

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

APRIL, 1906.

CLERGY :

RECTOR—REV. JAMES E. ARCHER, B.D.,
The Rectory, Seagoe.

CURATE—REV. JOHN TAYLOR, B.A.,
Seagoe Villa.

N.B.—The Clergy will feel greatly obliged if the Parishioners will notify to them any cases of illness at the earliest possible moment.

Churchwardens :

MR. JOHN MONTGOMERY, Levaghery.

MR. JOSEPH MURRAY, Ballinary

Select Vestry :

ALBIN, MR. JAMES	MONRO, MR. JOSEPH
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Easter.



ASTER is the most joyous festival of the Christian year. It speaks to us of Resurrection and life, and coming as it does when the world of nature is bursting into a new beauty of life and fragrance, we can realise to the full the glorious Spiritual Lessons which the Church brings before us. To the Christian the message of Easter is that each of us should seek the new Life and set our affections more entirely upon things above. Some of us may be thinking, how can we best keep Easter; and the answer is clear to every devout heart: let us engage more fervently in Prayer, more frequently in Worship, and as we contemplate during Holy Week the Cross and Passion of our Blessed Lord, let us seek that more of His Sacrifice may enter into our life, and we shall thus be better fitted to realise the fullness of Easter joy. On Easter morning there will be celebrations of Holy Communion at 8 a.m., and after Morning Prayer at 11.30.

OFFERTORIES FOR MARCH.

	Morning			Evening		
	£	s	d	£	s	d
Mar. 4th—1st Sun. in Lent	1	10	3	0	18	3
„ 8th—Thursday	0	9	6			
„ 11th—2nd Sun. in Lent	0	13	9	0	3	10
„ 18th—3rd „ „	0	2	9			
„ „ „ „ „	1	0	7	0	11	6
„ 22nd—Thursday				0	5	0
„ 25th—4th Sun. in Lent	1	0	11	0	12	3
	£4	17	9	£3	5	10

Baptisms.

“As many of you as have been baptised into Christ, have put on Christ.”

March 3rd—Minnie, daughter of Thomas and Sarah Tate, Edenderry.

„ „ Abraham, son of William and Sarah Jane Gregson, Drumgor.

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Marriages.

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

March 2nd—William Treanor, Tammficarbct, to Margaret Magee, Drumnagoon.

„ 16th—Hugh Thompson, Shillington's Row, Portadown, to Elizabeth Campbell, Edenderry.

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Burials.

“I know that my Redeemer liveth.”

March 3rd—Charles Gilpin, Tammifglasson, aged 44.

„ 4th—John Magee, Derryadd, aged 71.

„ 6th—Mary Best, Edenderry, aged 41.

„ 15th—James Hagan, Balteagh, aged 71.

„ 16th—Ellen Coulter, Edenderry, aged 80.

„ 19th—George Joyce, Levaghery, aged 78.

„ 24th—Martha M'Cormick, Ballyhannon aged 62

Our Sunday Schools.

Special Collections on behalf of our Sunday Schools will be made in the Parish Church on Easter Day, at Morning and Evening Services. We ask our people to give liberally to this most important object. The schools cannot be made efficient unless liberally supported. There are almost 1000 children instructed in our Parish Sunday Schools each Sunday, and the expenses are considerable.

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Annual Excursion, Thursday, June 7th.

This year the Sunday School Excursion will be to Newcastle, County Down, one of the prettiest seaside resorts in Ireland. The new railway from Banbridge to Newcastle makes it possible now for people living in Portadown to visit Newcastle, and we have therefore decided to bring the children to quite a new place, where they will have lovely sands, where the wee ones can build castles and run races, and paddle in the bright blue waves. Seagoe always gets a fine day for its excursion, and so we need have no doubt about the weather.

The charge for tickets will be very reasonable, in fact it scarcely covers the actual cost.

Children under 14, ...	6d.
„ over 14, ...	1s.
Outsiders, ...	2s.

N.B.—These charges include two refreshments.

The children from the various Sunday Schools will assemble for a short service in the parish Church, at 8 o'clock. The special train will leave Portadown at 9 a.m., returning from Newcastle at 7 30 p.m.

Our Lent Services.

We are glad to record the success of our special Lent Services. The congregations both at the week-day Services and on Sunday have been very large, and the addresses given by the special preachers, who kindly assisted, have been most practical and useful. We hope and pray that the words which we have heard with our outward ears may be engrafted inwardly in our hearts, and that our people will strive to put into practice the good counsels they have listened to from the pulpit of their Parish Church.

Service of Song.

A splendid Service of Song will be given by the members of Miss Armstrong's Missionary Class, on Thursday Evening, April 19th. It is entitled "The Lion-hearted Bishop," and will be illustrated with Limelight Views. Tickets now on sale, 6d. each.

The proceeds will be devoted to the expenses of the Parochial Hall. The service will begin at 7-30 o'clock.

M.P.U.

Mr. Grey has sent us a long and most interesting letter from Japan. It will be read at the next meeting of the Union. We forgot to record last month a most successful meeting, at which a large number of new members were admitted, all of them from Miss Armstrong's Friday class.

To Parents.

We ask you to see that your children attend the Sunday Schools regularly each Sunday. A card of merit is given to each child who has behaved well and learned its lessons carefully. So you can see for yourself if your child is advancing in knowledge. To encourage the attendance of our young people at Church, a new quarterly Church attendance card is being issued, which will register the attendance of the child at Church. There is a space for the Parents' name on each card, and we ask the parents to encourage (especially by their own example) the attendance of their children at the House of Prayer.

Carne Bible Class.

We have to record a most successful season in connection with the class. Almost all the young men and women of the district became members, and most of them attended every night. The Book under consideration was First Samuel, and all the members displayed a lively interest in this critical period of Jewish history. On Tuesday last an able paper was read by Mr. Wilson Irwin on "Inspiration," which showed a careful consideration of the subject. In the discussion which followed the members bestowed unstinted praise on the paper, and Rev. J. Taylor, in summing up, expressed the general opinion of those present—that while there are slight verbal discrepancies in the Bible, due to the human element, yet it is essentially a Book God-given and God-preserved. He also emphasized the necessity of regard to the Church's authority in its interpretation, and opposed its being handled unwisely by irresponsible persons. We hope to have a paper later on by Mr. Alfred Murray on the necessity of education as a preparation for preaching the Gospel.

Church Army Mission.

CARNE.

This mission began in the Carne Church Hall under the most favourable auspices as far as the weather, and the attendance fully justified, if not exceeded, our expectations. Captain Gaskell kept up his reputation as a mission preacher, and by his earnest addresses succeeded in impressing the large numbers which filled the Hall on each evening. It was the general feeling that the time spent in Carne was all too short, but those who have appreciated the meetings will have the opportunity of attending again when the mission begins in Seagoe.

DRUMGOR.

On the second Sunday in Lent the mission began in Drumgor at the usual afternoon service. There were again large numbers present. Captain Gaskell impressed on those present the necessity of consecrating themselves to the service of God and of loyalty to Jesus Christ, and showing this by a godly walk and conversation and a diligent attendance on the means of grace provided by the Church. We noticed that many came from Carne, which showed that they did not consider distance an obstacle in their desire to take advantage of these services. Although the mission began in a snowstorm, and continued without the advantage of the moonlight, yet these did not seem to interfere with the attendance.

BLUESTONE.

The mission began here on Monday, March 19th. As Captain Gaskell was not quite a stranger it was expected that many would turn out to welcome him, which proved to be the case. Rev. G. H. Daunt, Rector of Knocknamuckley, kindly gave the use of his school, and by his attendance at the services showed his sympathy with the objects of the mission. Again many came from the previous districts which had been visited, and from the Parish of Knocknamuckley. We were delighted to see the large number of men present. It is earnestly hoped that the really practical gospel addresses delivered by Captain Gaskell and Lieutenant Simmons will take deep root in the minds of those who heard them and bring forth fruit unto eternal life. The attendance kept up well during the week, and the concluding service was one to be remembered. We wish to add our tribute to Lieutenant Simmons, who helped his colleague most loyally during the mission, and gives promise of a very useful future in the Church Army.

EDENDERRY.

The Church Army commenced a week's mission in Edenderry Parochial Hall on Monday evening, 26th March. The Rector introduced the missionaries Captain Gaskell and Lieutenant Simmons. The Hall was filled with a most attentive audience, who eagerly listened to the impressive address delivered by Captain Gaskell in addition to which all seemed to join in the bright hymns used on the occasion, and

in the responses. We trust that all living in the district will endeavour to attend this special means of grace, and that the work of the Church may be stimulated and strengthened in our midst. The mission will be continued during the week, and on Sunday evening, April 1st, at 8.30, there will be a mission service in the Parochial Hall, conducted by Captain Gaskell.

SEAGOE MISSION.

We hope that all those who have been influenced by the Church Army mission will come to the concluding fortnight's services in Seagoe School-room and in the Parish Church, commencing on Monday evening, April 2nd, at 8.0 p.m. The School and Church are so central to the whole Parish we believe it will be possible for all who have derived spiritual benefit during the mission to attend these services.

MISSION AT HACKNAHAY.

Captain Gaskell will conduct a series of mission services in Hacknahay School during the week beginning Monday, April 9th. The service will begin at 8 o'clock each evening.

Items.

The men's Reading-Room has been greatly improved by partitions recently erected, the wood for which was most kindly given by Mr. Hamilton Robb. We owe a debt of gratitude to Mr. William J. M'Crory for very kindly putting up the woodwork.

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Mr. Alex. Steenson has been presented with a silver medal for winning first place in a five mile road race of the Seagoe harriers club. We are glad to hear that the club is doing well. The medal was presented by the Rector.

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Mr. Thomas M'Crory has been awarded a special certificate in the Seagoe Men's Bible Class for not having missed a Sunday at the class during 1905.

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The Choir, under the able superintendence of Mr. T. H. Wilson, are busily engaged in practising the special music for Easter.

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We are glad to see that many of our people are brightening their cottages by planting climbing roses and pretty creepers against the front walls. Now is the time to plant, and flowers are cheap.

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The Seagoe C.L.B. made a fine turn-out at the Church Parade, on Sunday evening, March 11th.

Notes on Old Seagoe.

Up to the 17th century Carrickblacker was called Carrowbrack, which means the yellow-speckled hill or field. By a slight change in spelling the name was quite changed in meaning, as Carrickblacker means Castle Blacker.

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Ballinacor, one of the townlands in Seagoe Parish, was formerly spelt Baile-na-corra, and means "the town of the weir." It seems as if there must formerly have been a weir in the neighbourhood on the Bann, or some smaller stream, possibly an eel-weir.

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"On April 16th, 1754, being Easter Tuesday, Mr. William Robinson, of Lilo, and Mr. Oliver Dynes were unanimously elected by the Minister, Churchwardens and Parishioners to serve as Churchwardens for the Parish of Seago this ensuing year." (Extract from Seagoe Records).

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Drumnagoon, the name of another of the Seagoe townlands, is derived from Drum, a hill, na, of, and goon or gowan, a calf. So apparently this interesting part of the Parish was famous for its calves.

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In the old Vestry Records the first mention of the intention to build a new Church was made at a meeting of the Vestry on Monday, April 30th, 1804. There were present at the meeting—George Blacker, Vicar; Robert Fivey and Arthur Buckby, Churchwardens; also Richard Lutten, Alexander Hickland, and Will. Lutten, members of Vestry.

Advertisements.

We hope all our readers look carefully through the advertisements which appear in our Parish Magazine each month. It is extraordinary what a number of things may be found offered for sale in such small spaces as are filled by the advertisements. Look through them and see if you can find in which of the advertisements the following words are to be found—Think, Reliance, Supervision, Italian, Breathing, Poultry, Hands, Date, Unbeaten, Season, Trap, Hobbies, Choice. Each of these words is taken from a different advertisement; get a pencil and underline each word where it occurs.

G. J. S.

The Girls' Friendly Society continues its good work in the Parish and much credit is due to those who so kindly help forward its useful objects. Miss G. Atkinson has gathered together a large number of girls in Edenderry. On alternate Monday nights a Bible Class is taken by one of the Clergy. On Saturdays Miss Connor takes the candidates, and we are glad to know the attendance is very good. In Drumgor Mrs. M'Mullan and Miss Gracey have had very successful gatherings, and in Hacknahay Miss Calvert, with several active helpers, looks well after the girls. There is no more useful organisation in the Church than the Girls' Friendly Society.

Tamnificarbet.

We forgot in our last issue to record a most important meeting, which was held in Tamnificarbet early last month. It took place in the Orange Hall, which was kindly lent for the occasion. The place was crowded with the residents of the district, who heartily joined in the hymns and responses. An address on "The Sower" was given by the Rector (Rev. J. E. Archer). We hope before long to have another meeting in the same place, and we believe it will be attended with the same success.

New Calendar.

A new Calendar has been issued in our Parish Sunday Schools, and has proved very useful.

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