued shortly.

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A punctual giving of your Free-Will Offering Envelope in Church each Sunday will greatly help our Parish Finances and if you are in arrears with your envelopes a payment of the arrears will be greatly appreciated. "God loveth a cheerful giver."

Twenty-Five Years Ago.**AUGUST, 1909.**

The issue of the Magazine for August, 1909, contains the following items of Parish news:—The Churchwardens are Mr. James Albin and Mr. J. G. Gracey. On Aug. 26th a summer Fete was to be held in Hacknahay School, and great preparations were being made for it. The Farm Produce Stall was to be in charge of Miss Calvert, and Miss Neill was to be in charge of the Variety Stall. Miss Wilson was to preside over the Refreshment Stall. The proceeds were to be in aid of the new Day School at Hacknahay. Sergt. Long and Sergt. Turner are commended for saving a man's life at the station. A reference is made to the recently introduced Old-Age Pensions. Four Baptisms, Five Marriages and Two Burials are recorded. The Rev. Percy Marks had preached at the Anniversary Service on July 11th. Tom England heads the list for Church Attendance cards. In Old Seagoe Notes the name of George Ross is recorded as the architect who designed Seagoe Church in 1813. A list of the holdings in Lower Seagoe with acreage in 1743, is given. Meredith Atkin-

son's holding of 45 acres 2 roods and 32 perches was the largest.

Our Sunday Schools.

The Sunday Schools throughout the Parish have now resumed work after the holiday time. The careful study of the Word of God and of the Formularies of the Church is more than ever necessary for our young people in these days of wavering faith and cold indifference to spiritual truths.

Seagoe Mothers' Union.

A meeting of the Mothers' Union was held in Seagoe School on Tuesday, September 11th. There was a large attendance of members. The Rev. F. Patterson, B.A., Curate of St. Mark's, gave an address on "Purity of Home Life." The Rector presided, and after the address by Mr. Patterson tea was provided. After tea the Rector gave an account of his recent holiday. The next meeting on Tuesday, October 9th, will take the form of a musical evening. A hearty vote of congratulation was passed to Mrs. J. B. Reid, our former President and Secretary.

SERVICES—The PARISH CHURCH

HOY 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 Hannan, Rector, 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.