

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

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A Renovation Text.

"A Day in Thy Courts is better than a thousand."

The Re-opening Services.

Sunday, July 5th, was a great day in the history of Seagoe. The Church had been closed for seven Sundays, except for Marriages, Burials, Baptisms and some celebrations of Holy Communion, and they had only been carried out under great difficulties. The presence in the Church of ladders and the disarrangement of the pews and furnishings, as well as their re-varnishing, made such services almost impossible, but it was found possible to carry out all that was necessary. The last Service of Public Worship was on Sunday evening, May 3rd, at 7 p.m. The weather, which had been unsettled, was fine during the day. On Sunday, July 5th, a large congregation assembled, and at 11.30, when the Service began, the Church was quite filled. The Bishop, attended by his Chaplain, the Rev. H. G. Haddick, B.A., arrived at 11.15, and was met by the Rector and the Rev. W. F. Hayes. There was a large choir, and an Anthem, "Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem," was sung. The Hymns were appropriate to the occasion and were very heartily sung. The Lessons were read by the H. G. Haddick, B.A., arrived at 11.15, and was the Rector and the Rev. W. F. Hayes. The Sermon was preached by the Right Rev. W. F. M'Neice, D.D., on "The Church." He spoke of the Sermon on the Mount as containing the necessary characteristics of the true Christian character, and said that if Christian character were modelled on it the world would represent the true character of the Christian Faith. He also congratulated the parishioners on the good work they had done in renovating the Church in such a thorough way both outside and inside. A celebration of Holy Communion followed, at which the Bishop celebrated and the Rev. W. F. Hayes and Rev. H. G. Haddick assisted. In the afternoon the Bishop drove over to Eskey, in the Parish of Ardmore, and re-opened the Mission Hall there. The Ven. the Archdeacon Hannon of Dro-more and Rector of Shankill preached at Evening Prayer. The following is a statement of the collections made in connection with the Renovation Services:—

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.

Special Collections and Thank Offering received for Renovation Fund.

July 5th—Collections, Morning and			
Evening	£8	1	2
Special Envelope Collection ...	35	14	5
Anonymous, per Miss Atkinson ...	3	0	0
Part proceeds Guest Tea, per Chan- cellor Archer	5	14	3
Total	£52	9	10

Any envelopes not yet returned may be placed in the Offering Baskets, on any Sunday, morning or evening.

C.L.B. Sports.

The C.L.B. sports are becoming an annual event in the history of the Parish. This has been rendered possible by the generous kindness of Mrs. William Best, of Church Lane, who has each year most kindly lent her field for the occasion. The field is situated half-way along the lane on Mrs. Best's farm. It is level and square and commands splendid views of Seagoe and its surroundings. The weather on the whole was favourable. Though the day was dull and cold the rain kept away until the meeting was breaking up. The sports were well patronised. There was a varied programme, which included flat races, cycle race, sack race, egg and spoon race, a mother's race, and long jumping. A novel item was the mongrel dog show, for which there were many entries. Mr. J. M'Dowell kindly distributed the prizes. A vote of thanks was passed to all who had helped. The proceedings came to a close with the singing of the National Anthem.

The Choir Excursion.

We thank very sincerely the following who have kindly subscribed to the Choir Excursion Fund. Seagoe Choir is known far and wide. The music is hearty and devotional, and the services are full of life and expression. The Annual Excursion is always an event of great importance. This year it goes to Newcastle.

Subscribers to Choir Excursion Fund, 1936—£1 each—Miss R. Calvert, Mrs. Calvert (Kings-town), Mr. M'Dowell, Sir Samuel Kelly, Mr. Jas. Lewie. 10/- each—Major M'Clean, Mr. White-man, Dr. Victor Walker, Mr. Rennix, Mr. Hadden, Major D. G. Shillington, T. G. Sinton, Mr. John Dickson, Mr. Hugh Ross, Mr. Jas. Turtle, Mr. John Johnston, Messrs. Collen Bros., George H. Wilson. 5/- each—Mr. M'Cormick, Mr. Callaghan, Mr. Sam Walker, Mr. Callender Bullock, Mr. John Twinem, Mr. John Montgomery, Rev. G. Howe Daunt, Mr. Casey. Total £13 10s. Our thanks are due to the many kind subscribers to our Fund. The Excursion is to Newcastle on Saturday, August 8, at 8 a.m.

Our Sunday Schools.

The Sunday Schools are closed for the Sundays in July and for the first two Sundays in August. We miss the bright voices and faces of the children as they hurry along the roads to the various Schools when we notice the change which takes ever lived on earth. It gives one a great idea of the influence exerted by our splendid Sunday School when we notice the change which takes place when they are closed. We hope that the teachers and children do not fail to attend the Services in the Parish Church. In these "pleasure loving" days families might easily get out of touch with all religion. Parents and older brothers and sisters should see to it that the members of the family are careful to attend both Morning and Evening Prayer. It would be a good thing if the teachers and children learnt the lessons in the calendar for each Sunday. It is especially important for them to know very well the subjects for Sunday, August 16th, when the Schools re-open, and we print them here. Morning—10th S. after Trinity, Repetition for juniors, Catechism, Title and Ans. 1 and II. Senior rept., Gen. Conf. (1st half), study passage, Gen. 21. Afternoon—Junior Repet., Cat., Duty towards neighbour (all). Senior Repet., Cat., Duty towards neighbour (2nd half), study passage, St. Matt. 12, 1-38. A punctual attendance both of teachers and children is very necessary. The Parish of Seagoe is essentially a Sunday School Parish and therefore the Sunday Schools have a greater share in the organisation of the Parish, so we ask both teachers and children to please be very careful that the schools do not suffer through the summer closing.

The Anniversary Service.

On Sunday evening, July 12th, an Anniversary Service was held in the Parish Church. There was a crowded congregation, very many lodges being represented. The Service was said by the Rev. W. F. Hayes, B.A., curate of Seagoe. The Rev. Canon Marks, B.D., Rector of Tandragee, was the special preacher. He dealt with the principles of Christianity and Orangeism and enlarged on the splendour of Loyalty in a nation. The collection was on behalf of the Lord Enniskillen Memorial Orphan Fund, and amounted to £7 11s 0d.

The Somme Anniversary.

On Sunday, June 28th, both at Morning and Evening Prayer, Special Services were held in the Parochial Hall in connection with the Somme Anniversary. Mr. T. H. Wilson presided at the harmonium, and there were large congregations. The Rector preached in the morning and read out the list of the names of those who from Seagoe Parish—52 in number—had made the Great Sacrifice. The Rev. W. F. Hayes, B.A., preached at Evening Prayer. The collections at both services were on behalf of the Co. Armagh Protestant Orphan Society. In the course of his sermon at the Morning Service the Rector referred to the fact that the Society had its origin in Seagoe Parish. Major Blacker, of Carrickblacker, had noticed the great need that existed for a Protestant Orphan Society in the County Armagh. With his usual energy he set about organising a meeting in 1869 with that object, and before long brought into existence the present Society. The Society, therefore, has a special claim on the Parish of Seagoe.

Brick Cards.

Amount already acknowledged	...	£52	7	6
Miss Boyce	...	0	6	0
Mr. Leonard Twinem, U.S.A.	...	1	0	0
Mrs. Cathcart	...	1	4	0
Miss Best	...	0	4	0
Miss M'Combie	...	0	10	0
Mrs. Gilpin	...	0	5	6
Miss Jennett	...	0	1	0
Miss B. Lynass	...	0	7	0
Mrs. Shanks	...	0	5	0
Miss Watters	...	0	5	0
Mrs. Johnston, Thompson Ville,	...	2	0	0
U.S.A.	...	0	15	0
Mr. John E. Lavery	...	0	13	6
Miss Montgomery	...	1	10	0
Miss Hannah Russell	...			

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Our Sunday School Excursion.

Our Sunday School Excursion which took place on the 18th June this year, was a great success. Almost 700 children, teachers and parents took train to Warrenpoint, where they spent a very happy and health-giving day, enjoying and exploring this part of "The Kingdom of Mourne." The day was gloriously fine, the weather being, as it generally is, very kind to Seagoe. And last but not least, for the first time for many years, the excursion paid its way and a small balance has been placed in the bank to the credit of next year's excursion:—Dr.—Received all sources, £67 9s 0d. Cr.—To Railway Co., £38 6s 6d; to Davidson and Co., £27; "Portadown Times," 16s 6d; Insurance, 12s 6d; bill posting, 2s 6d; Total, £66 18s 0d. By Balance—11s 0d.

The Rector of Ardmore.

Widespread regret has been expressed at the death of the Rev. James Smyth, M.A., Rector of Ardmore. Mr. Smyth had been for many years Rector of Ardmore and had made many friends. He was a most energetic parish worker and had many friends amongst the Freemasons and Orange Order. He served for some time at Portaferry and Aghalee before coming to Ardmore. The rectory when he was appointed became curacy-in-charge. It was only as recently as Sunday, July 5th, that the Lord Bishop of the Diocese dedicated great improvements made in Eskey Hall in the parish. Mr. Smyth was very popular with his brother clergy. He was very generous and ready to do anything to oblige a friend. The recent death of his only daughter was a crushing blow to fall on him and his wife and son. Mr. Smyth came from the County Cork, and was always very proud of his native land, but in politics he was a strong Unionist, and in the days of the Ulster Volunteers did splendid work. No exertion or self-denial was too great for him to undertake. He was most diligent in visiting the sick, and was full of courage. His sincerity won him hosts of friends. It is more than a year ago that Mr. Smyth got into somewhat weak health. During the winter he could not well get away for a change. He took a brief holiday but suffered from a perpetual headache. It was found necessary for a severe operation. In fact there were two operations and neither succeeded. Last week left him very much weaker, and he passed away on Saturday morning. The funeral took place to Ardmore Church on Monday, August 3rd. The Rev. W. F. Hayes was present. The Rector regrets that he was unable to attend owing to illness. The Church was crowded with parishioners and a re-

presentative body of friends, including many of the clergy of the diocese. The service was conducted by the Archdeacon of Dromore and Canon Hurst. Two hymns were sung—"Rock of Ages" and "The Lord is my Shepherd." An address was given by the Archdeacon. In simple and touching words he paid tribute to the life and work of the Rev. James Smyth. The following is the substance of his remarks:—In a unique way, differing from any other man in a public position, a rector was before and among his people. He shared with them in their joys and in their sorrows. He knew during the last twenty years how Mr. Smyth had been in and out among his people—the people of Ardmore, the Montiahs. During those years in every way possible he had tried to help and serve them. The word service seemed peculiarly descriptive of him—he lived to serve. That was specially true of him in the troubled days of the War. What he was and meant to the people of the parish then could not be expressed. Mr. Smyth loved Ardmore and he lived for it. He could have left it for other spheres of work; even since his daughter's death he had been offered another parish. He chose rather to minister to the people whom he loved. The present satisfactory state of the finances and buildings of the parish were in a large measure due to his work and foresight. Even in his weakness his devotion to it remained strong. In that long trying illness, borne with such wonderful courage and patience, his concern and thoughts were for his people. He was moved, and deeply grateful to them for the kindness and sympathy they extended to him in his suffering. The greatest tribute they could pay him was to consecrate themselves anew to the extension of that Kingdom for which he laboured. When little Molly was called to her rest somewhat more than a year ago a great wave of sympathy went out from everybody, especially from the people of Ardmore, to Mr. and Mrs. Smyth in their sorrow. On this occasion again their hearts went out to Mrs. Smyth and her son. They would have them in their thoughts and prayers. In sorrow and suffering thus shared they learned something of the heart of God and what life was meant to be. The thought that their loved ones belonged to God, from whom nothing could separate, would bring them comfort and consolation.

At the close of the service, while the choir sang the Nunc Dimittis, the coffin was carried from the Church by members of the Select Vestry. A large cortege followed to the New Cemetery. Crowds of people were assembled as it passed through Lurgan. From North Street to the grave the coffin was again borne by members of the vestry. After the interment members of the Masonic Order paid their last respects.

Parish Register for July.

Baptisms

The following were baptized in the Parish Church on July 4th, 1936:—

M'Allister—David Lester, son of David Frederick and Sarah M'Allister, of Drumlisnagrilly.

Sponsors—David Frederick M'Allister, Sarah M'Allister.

Major—Geraldine Edwina, daughter of William John and Sarah Major, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Mary Ellen Devlin, Sarah Major.

Marriages

M'Kerr and Freeburn—July 15th, James Henry M'Kerr, Ballynaghy, Parish of Knocknamuckley, to Mary Freeburn, of Edenderry.

Whitten and M'Loughlin—July 30th, Robert Walker Whitten, of Portadown, to Ella M'Loughlin, of Drumnagoon.

Burials.

Willis—July 25th, Matthew Willis, 13 Alfred Villas, Portadown, aged 73. Interred at Mullabrack.

Roney—August 1st, Samuel Roney, of Edenderry, aged 76 years.

Cousins—August 2nd, William Cousins, of Balteagh, aged 52. Interred at Maralin.

Mothers' Union.

On Tuesday, Aug. 11th, a meeting of the Mothers' Union will be held in Seagoe School. An address will be given by Mrs. Rennix, formerly of Seagoe School. Tea at 7.30 p.m.

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.

MARRIAGES 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. **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.

Photographs

Photos of the Rev. Chancellor Archer, B.D., in three sizes, 2/6, 1/3 and 1/-, are on sale. In case there are any persons who have not already got one, they may be obtained from the following: Mr. John H. Twinem, Mr. R. Scott, Mr. Mitchell, Miss Cox, Miss Watters, Miss Abby, Miss Jennett, Miss Preston, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Maginnis, Mr. Vennard, Mrs. Hunter.

Good Wishes.

Our readers will join us in offering to Miss Atkinson our best wishes as she starts on her journey to Northern Rhodesia. It is a pleasure journey, as Miss Atkinson is visiting an old friend who resides in that country.

Sympathy

We express sincere sympathy with those who have been bereaved in our midst last month. Death has snatched away two well-known among us—Samuel Roney and William Cousins. Samuel Roney was one of our most active men in the Parish some years ago but the flight of time had enfeebled him. He was a very active member of our various agencies for men's work. In the Wooden Hall and in the Room in Bridge St. he took a special interest. He was also a leader in the Men's Bible Class. William Cousins died at a comparatively early age. We sympathise very deeply with the members of his family. He has passed away at a comparatively early age. He was very diligent and during his illness for the last year bore it with great patience. We have also lost Matthew Willis at an advanced age. He will be much regretted.

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.