

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

AUGUST, 1941.

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—ERNEST MITCHELL.

People's—DAVID ALLEN.

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

CALENDAR FOR AUGUST.

August 3rd—8th Sunday after Trinity.

August 6th—Transfiguration.

August 10th—9th Sunday after Trinity.

August 12th—Mothers' Union Meeting, at 7.30 p.m.

August 17th—10th Sunday after Trinity.

August 24th—11th Sunday after Trinity.
St. Bartholomew.

August 31st—12th Sunday after Trinity.

SIDESMEN FOR AUGUST.

Morning Prayer—The Churchwardens, Messrs.
Gilbert Price, Wm. Donaldson, R. M'Clements, W. G.
Best.

Evening Prayer—Messrs. Thos. Hall, R. M'Murray,
Jos. Ward, J. M'Loughlin.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

For the C.M.S. (Seagoe Lenten Self-denial Appeal),
Mr. Wm. White, M.P.S.N.I., 10/-. This has been for-
warded to the C.M.S. Office, Belfast.

PAROCHIAL HALL.

Miss I. Atkinson has felt obliged to resign her office
as Hon. Sec. and Treasurer of the Parochial Hall
Committee. During a period extending over a long
number of years, Miss Atkinson has rendered a
splendid service in this capacity, and we are indebted
to her for the zeal and enthusiasm with which she
looked after the interests of the Parochial Hall.

Miss A Cox has kindly consented to act as Hon.
Sec. and Treasurer. At a recent meeting of the Select
Vestry, Miss Cox was elected a member of the
Parochial Hall Committee.

MOTHERS' UNION.

About twenty-five members were present at the
Rectory on Thursday afternoon, July 17th. After tea,
there was enthusiastic competition at the cardboard
frog racing game and putting; the former was won
by Mrs. Gracey, Mrs. Currie (junr.) being second;
Mrs. Scott returned the best score for the putting,

while Mrs. O'Hara (an evacuee visitor whom we were
glad to see present) was the runner-up. At the end
Mrs. Appelbe presented the prizes to the winners.
Our best thanks are due to Mrs. Cathcart for pro-
viding two of the prizes.

The next meeting will take place in Seagoe School
on Tuesday, August 12th, at 7.30 p.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PIC-NICS.

On Saturday, July 5th, the children attending
Edenderry Morning and afternoon Sunday School
assembled in the Parochial Hall, instead of in
Levaghery, where a field had been kindly put at their
disposal by Mr. Mayes. Unfortunately, it was too wet
to venture out, so instead the party took place in-
doors. Messrs. Davison had charge of the catering
arrangements, after which various competitions and
games were played until it was time to go home. The
Superintendents and teachers, ably assisted by Mr.
E. Mitchell, are to be congratulated on the success
of the evening, which was thoroughly enjoyed by the
large number present. Mrs. Appelbe presented the
prizes to the successful competitors at the end.

For Hacknahay a similar function took place on
the same evening. Mr. T. E. Maginnis, Superinten-
dent, gave the use of a newly-mown field for the oc-
casion. The much enjoyed tea was comfortably
served in a hut. There were many interesting games
and contests. A balloon race, in the high wind, was
no easy matter; it provided untold amusement. The
swings were in great demand. Some of the readers
with longer memories may be interested to know
that the ropes of these swings, still in excellent con-
dition, are the same that afforded them similar plea-
sure "in the good old days," when "the Trip" went
to Carrick-Blacker. At the close prizes were awarded
to those who were more skilful of hand and fleet of
foot. So many good things were provided that no
one went home empty-handed. This was a pleasing
and fitting ending to the gala day for Hacknahay.

The pic-nic at Carne took place on Thursday even-
ing, July 10th, in a field kindly lent by Mr. John
Lyne. Before and after a sumptuous tea there
was keen rivalry displayed in the various competi-
tions and races, which were organised by Mr. A.
M'Loughlin and the teachers, assisted by Mr. Loney
and Miss S. Maginnis. The recently mown field
and a fine evening added greatly to the enjoyment of
the entertainment. Mrs. Appelbe presented the
prizes at the conclusion.

As we go to Press Levaghery Sunday School pic-nic
is about to take place. The teachers of Seagoe and

Bocombra are arranging to hold theirs during August.

BAPTISMS.

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

July 6th—Winston Carson, son of David Alexander Carson and Sarah Brownlee, Drumnagoon.

July 6th—Kenneth Deane, son of George Deane and Jane Elliott, 47, Carrickblacker Rd., Portadown.

July 6th—Frances Yvonne, daughter of John Joseph and Hannah Margaret Medlow, Lisniskey.

July 6th—Nola Louise, daughter of John George and Eva Nixon, Kernan.

July 6th—Donald Reid, son of John Emmanuel and Amy Louise Lavery, Kilvergan.

MARRIAGES.

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

July 16th—Leslie Llewellyn James, Malone House, Malone Rd., Belfast, and Emily Morrison, Lower Seagoe, Portadown.

July 19th—William James Bird, Ballymacrandle, and Gladys Jane Cochrane, 22, James St., Portadown.

BURIALS.

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

June 30th—George Matchett, Derryvore, aged 86 years.

July 19th—Thomas Patton, Lower Seagoe, aged 80 years.

July 21st—Annie Best, 43, Fitzwilliam Street, Belfast, aged 75 years.

CHILDREN'S DAY.

The special Children's Service, now an annual feature, took place in Seagoe Church on Sunday, June 29th, at 11.30 a.m. There was a full attendance of children, with their teachers and superintendents. The Rev. G. A. Guthrie, M.A., Rector of Ardmore, gave an appropriate address. The Lessons were read by Edward Simpson, from Carne Sunday School, and Leslie M'Cormick, of Seagoe.

ORANGE ANNIVERSARY SERVICE.

The annual service was held in the Parish Church on Sunday, July 6th, at 7 p.m. There was a representative gathering of the members from the local Orange Lodges. Sir William Allen, M.P., paraded with the men, and read the lessons. The Rev. Canon

R. M'Tighe, LL.D., preached. The offerings were given to the Lord Enniskillen Protestant Orphan Society.

	W.F.O.	Collections.
	£ s d	£ s d
April 6 ..	.. 9 16 3	1 3 9
April 13 ..	.. 9 1 9	4 10 2
April 20 ..	.. 7 17 0	1 9 5
April 27 ..	.. 6 13 11	1 5 9
	£33 8 11	£8 9 1

May 4 ..	.. 7 2 5	1 8 0
May 11 ..	.. 8 3 11	1 18 8
May 18 ..	.. 7 3 6	1 12 0
May 25 ..	.. 7 12 6	1 14 2
	£30 2 4	£6 12 10

June 1 ..	.. 10 2 7	1 17 2
June 8 ..	.. 7 18 3	1 7 8
June 15 ..	.. 9 6 1	1 8 6
June 22 ..	.. 6 16 9	1 8 8
June 29 ..	.. 9 1 6	1 8 6*
	£43 5 2	£7 8 6

* £2 Board of Education.

On Sunday, 29th June, an envelope was returned without name or number having 4d in it. Would the person please send in name or number.

OBITUARY.

During the past month two very old parishioners have been called to their Eternal rest. George Matchett inherited his uncle's farm in Derryvore, where he spent practically the whole of his long life; he was in possession of all his faculties until the end. Thomas Patton had been in failing health for some time; he too, had exceeded the allotted span of "three score years and ten." Mrs. A. Best, of Fitzwilliam St., Belfast, was a former parishioner of Seagoe. To those who have been bereaved we offer much sympathy.

RECTORY BUILDING FUND.

The following subscriptions are gratefully acknowledged:—

Mr. Ephraim Collins, Kernan ..	.. £1 0 0
Mr. Thomas H. Walker, Kernan ..	.. 1 0 0
Mr. David M'Kane, Ballymacrandle ..	.. 0 5 0
Miss Rebecca Calvert, Breagh ..	.. 5 0 0
	£7 5 0

C.L.B. NOTES.

Seagoe C.L.B. have taken up the drive for waste paper salvage. Already a number of parishioners have taken a sack each to collect waste paper. We have received 50 sacks from the Ulster Industries Development Association. These when filled will be forwarded to an Ulster paper mill. The proceeds from the collection of waste paper will be given to the British Red Cross Society, after a small proportion has been taken for the C.L.B. funds. The sacks left with parishioners will be collected when filled and stored until the total number is ready for despatch. We appeal to all to support this effort. Save all waste paper and cardboard. A number of sacks are still available, or ask any C.L.B. boy to have your waste paper collected.

Save for Victory,
Your used or waste paper,
For the Nation.
For Ulster Mills.
For the Red Cross.

We are all pleased to see Cpl. J. Herron, Royal Air Force, home on leave after serving four years in the Near East. He looks well after so long a period of service in a very hot station. His leave is well earned and we all hope he will enjoy his stay in Portadown.

Cpl. Lyttle is again home on leave. Recently we had George Simpson, R.A.F. and Alfred Dickson, R.A.F.

C.L.B. greeting and best wishes to David Donaldson, R.A.F., serving in the Near East, and best wishes to all other C.L.B. lads now serving in the Forces.

NOT SO LONG AGO.

From the Killaloe Diocesan Magazine the Rev. W. F. Hayes has copied the information printed here. It tells something of the conditions which obtained in his native Diocese at the time of the great Rebellion, 1798.

"The historian Green tells us that, when the Norman barons of England (to the great convenience of the English Sovereigns) were annihilating each other with reckless abandon, during the Wars of the Roses, life went on with uninterrupted smoothness for the average citizen. It is on record, too, that at the Battle of Naseby the dour Roundhead soldiers of Cromwell chased the romantic Cavaliers across fields where the rustic pursued the even tenor of his ways, and looked up from the plough or hoe with less of

pity than scorn for the combatants of either political ideology.

"Similar conditions existed in many parts of Ireland during the Great Rebellion (as history unpatriotically names that bid for political freedom). It's fiercest outbreaks were confined to the North and the South-east. Within the Diocese of Killaloe the insurrection was limited to rumours and desultory outbreaks. An agricultural survey taken in 1801, under the auspices of the Dublin Society, of that part of Offaly situated in this Diocese says "the late Rebellion not having actually broken out here is to the credit of the gentry, who did not desert their habitations in this crisis, but by a proper firmness maintained their authority at home, and kept the ill-disposed in due order and regularity." To Shinrone, alone in the whole Diocese, belongs the unenviable distinction of having destroyed a local Roman Catholic Church, though seventy in all were destroyed in other parts of Ireland. This act of vandalism must have been a gesture rather than a reprisal, because, in spite of the one lapse from its passive loyalty, the Barony of Clonlisk maintained an aloof and uncaring neutrality.

Social and agricultural conditions in the Barony of Clonlisk were typical of those obtaining in other parts of East Killaloe, so it is of interest to see them with the eyes of the writer and compiler of the above Survey, taken within two years of the Great Rebellion.

"These were halcyon days for the employer of labour. Wages for the farm labourer averaged 10d a day, for a day's work which began at 6 a.m. and ended at 6 p.m. in winter and at 7 p.m. in summer. Women were hired for harvesting at a rate of 6½d a day, but the surveyor has a poor opinion of the women of this class, whom he notes are "mostly idle and slothful and scarce at all assist (their men-folk) in making up the rent, except in harvest time. The money which is acquired in this manner is more generally considered their exclusive right for dress and finery, so that the man must depend on his own labour for the various calls which he is liable to." Prices of food were commensurate with wages, for beef, mutton and veal cost only 1d to 2d a lb.; geese, 1/8 a pair; turkeys, 2/8½; barn door fowl, 1/1; ducks, 1/1; potatoes, 2d a stone; oats, 11/6 the barrel, and wheat 30/- the barrel.

"No doubt following the plan of Arthur Young's "Travels," published a decade earlier the author of the present survey gives a sketch of the manners, customs and dress of the agricultural population in the Barony. Thus it is 'no uncommon thing for a poor man to have eight children.' Again, 'the habitations of the lower order are mean and indifferent, in many places but hovels covered with sods and bog-rush,' but 'the more wealthy farmers live well, but dirty, and they refuse to inhabit slated houses, many of which have been erected by the gentry, and are very ornamental to demesnes, but that is all their use, as they prefer their clay huts."

"As to education: 'the peasantry are extremely illiterate,' but it is good to see that 'a classical school has lately been opened in Shinrone by Mr. Carroll, Scholar of Trinity College, Dublin.' There is, too, a 'charter school, near Dunkerrin, which is well attended to; 'tis a strong building on an eminence over the village, and, should occasion arise, would make a good stand for a garrison, as being admirably situated to make effectual resistance.' We read 'the English language is spoken by all sorts, but the peasants, when conversing together, speak in their native tongue only.'

"The civilised representative of the Dublin Society is badly shocked by some of the customs of the peasantry. Thus, 'in this part of the country they have many religious customs, the great superstition and idolatry of which are disgusting to relate. Their funeral rites are in some parts minutely copied, as howling after the dead, during the procession to the grave, and hirelings are paid for the funeral song,

accompanied with all the mockery of grief, which is presently drowned in obscenity and debauchery.

"He finds that 'in their marriages the parents and friends of the parties meet on the side of a hill, and, having drank and made merry, agreed on the portion of the bride which was always in cattle, and to which every one of the kin subscribed; taking, however, this precaution that, if the bride died childless before a certain day limited by the agreement, it was conditioned that every man's beast should be restored to him."

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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 Rev. W. J. Gransden, the 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 £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 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.

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.