

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

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CLERGY :

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CHURCHWARDENS.

Rector's—THOMAS MARTIN.

People's—H. A. CATHCART.

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

CALENDAR FOR MAY.

May 1st—2nd Sunday after Easter. St. Philip and
St. James.

May 8th—3rd Sunday after Easter.

May 10th—Mothers' Union Meeting.

May 15th—4th Sunday after Easter.

May 19th—Sunday School Excursion Committee
Meeting at 8 p.m. in Seagoe School.

May 22nd—Rogation Sunday.

May 26th—Ascension Thursday. Holy Communion in
Parish Church at 10 a.m.

May 28th—Choral Festival in Parish Church. Prac-
tice at 3 p.m.; Service at 4.30.

May 29th—Sunday after Ascension Day.

ANNUAL GENERAL EASTER VESTRY.

The annual general Easter Vestry was held in
Seagoe P.E. School on Wednesday, April 20th, at 8 p.m.
The Rector presided and, after the reading of the
46th Psalm by the Rev. W. F. Hayes, opened the
meeting with prayer.

The rector, in welcoming those present, pointed out
that it was a pity that more of the parishioners did
not attend such an important meeting. After briefly
reviewing the financial state of parochial affairs, he
referred to the work of the Select Vestry during the
past year. He expressed his sincere thanks to the
outgoing Churchwardens—Messrs. J. H. Twinem and
R. McClements—for the exemplary manner in which
they had discharged their duties during their term
of office.

The Rector also thanked the Select Vestry for their
help and encouragement and for their loyal co-opera-
tion in tackling the problems which confronted the
parish—a task they had undertaken with vision and
courage. He also stressed the fact that although
they were meeting to make arrangements for the
business side of the parish yet they must bear in
mind that they were not a mere business corporation;
their work was not merely with balance sheets, etc.,
but the Church's function was to be God's instrument,
that in and through it the Kingdom of God may be

established in the hearts and lives of our people.
When people lived close to Christ, when His will is
done and when God's law is known and kept all the
lesser problems would automatically solve themselves.

The Rev. J. W. Appelbe also paid tribute to the
help he had received during the past year from his
colleague, the Rev. W. F. Hayes.

The following elections took place:—

Rector's Churchwarden—Mr. Thomas Martin.

People's Churchwarden—Mr. H. A. Cathcart.

Select Vestry—Messrs. R. McClements, J. H. Twinem,
S. McCormick, W. White, M.P.S.N.I., H. Murray
Gibson, J. R. Reid, G. Leake, D. F. Stoops, M.P.S.N.I.,
M. Gilpin, James Magennis, M.P.S.N.I., James
Twinem, E. Mitchell.

Hon. Treasurer—Mr. Wm. White.

Sidesmen—Members of the Select Vestry, together
with—T. E. Magennis, Jas. Allen, Arthur Allen, John
G. Gracey, J.P., Wm. A. Casey, R. Scott, J. Walker,
N. Campbell, I. Dickson, G. Wilson, A. Kirk, Chas.
S. A. Twinem, Thos. Gracey, W. Hutchinson, T.
Stanfield, R. Sherman, W. Hewitt, J. Stephens, D.
Allen, John Gee, J. Hynes, A. Pickering, H. Ellis, W.
G. Best, J. H. Wilson, S. D. Walker, T. Hall, J. Rehill.

Before the meeting came to a close a hearty vote
of thanks was passed to all the voluntary lay work-
ers. The Rector, in supporting this motion, pointed
out that but for their support very little could be
done. They were fortunate in having such a splendid
band of workers—Sunday School teachers, choir,
Magazine and W.F.O. envelope distributors, rectory
fund collectors, the leaders in the various parish or-
ganisations—Mother's Union, C.L.B., G.F.S., etc.

DISTRICT SERVICES FOR MAY.

Bocombra—Tuesday, May 3rd, at 8 p.m.

Drumgor—Sunday, May 8th, at 3 p.m.

Hacknahay—Sunday, May 29th, at 3.30 p.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL EXCURSION.

At a meeting of the Sunday School Superintendents
and teachers held on Wednesday, April 13th, at 9
p.m., in Seagoe School, it was arranged that the an-
nual Sunday School Excursion would take place on
Thursday, June 9th, to Warrenpoint. Mr. R.
McClements was appointed Hon. Secretary, and
Messrs. Wm. Hutchinson and E. Gibson as joint Hon.
Treasurers.

During the past few years a voluntary collection
system has been tried in the Sunday Schools to en-
able pupils to contribute weekly or monthly towards
the price of their excursion ticket. On the whole it
has proved satisfactory and enables many children
to avail themselves of the excursion, who perhaps

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would find it very difficult otherwise to do so. Each pupil is credited with the exact amount paid in. When this system was inaugurated it was made quite clear that any surplus resulting from the scheme would be used for the general expenses fund of the Sunday School. No child need pay in more than is sufficient to cover his or her excursion expenses. The Superintendent or teacher concerned will always, if asked, tell the pupil how he or she stands in this matter.

OBITUARY.

"In the midst of life we are in death"—the truth of these words was vividly brought home to us during the past month. Mr. Chas. Robinson passed away in England, where he was residing since his retirement; he belonged to an old and highly respected Seagoe family. It is less than a year since his brother, Mr. Fred Robinson, Ballyhannon, died after a tedious illness. Robert McClements was in early infancy, complications following a chill proved fatal. We leave him in the loving arms of Him who said "Suffer the little children to come unto Me," he has been saved the sorrow and suffering of the world. Mrs. Gee was widely known and loved; her death came with tragic suddenness. After a day of loving service she passed into the "Great Beyond" without pain or the long-drawn out struggle with increasing weakness. Her place will be hard to fill, especially in Bocombra Sunday School, where she had had a splendid class of young men. Her unselfishness and eagerness to help others endeared her to all with whom she came in contact. Mrs. Best was a very old and loyal churchwoman, and she will be greatly missed in the neighbourhood. To all the bereaved we express our sincere sympathy, and pray that our Heavenly Father will comfort and strengthen them in their sorrow.

SOUTH AMERICAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY. 1937-1938.

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Miss S. Montgomery	0 7 7½
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Mrs. J. Walker	0 2 2
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Miss Atkinson	5 10 6
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SEAGOE RECTORY BUILDING FUND.

The following subscriptions are gratefully acknowledged:—

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S. J. Coulter	0 10 0
James Atkinson	0 10 0
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R. Matchett	2 0 0
Thos. Coulter	0 5 0
G. Taylor	0 7 6
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R. McClements	1 0 0
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Mrs. Bird	0 2 6
Mr. Thos. Clarke	0 2 6
Mr. Sam Morrison	0 10 0
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Mr. George Wilson (Levaghery)	0 2 0
Mrs. Richardson	0 5 0
Mr. James Fletcher	0 5 0
Mrs. Thos. Nesbitt	0 2 6
Mrs. Thos. Laverty	0 2 6
Mr. Bertie Kilpatrick	10 0 0
Mr. T. Martin	10 0 0
Mr. J. E. Lavery	0 5 0
Mrs. Walsh	

Previously acknowledged

£239 2 6
64 14 6
£303 16 0

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER.

The services in Holy Week were fairly well attended, though we feel there are many more of our people who could attend these Services and do not.

We are grateful to all those who sent flowers, etc., for the Easter decorations.

Special Easter music was rendered by the choir on Easter Day; Mrs. Casey played the organ in her usual accomplished style. The choir are to be congratulated; the anthem—a very beautiful one—re-echoed in a fitting way the spirit of Easter Day. Again we thank the members of the Choir, not only for their valued help on Easter Day, but also for their loyal and devoted service throughout the year.

EDENDERRY CONCERT.

An original production entitled "Radio Seagoe," organised by Miss D. Ashdown, was presented in Edenderry Parochial Hall on Thursday, April 21st, at 7.30 p.m. The stage was cleverly camouflaged to resemble a miniature broadcasting studio. A weather report, local news, children's hour and a variety programme of songs, sketches, etc., followed. The cast included the Misses D. Ashdown, H. Walker, M. Robinson, G. Robinson, A. M'Dougall, F. Ward and V. Morrison, Messrs. F. Shanks, B. Roche, A. M'Loughlin, E. Porter, J. Lynas and F. M'Alister. Mr. Jos. Hynes acted as compere. Messrs. S. M'Kinley and T. Rountree were guest artistes.

We are grateful to Miss Ashdown and the Seagoe Players for a splendid programme. The proceeds will be devoted to the Parochial Hall Renovation Fund.

SEAGOE P.E. SCHOOL.

For some time past negotiations have been in progress with a view to the transfer of the above-named school to the Regional Education Committee.

A sub-committee from the Regional Committee met representatives of Seagoe Parish in Seagoe School on Thursday, 14th April, and an interesting discussion took place. As a result it is hoped that the proposed transfer will now proceed, thus relieving the parish of an unnecessary burden and at the same time procuring for the children of the locality better educational equipment.

The suggested terms of transfer are the usual ones, i.e., that the school, outside school hours, shall be available as heretofore for parochial purposes; together with a 50 years lease, which safeguards the site and buildings for the use of the parish in the event of this being needed in the future for a parochial hall or other church buildings.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

The Annual Report of the Parochial finances for the year ending December 31st, 1937, is now in the hands of the W.F.O. subscribers. We are grateful to all

those who voluntarily undertook to distribute them. A slight departure from the practice of other years has been made, viz., to save printing expense the report has been confined to giving the contributions of annual subscribers and W.F. Offerings; reports and statements of Halls, Sunday Schools, etc., this year are being printed in the Magazine.

A very hopeful fact is that since the previous year there has been a marked improvement in the returns of all the districts, both town and country. In many a very decided increase is shown. This is very encouraging for our Select Vestry, and shows that there are an increasing number of our people who value the ministrations of our Church. To those who are setting such a magnificent example by their regular generous giving we cannot be too thankful, but looking through the pages of the report we are surprised to see many names of professing parishioners conspicuous by their absence, and far too many names with sums so small that they are not sufficient to pay for the set of envelopes and the printing of the report. May we again appeal to those who have not been in the habit of subscribing by the W.F.O. scheme to get a set of envelopes. Every wage earner should have a set for him or herself. Any W.F.O. distributor or the Secretary, Mr. Moses Gilpin, will be only too glad to supply envelopes if asked for.

THE G.F.S.

The Girls' Friendly Society choir from Seagoe branch competed at the Portadown Musical Festival last month, and although they were not among the prize-winners yet they put up a most creditable performance, and we hope that the experience gained will inspire them to try again next year. This was a new venture in our G.F.S. activities this year and it proved a popular and helpful experiment. To Miss T. Wilson, who trained the choir voluntarily, our sincere thanks are due, and it was only fitting that the G.F.S. choir members should show their appreciation of her services in a tangible form, which they did on Thursday evening, April 21st, when they met in Seagoe School and a handbag was handed to Miss Wilson by Miss Magee, the youngest G.F.S. member present as a token of their gratitude.

THE MOTHERS' UNION.

The last monthly meeting fell in Holy Week, so the Mothers went to the Holy Week Service in the parish. It was a very fitting way of holding their monthly meeting, and there was a splendid turn-out of the members. Before the Service in Church the Rector enrolled several new members.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 10th.

CHORAL FESTIVAL.

The annual Choral Festival will be held this year in Seagoe Parish Church at 4.30 p.m. on Saturday, May 28th. There will be a combined practice of all the choirs taking part at 3 p.m. in the Church.

The preacher will be the Rev. H. W. Rennison, M.A., Rector of Ballymascanlan, Co. Louth, and the collection will be in aid of the Festival expenses.

C.L.B. BATTALION SERVICE.

The annual Festival Service for the Down and Connor and Dromore Battalion of the Church Lads' Brigade took place at St. Anne's Cathedral, Belfast, on Thursday, April 28th, at 8 p.m. The parade was one of the largest there has been. It was well supported by the various companies of the Battalion. There was a large turn-out of C.L.B. and the Junior Training Corps was particularly strong in numbers. The Seagoe company and Band were present, accompanied by Lieuts. J. Hynes, D. Allen, W. G. Best, Sergeant-Major F. Shanks, and the Rev. W. F. Hayes. The Lord Bishop was present in the Cathedral and took the salute in the march past after the Service. The address was given by the Rev. C. H. B. Craig, Chaplain of St. Mark's Company, Ballysillan.

G.F.S. CANDIDATES.

The weekly meetings for the above have ceased for the Summer months. They will be resumed again in the Autumn. We are glad to see several of the girls, who attend the G.F.S. Candidates' meetings sitting together in Church on Sundays.

SUNDAY SCHOOL EXCURSION.

(Extra Notice).

The original intention was to hold this on June 23rd, but this date has been changed to June 9th, as we go to Press, owing to another excursion having been fixed for that day.

BAPTISMS.

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

3rd April—Hazel Lucinda, daughter of Albert Richard and Annie Greenaway, 31, James Street, Portadown.

3rd April—Gwendoline Lorna, daughter of Joseph Herbert and Sarah Atkinson, 7, Century Street, Portadown.

3rd April—John, son of Albert Edward and Margaret Pickering, 8, Edward Street, Portadown.

MARRIAGES.

"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

April 18th—Robert Elliott Johnston, 78, West St., Portadown, and Alice Steenson, Breagh, Portadown.

BURIALS.

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

5th April—Charles Robinson, 78, Heath Road, Salisbury, aged 57 years.

6th April—Robert M'Clements, Lisnamallard, Omagh, aged 8 months.

16th April—Edith Gee, Rosemount, Killicomain, aged 53 years.

19th April—Anne Jane Best, Balteagh, aged 84 years.

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 to be given; Two Sponsors at least are required. The father and mother must be present. 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 3 p.m.

Edenderry—Services as announced.

CLASSES, &c.

BIBLE CLASS FOR MEN in Edenderry on Sundays at 10.15 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—10.30 a.m. Edenderry Parochial Hall and Seagoe School. 3 p.m. Seagoe, Edenderry Parochial Hall, Levaghery, Hacknahay, Larne, 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 Hanson, 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/-.

FUNERAL 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.