

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

JUNE, 1940.

CLERGY:

REV. J. W. APPELBE, M.A., B.D., Seagoe Rectory.
REV. W. F. HAYES, B.A., L.Th., The Bungalow,
Lower Seagoe.

CHURCHWARDENS.

Rector's—GEORGE LEAKE.

People's—J. R. REID.

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

CALENDAR FOR JUNE.

- June 2nd—2nd Sunday after Trinity.
June 9th—3rd Sunday after Trinity.
Monthly Service in Drumgor at 3 p.m.
June 11th—St. Barnabas.
Monthly Meeting of Mothers' Union at
7.30 p.m.
June 16th—4th Sunday after Trinity.
June 23rd—5th Sunday after Trinity.
Children's Day Service at 11.30 a.m.
June 24th—St. John the Baptist.
June 27th—Annual Sunday School Excursion to
Newcastle.
June 29th—St. Peter.
June 30th—6th Sunday after Trinity.
Monthly Service in Hacknahay at 3.30 p.m.

CONFIRMATION.

CLASSES—Boys—Sundays, at 3 p.m., in
Seagoe Church.

Girls—Tuesdays, in Seagoe
School, at 8 p.m.

Date of Confirmation Service:

FRIDAY, JULY 5th, at 8 p.m.

THE LATE REV. G. H. DAUNT.

We had gone to Press last month before we learnt of the death of the Reverend George Howe Daunt, who since his retirement from the active ministry of the Church had resided in this parish at two periods, first some years ago in Knockmena and for the last two years in Eden Crescent, Bridge St. He had reached the great age of almost eighty-three, and to the end he retained his mental faculties unimpaired, though physically for some months he had been obliged to take things easy. Mr. Daunt will be greatly missed in this parish as he was most generous in responding to any calls that were made for its welfare, and one of his last acts was to give £4 for the new Rectory Building Fund and £1 for the Church of Ireland Jews'

Society. Mr. Daunt was greatly loved and respected by a wide circle of friends in this locality, where for over forty years he was a familiar figure. During his ministry in the neighbouring parish of Knocknamuckley, with the co-operation of the parishioners, work of a lasting character was effected, which will remain a permanent memorial to his zeal and foresight. To know, he was one of the humblest and kindest of men, and while health permitted he was a regular worshipper in our Parish Church.

On Sunday morning, April 28th, an appropriate reference to his passing was made by the Rev. W. F. Hayes, and on that afternoon his mortal remains were laid to rest in Knocknamuckley, where a very large number of his former parishioners had assembled to pay their last respects. An eloquent tribute to his character and work was given by the Ven. W. R. M. Orr, LL.D., who gave the funeral address.

ANNUAL CHILDREN'S DAY SERVICE.

On the Sunday preceding the annual Sunday School Excursion, i.e., Sunday, June 23rd, the children attending the nine Sunday Schools in our parish are invited to attend a special service for them in the Parish Church at 11.30 a.m., and it is hoped that, as last year, there will be a full attendance from each Sunday School.

The special preacher at this Service will be the Rev. T. E. Beacom, B.A., Curate-Assistant of Seapatrik, Banbridge.

The children will sit together in the two main aisles and we feel sure the regular adult congregation will not mind their accustomed seats being occupied for one Sunday by the young people.

MOTHERS' UNION.

The monthly meeting took place in Seagoe School on Tuesday, May 14th, at 7.30 p.m., when a very helpful address was given by the Rev. W. G. Kerr, M.A., Rector of Mullabrack.

The next monthly meeting will be in Seagoe School on Tuesday, June 11th, at 7.30 p.m., when Mrs. Sinton has kindly promised to speak.

NEW RECTORY BUILDING FUND.

The Hon. Treas. for the above gratefully acknowledges the receipt of the following subscriptions:—

Mrs. T. S. Martin, Balteagh	£1 0 0
Mr. J. Johnston, Bridge St.	0 2 6
Mrs. Vance, Bridge St.	5 0 0
The Late Rev. G. H. Daunt, Bridge St. ..	4 0 0
	£10 2 6
Already acknowledged	625 8 1
Total	£635 10 7

SEAGOE PARISH CHOIR FUND.

The late Mr. T. H. Wilson had received the following subscriptions for the above before his death. They are hereby gratefully acknowledged:—

Lady Kelly	£1 0 0
William Robinson, J.P.	1 0 0
Mr. T. Wilson	1 0 0
Mr. Sinton	1 0 0
Mr. Pettigrew	0 10 0
Mr. D. W. Thornton	0 10 0
Mr. Sidney Bright	0 10 0
Mr. Saml. Lutton	0 10 0
Mr. Hugh Ross	0 10 0
Major D. G. Shillington	0 10 0
Mr. William E. Greeves	0 10 0
Mr. George Johnston	0 10 0
Rev. G. Howe Daunt	0 10 0
Dr. William Walker	0 10 0
Mr. John Montgomery	0 10 0
Mr. John Johnston	0 10 0
Mr. James Edgar	0 10 0
Mr. T. J. Hadden	0 10 0
Mrs. Dunlop	0 10 0
Miss Margaret Reid	0 5 0
Miss Matchett	0 5 0
Mrs. Vance	0 5 0
Mrs. Wilson	0 5 0
Miss Macoun	0 5 0
Mrs. Sherman	0 5 0
Miss Isobel Atkinson	0 5 0
Miss G. Atkinson	0 5 0
Mrs. Reid	0 5 0
Mr. Callendar Bullock	0 5 0
Mr. Thomas Cordner	0 5 0
Mr. Robert Chapman	0 5 0
Mr. Tom Hall	0 5 0
Mr. Forsythe, B.A.	0 3 0
Mr. John Lynass	0 2 6
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	£15 0 6
To Stationery and Postage	1 7 6
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	£13 13 0
Balance from previous year	6 10 0
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	£20 3 0

(The above amount has been lodged with the Hon. Treas. of the Select Vestry and when the need arises it will be available for the purpose for which it was collected.)

C.L.B. NOTES.

As we go to Press Seagoe Company are looking forward to their annual Inspection and Display, which will take place in the Parochial Hall, Edenderry, on

Thursday, 30th May, at 8 p.m. The inspecting officer will be Lt.-Col. S. Waring, D.C.M.

The Seagoe Company attended the Battalion Service in St. Anne's Cathedral, Belfast, on Tuesday, May 14th. They also paraded with other local youth organisations at the Empire Day Service in the First Presbyterian Church on Thursday, May 23rd, when an address was given by the Rev. D. Porter, B.A., of Lurgan.

CARNE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Owing to the pressure of home duties Mr. George Wilson has felt obliged to relinquish his position as Superintendent of this Sunday School, a position which he filled with much acceptance. We regret his inability to continue a work which he discharged faithfully and we are grateful for his help in the past.

The Rector has appointed Mr. Alfred M'Loughlin as Superintendent and he has very kindly undertaken to act in this capacity. We extend a hearty welcome to him and pray that he may have God's blessing and that Carne may continue to prosper under his guidance.

OBITUARY.

Several families in our Parish have suffered bereavement during the past month, and to them we tender our sincere sympathy in their sorrow. Mrs. Neill, Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Innis had passed the allotted span of "three-score years and ten"; Mrs. Williams was called away comparatively early but she had been in indifferent health for some time.

We have been thinking recently of the message of the Ascension of Christ and we saw that one of the many implications of this for the Christian is that it helps us to look at the fact of death in a new light. Did not our Saviour say "I go to prepare a place for you, and if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself that where I am, there may ye be also." St. Paul was re-echoing the same thought when he wrote, "to depart is to be with Christ which is far better"; for him, to be "absent from the body" is "to be present with the Lord," and so he could exclaim, "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory." Our prayer for all who mourn is that they may look at death as it is shown in the light of the Life and Teaching and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, and if they do this "they will not sorrow as those who have no hope for them that sleep in Him."

Let our motto be in the words of the poet:—

"If life be long, I will be glad
That I may long obey,
If short, yet why should I be sad
To soar to endless day.
My knowledge of that life is small,
The eye of faith is dim;
But 'tis enough that Christ knows all,
And I shall be with Him."

BAPTISMS.

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

- May 1st—Kenneth, son of John and Mary Allen, 2, Florence Court. (Privately).
 May 5th—Margaret Rosabell Russell, daughter of William John and Marjorie Anna Costello, Carne.
 May 8th—Maureen, daughter of William and Norah Florence Frazer, Mount Pleasant, Seagoe Upper. (Privately.)

BURIALS.

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

- April 28th—The Reverend George Howe Daunt, "Shaledene," Eden Crescent, Bridge St., in his 83rd year. (Interred in Knocknamuckley.)
 May 4th—Sarah Neill, 255, Bridge Street, Portadown, aged 76 years.
 May 5th—Thomas Ewart, 2, Windsor Avenue, Limavady, aged 49 years.
 May 7th—Mary A. Wilson, Lisniskey, aged 73 years.
 May 10th—Sarah Innis, Killicomaine, aged 76 years. (Interred in Newmills, Co. Tyrone.)
 May 13th—Mary Anne Williams, Drumgor, aged 53 years.

SIDESMEN.

- JUNE:—Morning Prayer—The Churchwardens, Messrs. J. Gee, T. Hall, Wm. White, D. Sherman,
 Evening Prayer—Messrs. G. Wilson, D. Allen, H. Ellis, Wm. Neill, R. M'Murray, J. M'Laughlin.
 JULY:—Morning Prayer—The Churchwardens, Messrs. C. S. A. Twinem, D. Allen, W. G. Best, E. Mitchell,
 Evening Prayer—Messrs. J. Walker, A. Kirk, Thos. Gracey, T. Stanfield, W. H. Best, G. Nixon.

WHAT IS CONFIRMATION?

Seeing that there are about sixty of our young people attending the classes in preparation for this Service it would be fitting for us to consider its implications and to try and see its meaning. The first important thing to notice in answering this question: what is Confirmation, is that it is not a matter of form, it stands for something real and of vital importance in the spiritual life of the individual. Those now being instructed are about to ratify publicly at the Service on July 5th the promises made for them at their Baptism. These promises were three:—(1) That they would "renounce the Devil and all his works, the pomps and vanity of this wicked world and all the sinful lusts of the flesh." This is all covered by the one word Repentance.

(2) To believe all the Articles of the Christian Faith. These essentials of our Faith are summarised in the

Apostles' Creed, which affirms the Christian's attitude to the Unseen. The creed states the fundamentals upon which we build our belief:—the reality of God, who is our Heavenly Father, the Creator of all things, visible and invisible; the truth of the Incarnation, i.e., that God in Christ took upon Himself our human nature and came down to this world to live and to die and to rise again that we might by His power be enabled to rise to new life and live as God's children; the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit; the fact of eternal judgment, the offer of God to forgive us our sins for Christ's sake, the certainty of a life beyond death. These foundation truths revealed to us in the Bible are enshrined in the Creed. Correct belief about spiritual realities is vital for the Christian. There is abroad a mistaken notion which implies something like this:—It doesn't matter about belief, don't bother about creeds, just do what is right and all will be well"; but we cannot act rightly unless we believe correctly; "take heed to thyself and to the doctrine is a New Testament admonition; conduct is the outcome of belief. Hence the second baptismal promise of faith, it is more than giving mental assent to credal statements, it is living a life by God's help in the light of these realities, it is our response to the pull of the Unseen.

(3) To keep God's holy will and commandments and walk in the same all the days of my life. In one word at our baptism we were pledged to obedience. God expects from us "the fruits of the Spirit." What we profess with our lips by His grace we must show forth in our lives. The Bible makes it quite plain what God's will for us is, what His commandments are.

On their confirmation day the candidates will solemnly renew these promises that by God's grace they will henceforth renounce what is sinful; believe what is true and do what is right. This brings out the fact that confirmation is in a very real sense the completion of our baptism, for it marks the willing and glad surrender of those confirmed to God as their Father, Redeemer and Sanctifier. They are not ashamed or afraid to proclaim themselves soldiers of the King of Kings, enlisting in His service for their whole life. Our young people are being confirmed because they wish to implement their baptism.

Confirmation is a Bible ordinance, and because our Church neglects nothing that the New Testament teaches, this rite occupies a place of foremost importance in its economy. The Bible stresses it both by precept and by example. In the Epistle to the Hebrews, chap. vi: 1, 2 the writer speaks of certain things, which he calls the foundations of the doctrine of Christ, or in other words of the Christian religion. We need not be reminded of the importance of the foundation, unless it is secure and laid firm, the building will not be safe. Here in this world we are set to build our Christian lives. The Apostle gives six of these foundations:—Repentance, Faith, Baptism, Laying on of Hands, the Resurrection of the Dead, and Eternal Judgment. Two of these are states of mind, Repentance and Faith; two are things to be done, Baptism and Laying on of Hands or Confirmation; two are truths to be believed, the Resurrection and the Judgment. They are all of them called foundations. They are all equally important. We cannot pick and choose, and say this foundation must form part of our religion, but we can do without that one.

In the Acts of the Apostles we are told what the

first Christians did. In the eighth chapter, verse 1, it is related that, owing to persecution, the Christians were driven from Jerusalem and scattered through different places. Among them was Philip, who had been ordained by the Apostles (chap. vi: 5, 6). He came in his travels to Samaria and there preached Christ to the people (chap. viii, v. 5). The result of his preaching was that many who heard him believed, and were baptized, both men and women. This was not all, for in verse 17 we read that hands were laid on those who had been baptized, i.e., they were confirmed. A similar action is recorded in Acts, chap. xix. Paul came to Ephesus and found some disciples or followers of the Christians who had not been baptized. They were baptized and after that the Apostle laid his hands on them, they were confirmed.

It is interesting to notice how the Confirmation service in the Prayer Book resembles the practice of the early Christians. (1) The title in the Prayer Book is "The order for Confirmation, or Laying on of Hands." (2) As in New Testament days it comes after Baptism. (3) Those who confirmed were the chief ministers of the Church. In the Acts only the Apostles did so; Philip was a deacon and they sent two of their number from Jerusalem to Samaria to lay their hands on the believing baptized Christians. In our Church, only the Bishop performs the ceremony, as he is the chief officer in the Church to-day. (4) It is a great service of prayer and self-dedication. God always answers the earnest prayers of His children. Did Christ not once say, "If ye, then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more will your Heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him?" We believe that God never changes and that just as of old, so in these days, He gives His Holy Spirit, in answer to earnest prayer.

A lot more could be said about the importance and necessity of Confirmation, there is nothing mechanical or formal about it and if our young people approach it in a spirit of faith and prayer it may mark a turning point in their lives and mean for them a deeper realisation of what being a Christian means. Let us pray for them at this time that they may "receive power from on High and may continue Christ's faithful soldiers and servants until their lives end.

SUNDAY SCHOOL EXCURSION, JUNE 27th.
FINAL ARRANGEMENTS.

A further meeting of S.S. Teachers and Superintendents was held in Seagoe School on May 8th, the Rector presiding. Having received information that the other Sunday Schools in the town were having their excursions as usual, the committee decided to rescind their previous decision of an "outing at home," and proceeded to arrange their excursion on the usual lines. The venue selected was Newcastle, and the date, Thursday, 27th June, and it was also agreed that the Parish of Ardmore should be invited to join our numbers. It gave great satisfaction to the committee to learn from their secretary that there would be no increase in railway or catering charges. The details are as follows:—Children 2/6 (including refreshments), Adults, 2/6 rail fare, and 1/- for refreshments. Adults are requested to note that no half refreshment tickets will be issued this year. There will be the usual brief service at the Church, where the children will assemble prior to the excursion, at 8.30 a.m. It is a matter of regret to know that no band will be available as most of its members are serving in some part of His Majesty's Forces. The train will leave Portadown at 9.45 a.m., returning from Newcastle at 7.45 p.m. A special appeal is made to the parishioners to support the Excursion in every way possible. Let the Parish make it "their day," and as railway and refreshment tickets are now on sale, let the slogan be, "Buy early, and buy often." don't wait until the morning of the Excursion for your ticket. The annual Sunday School Church Service, which was such a success last year, will be held on Sunday, 23rd June, at 11.30 a.m. It will be conducted in the form of Morning Prayer, with perhaps the addition of "Deity towards God," after the "Creed." It is hoped that two young people may read the Lessons, and others take up the offering. The Rector has promised if possible to secure a suitable young people's preacher. It is hoped to place the form of Service in the hands of each Sunday School Superintendent at an early date, so that the children will be well versed in the Service beforehand. Another meeting of the Excursion Committee will be held on Thursday, 13th June, at 8 p.m., in Seagoe School. A full attendance of representatives is requested.—WM. HUTCHINSON (Hon. Secretary).

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—Wednesdays at 8 p.m., Oct—Easter.

MARRIAGES must be performed between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Licences are issued by Ven. Archdeacon Hannon, the 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 £1, 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

A copy of the Magazine will be sent by post to any subscriber for 3/- per annum.

CLASSES, &c.

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

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—10.15 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.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY in Seagoe School on Mondays at 8 p.m. as announced.

G.F.S. CANDIDATES—Oct.—Easter, Edenderry Parochial Hall, Saturdays at 3 p.m.

SEAGOE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR SOCIETY—Mondays, Orange Hall, at 8 p.m.

SEAGOE P.E. SCHOOL—9.15 a.m. Principal—Mr. R. Scott.