

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

MAY, 1937

CLERGY :

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CHURCHWARDENS :

Rector's—JOHN H. TWINEM.

People's—ROBERT M'CLEMENTS.

THE CLERGY WILL ESTEEM IT A FAVOUR
IF IN CASES OF SICKNESS THEY ARE
INFORMED IMMEDIATELY.

CALENDAR FOR MAY.

- May 1st—St. Philip and St. James.
.. 2nd—Rogation Sunday.
.. 6th—Ascension Day.
.. 9th—Sunday after Ascension.
.. 12th—Coronation Day.
.. 16th—Whit Sunday.
.. 19th—Belfast Cathedral Youth Service.
.. 19th, 21st and 22nd—Ember Days.
.. 23rd—Trinity Sunday.
.. 29th—Choral Festival, in Shankill Parish
Church, at 4 p.m.
.. 30th—1st Sunday after Trinity.

GENERAL SYNOD.

As we go to Press the General Synod is being held in Dublin. Seagoe is fortunate in having a representative, Mr. Jas. Twinem, who has been a member of the General Synod for a number of years.

THE CORONATION.

On Sunday, May 9th, our Services will be of an intercessory character, and in accordance with the Bishop's suggestion, a special form of Service will be used. Coronation week will be a historic occasion in the life of our country and Empire, when our King and Queen will dedicate themselves to their high office at the solemn service in Westminster Abbey on May 12th. It is appropriate that the leaders of our Church should have sounded a recall to religion at this time, and it is hoped that not only our King, but also his subjects, will dedicate themselves afresh to God at this solemn time. The greatness of our Empire in the past has been, in no small measure, due to the fact, that the British people were a God-fearing, Bible-reading race. If our country is to play its part in the future under God, in preserving righteousness, peace, and true religion in the world, a task we believe God has entrusted to it; then we must continue to

put first things first; unless we co-operate with God we cannot succeed either as individuals or as a nation. Here then is the link that should make the Coronation, not an isolated event in the life of one individual, but the re-consecration of King George VI. and all his people to the service of God. Here is a splendid opportunity for those who have got slack about Church attendance; begin again on Coronation Sunday to offer to God the worship on His day, which is His due and your duty. If you ignore God's claims upon you on Sunday, there is little chance of your giving heed to His claims upon you during the week. Let there be at least a representative from every home in the Parish in Church on May 9th, to ask God for His blessing on our King and Queen and upon ourselves.

CONFIRMATION.

A preliminary meeting of the Confirmation candidates took place on Sunday afternoon, April 25th, in the Parish Church, and about 40 girls and 22 boys were present. The preparation classes for boys will be held on Tuesdays at 8 p.m. in the Parish Church, commencing on Tuesday, May 11th; and for girls the classes will be held on Wednesdays at 8 p.m., in the Church (owing to Coronation Day, the first girls' class will take place on Monday, May 10th, at 8 p.m., in the Church). The Service of Confirmation if used in the manner in which it is intended is not a matter of form but should be a turning point in the lives of our young people, and it is hoped that parents will realise their responsibility in the matter by encouraging their children to be regular in their attendance at the preparation classes. It is the time when boys and girls are admitted to the privileges and responsibilities of full Church membership. (Let us remember them in our prayers, that they may be enabled to remain "Christ's faithful soldiers and servants until their lives' end.")

The Service goes back to the days of the Church of the New Testament, where it is called "the laying on of hands," e.g., Acts, chap. 8, verse 17; Acts, chap. 19, verses 1-6. In the Epistle to the Hebrews the writer mentions the "Laying on of hands" as one of the six foundations of the Christian religion, Hebrews, chap. vi., verses 1 and 2. The Biblical name of "laying on of hands" is not used in modern parlance because in the New Testament we read of an other service of "laying on of hands," which we know as Ordination. The name Confirmation saves the two distinct services of "laying on of hands" being confused.

DIOCESAN ENDOWMENT FUND APPEAL.

In our last issue we published the amounts received up to and including Saturday, March 27th. Since then about twelve more envelopes have come to hand; these will be acknowledged in the June Magazine. The parochial treasurer will forward the total contribution from this Parish to the Diocesan Office on Thursday, May 20th, so all who intend to contribute should send their envelopes in not later than Sunday, May 16th.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

It is hoped that the printed financial statement of this Parish for the year ending 31st December, 1936, will be circulated before the end of this month. Owing to circumstances over which the Select Vestry had no control it was not out in time for the annual Easter Vestry, but the financial report for 1937 and succeeding years will be in the hands of subscribers before the end of March each year.

CORONATION YOUTH SERVICE.

ST. ANNE'S CATHEDRAL, BELFAST,

8 p.m., WEDNESDAY, 19th MAY, 1937.

The above Service is being held on the same day as the Empire Youth Service in Westminster Abbey, and the same form of Service will be used.

All Church of Ireland young people throughout the Diocese from 16-35 years of age, are urged to make a special effort to attend this Service, which will be one of Dedication and Consecration of Youth in the Service of Christ and His Church.

The preacher is to be the Rev. Canon A. A. Luce, D.D., and the Lord Bishop of the Diocese has promised to be present.

We hope that, if at all possible, our parochial branches of the G.F.S. and C.L.B. will be able to send representatives to this Service.

CHORAL FESTIVAL.

The Dromore Choir Festival will be held in Shankill Parish Church, Lurgan, on Saturday, May 29th. There will be a rehearsal at 3 p.m., and the Service at 4 p.m. The preacher will be the Rev. Canon E. H. Blackwood Price, M.A. Seagoe Choir will be amongst the choirs taking part.

ASCENSION DAY.

On Thursday, May 6th, there will be Holy Communion in the Parish Church at 11.30 a.m.

W.F.O. DISTRIBUTORS.

On Wednesday, April 21st, the weekly free-will offering envelope distributors were enter-

tained to tea in Seagoe P.E. School by the members of the Select Vestry and their wives. After a splendid tea, plans were discussed to facilitate the more efficient working of the W.F.O. system. The Rector, on behalf of all present, expressed their gratitude to the distributors for the help and also thanked the ladies who so kindly provided tea.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SOCIALS.

The Edenderry Morning and Afternoon Sunday Schools held their annual prize-giving tea in Edenderry Parochial Hall on Wednesday, April 7th. There was a fine turn-out of children, and those, who deserved them, received prizes. After tea, the usual games were played and at intervals some of the pupils recited and sang.

Carne prize-giving social took place at Carne on Thursday, April 8th. After tea came an interesting programme of recitations and singing; the familiar games were played. An interesting item was the presentation to Miss Lavery of a beautiful Bible suitably inscribed, from the Superintendent, teachers and pupils as a token of their appreciation of her long and faithful service as a Sunday School teacher in Carne.

At Edenderry and Carne Mrs. Appelbe distributed the prizes, and the Rector thanked the Superintendents and teachers for their valued work, and congratulated them on the flourishing condition of the Sunday Schools.

SEAGOE SUNDAY SCHOOL SOCIAL.

The Seagoe Sunday Schools held their festive evening on Friday, April 16th, in Seagoe School. There was a good attendance of children and parents. A liberal supply of pastry and tea provided a much enjoyed repast. Games followed, and the prizes for both the Morning and the Afternoon Schools were distributed. Mrs. Appelbe kindly handed the books to the children. In the unavoidable absence of the Rector, the Rev. W. F. Hayes expressed gratitude to the Superintendents and teachers for their continued interest in the work among the young. Reference was made to the regretted and early death of Doris Hall, who had been a very worthy member of the School. All present standing in silence expressed their sympathy. Mr. R. Scott also spoke and associated himself with the foregoing remarks. Miss Isobel Best, who until her recent appointment to Downpatrick, had been a most regular teacher in both the Morning and Afternoon School, was a welcome visitor.—(W.F.H.)

C.M.S. BOX COLLECTION.

Since our last issue the following box has been returned:—Mrs. Kirk, Ballinacor, 2/2.—(W.F.H.)

BAPTISMS.

"Suffer little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of God."

April 4th—Kathleen, daughter of George and Elsie Mary Leake, Seafield.

April 4th—David, son of Robert and Edith Florence Millar, Seagoe Upper.

BURIALS.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth, yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours."

April 7th—Esther Magill, Belfast, aged 71 years.

April 10th—Samuel Ward, 6, Carrick-Blackler Road, Portadown, aged 66 years.

April 13th—William John M'Kinney, Ballinacore, aged 75 years. Interred at the City Cemetery, Belfast.

April 17th—Doris Hall, Seagoe Lower, aged 13 years.

April 25th—Margaret Best, Goban Cottage, Seagoe Upper, aged 24 years.

April 26th—Margaret Twinem, Tarson, aged 88 years.

OBITUARY.

During the month which is past many homes in our midst have been bereaved. Death has summoned away some of our best, both young and old. Samuel Ward, of Edenderry, passed on, somewhat suddenly, after a brief period of sickness. William John M'Kinney, of Ballinacore, had been in failing health for some time. In his death we have lost a valued parishioner and a devoted Churchman. He appreciated the liberty of the Church and the simplicity and dignity of its Services and Liturgy. In the Parish of St. Mary's, Birkenhead, where he resided for a lengthened period, he took a keen interest in Church work and filled many offices. He was a member of the Parochial Council and was repeatedly elected Churchwarden. Since his retirement he has been a faithful parishioner of Seagoe. His funeral was private. The Rev. W. F. Hayes accompanied it to the City Cemetery, Belfast. Doris Hall, only thirteen years of age, has also been gathered into the Fold. She bore a tedious and trying illness with much patience and courage. Bright and gentle, she was very popular with all her school friends. She was unflinching in her attendance at Church and Sunday School. The teachers and children of Seagoe

P.E. School and Sunday School were present at the funeral. During the service they sang the hymn "Safe in the arms of Jesus."

The death of Margaret Best, of Goban Cottage, is especially sad and much regretted. Her illness, sudden and serious, came as a great shock to all who knew her. Cheerful and quiet, she was well known and had a wide circle of friends. The great number present at her funeral testified the esteem in which she was held, and expressed the deep sympathy felt for her bereaved parents and family. She took a helpful part in the life of the Parish. A most regular worshipper and Communicant, she was, moreover, for several years, a faithful member of the Seagoe Church Choir. Her favourite hymn "Lead kindly light," and the Nunc Dimittis sung by a full choir at the funeral, was their last fitting tribute and one of the many which indicated the great loss sustained by her death.

Mrs. Twinem, of Tarson, lived to a ripe old age. Though rendered to an extent infirm some years ago by an accident, yet she enjoyed splendid health and clearness of mind to the end. Affectionate and kindly, she will be missed by all who knew her. We express our sincere sympathy with all those who have experienced the wrench of parting. They will find comfort as they remember the separation is but for a time, and that even death cannot separate from the love of God.—(W.F.H.)

CORONATION TEA.

A Coronation Guest Tea will be given in Seagoe School, on Tuesday, May 18th, at 8 p.m. The Superintendents, teachers and senior girls of the Seagoe Morning and Afternoon Sunday Schools have generously offered to provide the entertainment. A short musical programme, fitting to the occasion, will be given. Gifts of not less than a shilling will be contributed by each guest present. The proceeds will go towards the funds of the local Sunday School.—(W.F.H.)

VISIT OF MRS. PORTER.

We welcome to her native Parish Mrs. George Porter, of Brisbane, who is at present on a visit to her sister, Mrs. Robinson. Since her marriage, twenty-five years ago, she has been resident in Queensland. Formerly, Miss Eva Wilson, of Drumnagoan, she took a keen interest and an active part in the work of the Church in Seagoe. She was both a Sunday School teacher and a member of the Choir. She returns to Australia early this month. Our readers will join in wishing her a pleasant journey.—(W.F.H.)

THE MOTHERS' UNION.

The usual monthly meeting was held in Seagoe School on Tuesday, April 13th, at 7.30 p.m. There was a good attendance. The Rev. W. F. Hayes was present at the opening. After tea, a very helpful and stirring address was given by Mrs. Rheimes, of Belfast. Mrs. Rheimes also sang sacred solos appropriate to her address. At the close, the President, Mrs. J. H. Twinem, expressed the thanks of the members to the speaker.

The next meeting will take place in Seagoe School on Tuesday, May 11th, at 7.30. Mrs. Bell, of Whitehouse, Co. Antrim, who takes a prominent part in the work of the organisation in this united Diocese, has kindly consented to address the Mothers.—(W.F.H.)

G.F.S.

On Monday, April 19th (Primrose Day), the members of Lurgan G.F.S. and their Associates, numbering over seventy, were the guests of the Seagoe Branch. About one hundred and forty people sat down to a sumptuous tea. The tables were beautifully decorated with bowls of primroses. During the evening the members were entertained by Mr. David Allen, who gave a very intriguing display of conjuring tricks. Songs were sung by Mr. Foster Shanks and recitations were given by Mr. Isaac Clayton. Some

of the Lurgan members also contributed to the programme. Miss Hewitt gave some humorous recitations, violin solos were sweetly rendered by Miss M'Cullagh, and Miss Cassidy sang. Games were enjoyed for the remainder of the evening. At the close of the party, Miss Greer, President of the Lurgan Branch, thanked the Seagoe members for their hospitality, and commented on the friendly spirit that had prevailed throughout the evening. The Rector also spoke, remarking how good it was to have such happy mutual meetings.

The next meeting of the Seagoe G.F.S. will be held on Monday, May 3rd, at 8 p.m.—(B.S.)

WHITSUNDAY.

There will be celebrations of the Holy Communion on Whitsunday, May 16th, at 8 a.m. and after Morning Prayer.

C.L.B. BATTALION SERVICE.

The annual Battalion Festival Service of the Church Lads' Brigade will be held in St. Anne's Cathedral, Belfast, on Wednesday, May 5th, at 8 p.m. The Seagoe Company, both Cadets and Training Corps will be present. The Lord Bishop has kindly consented to take the Salute at the March Past after the Service. The address will be given by the Battalion Chaplain, the Rev. C. W. Maguire.—(W.F.H.)

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 Sunday of each Month at 4 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—Services as announced.

CLASSES, &c.

BIBLE CLASS FOR MEN in Edenderry on Sundays at 10.15 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 alternate 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 Ven. Archdeacon 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 by post to any subscriber for 3/- per annum.