

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

JULY, 1936

RE-OPENING SERVICES.

Re-Opening Services will be held (D.V.) in the Parish Church on Sunday, July 5th, at 11-30 a.m. and 7 p.m. The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop will preach at the 11-30 service. The offerings at both Services will be on behalf of the Renovation Fund.

CLERGY :

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

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

CHURCHWARDENS :

Rector's— Mr. ROBERT SCOTT.

People's—Mr. THOS. E. MAGINNIS.

The Somme Anniversary.

Services in memory of the Somme Anniversary will be held on Sunday, June 28th, at 11.30 and 7 in the Parochial Hall. The offerings will be on behalf of the Co. Armagh Protestant Orphan Society. The Society has been very generous in its help of necessitous orphans in Seagoe Parish, and we ask for liberal offerings in the great cause. The Society originated in Seagoe Parish in the year 1869 mainly through the efforts of the late Major Blacker. An election of Orphans takes place on June 30th.

Anniversary Service.

A Special Anniversary Service will be held in the Parish Church on Sunday, July 12th, at 7 p.m. The Rev. Canon Marks, B.D., will preach. The collection will be on behalf of the Lord Enniskillen Orphan Fund.

An In Memorium Gift.

Mr. James M'Dowell and his sister, Miss Sarah M'Dowell, of Killicomaine have decided to erect at the Pulpit a richly carved balustrade beside the steps leading to the Pulpit, and a similar handrail on the opposite wall in memory of their father and mother, who were most highly respected parishioners. This is a most thoughtful and valuable gift.

The Parish Church.

The Renovation of the Church is now almost completed and has proved a great success. It is seldom that a Church receives at the same time such a successful renovation, both inside and out. The outward appearance of Seagoe Church has always been a disappointment compared with the fine interior. The fact that portion of the exterior walls and the whole of the tower were dashed and cemented and portion neatly pointed suggested a "patchiness" which spoiled its appearance. The question which had to be decided was—Would the stonework of the outer walls and tower if deprived of their coating of plaster be sufficiently good for pointing. This could only be ascertained by stripping the walls and when this was done it was found that the stonework was good. It was then decided by the Committee to get the walls pointed. The effect has proved to be very good, and the tower especially is now an ornament to the Church and to the district. The inside of the Church has been transformed. The walls, instead of being distempered as formerly, have been oil-painted in a cream colour. The walls of the Chancel are coloured a light green. The dark staining has been washed off the pews and it is now possible to note the fine natural graining of the wood. The pews have received two coats of varnish. The heavy brass gasolier has been removed from the Chancel and a system of electric flood-lighting has been installed there instead. An electric light has also been fitted over each door leading into the Church. A brick flue was discovered leading from the old Vestry, and the bricks have been removed and stonework substituted. The stone at the West Door, which had become greatly worn in the course of over 100 years, has been removed and replaced by a cement step.

The Collecting Cards.

Any cards not returned, we would be glad if the holders would do so without delay, so as the accounts can be closed. We take this opportunity of thanking all those who subscribed, and also the Choir for their generous gift. Chancellor Archer gives half the proceeds of Guest Tea to the Mothers' Union, Fund and half to the exterior work on the Church.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Mrs. White	£0	5	0
Mrs. Abraham	0	5	0
Mr. Wilson and Choir	5	0	0
Mrs. Vance—Guest Tea	12	0	0
Chancellor Archer—Half proceeds from Guest Tea	5	14	3
	£23	4	3

TOTAL.

Cards (up to date)	£52	7	6
Subscriptions	23	4	3
Total	£75	11	9

List of Card Collectors.

Misses Annie and Maggie Magee	£0	10	0
Misses Maud and Eileen Cousins	0	17	0
Miss May Simpson	0	1	9
Miss Minnie Crawford	0	12	0
Miss May Bell	0	10	6
Miss Maggie Ruddell	0	5	0
Misses Peggy and Myrtle Caddell	0	5	0
Miss Agnes M'Clements	0	7	0
Miss Dorothy Montgomery	0	6	6
Misses Sarah and Rhoda Hoy	0	14	0
Miss Sarah Montgomery	0	5	0
Miss Edna Gray	1	0	0
Misses Cox	1	0	0
Miss Mary Coulter	0	12	0
Miss S. Jennett	2	9	6
Miss Primrose Preston	0	15	0
Miss Mayes	0	16	6
Miss M'Dougal	0	5	6
Misses M'Loughlin	0	9	0
Miss M. Preston, Lylo	0	14	0
Miss Robinson	0	14	6
Miss Hilda Walker	0	10	0
Miss Agnes Webb	0	13	6
Miss Lily Hoy	0	13	6
Mrs. Vennard	0	5	3
Mrs. Hunter	0	12	6
Mrs. Allen, 40 Bridge St.	0	10	0
Mr. Stanfield	0	8	6
Mr. and Mrs. Cairns	0	6	0
Miss White	0	4	0
Mrs. Margaret Porter	0	12	0
Mrs. Ballentine	0	5	0
Misses Anderson	1	0	0
Mrs. Gilpin	0	10	0
Mrs. Jas. Twinem	0	12	0

Mrs. Taylor	1	4	0
Mr. Vennard	0	9	9
Misses M'Cormack, Lylo	0	7	0
Miss Sophie M'Murray	0	7	6
Mrs. W. Neill	0	6	0
Mr. J. Walker	0	6	0
Mrs. Sherman	0	13	6
Mrs. Stoops	0	12	0
Mrs. Sands	0	12	0
Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell	0	10	0
Mrs. Best, Goban Cottage	0	12	0
Mrs. Metcalf	1	0	0
Misses Bradshaw	0	12	0
Mr. and Mrs. Scott	0	12	0
Mrs. Coulter	0	12	0
Mrs. Best, Church Lane	0	8	6
Mr. Jack Walker	0	6	0
Mrs. Collins	0	10	0
Mr. Hutchinson	0	12	0
Miss Maginnis	0	8	0
Miss M'Donald	0	9	0
Miss Matchett	0	13	6
Miss Kirby	0	4	0
Miss Flannigan and Mrs. Shields	0	16	0
Mrs. Reid, James St.	0	13	6
Mrs. Vance	1	14	6
Mrs. Preston, Carrickblacker Rd.	0	10	0
Mrs. Dunlop	2	0	0
Mrs. Campbell	0	2	0
Miss Atkinson	0	12	0
Mrs. M'Cormack	1	4	0
Miss Calvert	5	10	0
Mrs. J. H. Twnem	0	17	6
Mr. Dick Twinem, America	0	12	0
Miss M'Dowell, Levaghery	1	13	0
Mrs. Pentland	0	6	0
Mrs. Rainey	0	7	9
Mrs. Marks	0	13	6
Mr. and Mrs. Alfonso Kirk	0	10	0
Roy and Margaret Twinem	0	17	6
Mrs. Darling	0	10	0

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Our Sunday Schools.

It has been decided to close the Morning and Afternoon Sunday Schools of the Parish for six Sundays. They will be closed for the four Sundays in July and the first two in August. They will re-open (D.V.) on Sunday, August 16th. The Closing of the Schools should mean a fuller attendance of both teachers and children at the Services in the Parish Church. When our Blessed Lord heard the voices of the children in the Temple he said, "If these should hold their peace the very stones would cry out." The Psalmist of old said, "A day in Thy Courts is better than a thousand." Our renovated Church should be a fresh call to truer and deeper worship on the part of our people.

A Generous Gift.

The Committee of the Mothers' Union has offered to place in all the pews of the Church a covering of fine felt, and the gift has been most gratefully accepted by the Vestry.

Parish Register for June.**Baptisms**

The following were Baptized in the Parish Church on June 6th, 1936:—

Roberts—Norma Edith, daughter of Harry Geo. and Edith Roberts, of Killicomaine.

Sponsors—Mary Isabel Steenson, Marguerite Roberts.

Roney—Jean, daughter of Hugh and Phoebe Roney, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Mary Isabel Roney, Phoebe Roney.

Medlow—Margaret Elizabeth, daughter of John Joseph and Hannah Margaret Medlow, of Lisniskey.

Sponsors—Violet Elizabeth Haddock, Hannah Margaret Medlow.

RECEIVED INTO THE CONGREGATION.

Hunter—June 6th, 1936, Rita Carol, daughter of William James Graham and Emma Hunter, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Mary Robinson, Emma Hunter.

Marriages

Kennedy and Fletcher—June 12th, 1936, Robert Kennedy, of Ballygargan, Parish of Knocknamuckley, to Gertrude Fletcher, of Killicomaine.

Mitchell and M'Cabe—June 13th, 1936, Thomas Mitchell of Portadown, to Dinah M'Cabe, of Seagoe Upper.

Gillis and Mayes—June 24th, 1936, James Gillis, of Portadown, to Louisa Anne Mayes, of Carrickblacker.

Hyslop and Hewitt—June 25th, 1936, Alexander Hyslop, of Portadown and Glasgow, to Anne Jane Hewitt, of Edenderry.

Burials.

Reid—June 1st, Elizabeth Reid, of Edenderry, aged 78 years.

Dynes—June 6th, Sarah Dynes, of Edenderry, aged 75 years.

Preston—June 9th, James Preston, of Lylo, aged 58 years.

Sloane—June 26th, Samuel Sloane, of Drumna-
goon, aged 57 years.

Sympathy.

Our deep sympathy is given to those among us whose homes have been visited by the Angel of Death. Mrs. Elizabeth Reid passed away after a long and tedious illness which she bore with great patience. We express our sincere

sympathy with Mr. George Reid, Miss M. Reid, Mr. J. H. Reid and her sister in their sad loss. The death of James Preston, of Lylo, was very sudden. He had never quite recovered from a gassing during his service in the War. He passed away after a few hours of weakness. Our sincere condolence goes out to his bereaved wife and family, who were united to him by ties of deep affection. A detachment of the British Legion was present at his funeral, and the Union Jack covered his coffin. The death of Mrs. Dynes at an advanced age is also much lamented.

Visit of the Lord Bishop.

The Lord Bishop the Right Rev. Dr. M'Niece, has most kindly consented at very short notice to preach in the Parish Church at 11.30 a.m. Service on July 5th, when the Church will be re-opened after the Renovation.

A Splendid Excursion.

Our Excursion to Warrenpoint on Thursday, June 18th, was indeed a splendid success. The children, with their teachers, assembled at the Parish Church at 8.45 a.m., where a short service was held by the Rev. W. F. Hayes. Headed by the Seagoe C.L.B. Pipe Band, a long line of young people made their way to the station. It was a glorious morning. The sun shone out of a cloudless sky, and although the weather on previous days had been unsettled no sign of rain appeared. The train for Warrenpoint steamed out of the station at 9.55 sharp, and we were soon flying through the beautiful green fields and along the fragrant hedges of the County Armagh. The excursionists were very numerous. A large number of adult tickets had been sold. The journey to Warrenpoint took just an hour, and at 11 a.m. all dismounted from the train. The first refreshment was soon ready in the spacious Pavilion, and the good tea and tasty sandwiches were much enjoyed. During the day the excursionists went everywhere and enjoyed every moment of the day. Many of the younger and more active climbed to the Big Stone, others not quite so active got as far as Fiddler's Green. Nearly everybody bathed, some doing so three or four times during the day. The second refreshment was at 4.30, and again the Pavilion was crowded. After tea, all again went to the shore and got still further enjoyment. The return train left Warrenpoint at 8.40 p.m. and made a quick run to Portadown. The return march to the Church was headed by the Band. Great crowds were gathered in the streets. Arrived at the Church, the Rector thanked the Band for the help they had given, and the National Anthem was then sung, and hearty cheers given for the King and Queen Mary.

Seagoe Mothers' Union.

The members of the Mothers Union spent a most enjoyable afternoon at Milltown Rectory on Thursday, June 4th, on the very kind invitation of the Rev. J. F. J. Magill and Mrs. Magill. There is a very close link of friendship between the Milltown Mothers' Union and the Seagoe branch. The weather was fine and the members spent the evening playing games and admiring the delightful lake scenery of Milltown.

Regret.

We regret to hear of the death of the Rev. J. Dunlop, M.A., Rector of Lissan, near Cookstown, and formerly Curate of Drumcree. We sympathise very sincerely with Mrs. Dunlop in her bereavement.

Stormy Weather.

The latter part of June was of a trying character and the fierce thunderstorm of last week caused trepidation amongst many. Fortunately, there was no serious casualty in the parish, but the fatality at Ardmore was a sad result of the storm.

Old Seagoe Notes.

Forty Years Ago.—Re-Opening of Seagoe Parish Church. Special Re-Opening Services will be held (D.V.) in Seagoe Church at Morning and Evening Service, on Sunday next, August 9th, 1890. Preacher:—Rev. Thos. J. Welland, D.D., Rector of St. Thomas's, Belfast.

A collection will be made at each of these Services on behalf of the Church enlargement Fund.

Seagoe Church—Special re-opening services are to be held in Seagoe Church on Sunday next, 9th inst. The preacher at both morning and

evening services is to be the Rev. Thos. J. Welland, D.D., rector of St. Thomas, Belfast. With the exception of the west gable and tower, this church has been entirely rebuilt with the addition of a chancel (in the memory of the late Stewart Blacker, Esq., D.L., of Carrickblacker), and a south aisle. These improvements, resulting in a building of great beauty, have been carried out effectively from the plans of the Architect, Mr. Thos. Drew, R.H.A., by our respected townsmen, Messrs. Collen Bros.

Seagoe Church in 1816.—At a Vestry held March 31, 1812, a committee was appointed for 'building the new church of the parish of Seagoe.' It consisted of the following persons:—Rev. Richard Olpherts, Captain Woolsey, and Messrs. Robert Fivy, Woolsey Atkinson, Wm. Overend, David Ruddle, Joseph Malcomson, and Tolerton Lutton. When it was decided to erect a new church it was found impossible to build the larger edifice upon the old site—hallowed by its religious use for centuries—because the graves had been permitted to encroach upon the Southern and Western sides of the church, so that the earth was raised several feet above the floor. A new site, measuring above two roods and thirteen perches, in the adjoining townland of Upper Seagoe, and about forty perches distant, was granted by Lady Olivia Sparrow, acting as guardian for her son, Robert Acheson St. John Sparrow. The deed of conveyance is dated March 2, 1814, and six days later, at a vestry held on March 8, the unanimous consent of the parishioners was given to the change of site; which was finally confirmed by an order of the Privy Council on June 21, 1814.

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 8-30 p.m.

Drumgor—Second Sunday of Month at 4 p.m.

Edenderry—Wednesdays at 8 p.m.

MARRIAGES must be performed between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Licenses are issued by Rev. Canon Hannon, Rector, 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.

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.