

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

APRIL, 1907.

EASTER.



EASTER is a day of joyful memories. With the disciples of old we look into the empty tomb and the bright angels tell us "He is not here, He is risen." And just as Peter and John ran to bring the good news to the others so should we try to proclaim far and wide the great Easter message that Death with all its gloom and sadness is swallowed up in Victory. Please remember the Easter Services—

8 a.m.—Holy Communion.

11-30 a.m.—Morning Prayer, Sermon and Holy Communion.

3-30 p.m.—Special Children's Service with Distribution of Easter Text Rewards and Church Attendance Certificates.

7 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon.

The Church will be decorated with Easter flowers, an Easter Anthem will be sung, and at the Evening Service we hope to have a Parade of the Church Lads' Brigade.

The children are asked to remember to bring their collecting cards with them to the Afternoon Service. Put the money with the card in the envelope, seal the flap, and when the collecting plate is passed along lay the envelope upon it.

Will all our people bear in mind that the collections at all our services on Easter Day will be given to our Sunday School Funds. Give a liberal Easter offering to this most useful object. We train the children for Christ.

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OUR LENT SERVICES.

The Lent Services have been well attended, and our series of special subjects have proved very helpful. On Sunday mornings the successive petitions in the Lord's Prayer have been brought before our people. Should we not all endeavour to make the praying of this prayer a more real thing than it has been. The present Bishop of Birmingham (Dr Gore) says "The value of prayer, our Lord warns us, is not to be measured by its length, but by the amount of will and intention put into it." On Sunday evenings our special Lent preachers have given us most interesting and profitable discourses on "The Letters to the Seven Churches" in the opening chapters of the Book of the Revelation. These letters are very useful in teaching us the danger of indifference, lukewarmness and spiritual pride. We are sorry to say that in several parts of this Parish there are people who never enter the House of Prayer from year's end to year's end. It would be well for such to remember the solemn rebuke

to the Church of the Laodiceans—"I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot, so then because thou art lukewarm and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth." On March 17th (St. Patrick's Day) the Rev. W. M'Endoo, Rector of Tandragee, preached on the subject of "St. Patrick." It was a most interesting and convincing discourse on the historical basis of the Church of Ireland and its continuity with the Church founded by St. Patrick. On Wednesday evenings a series of sermons has been preached on "The Beatitudes," and the wonderful depth and beauty of our Lord's saying have been brought home to the hearts of our people. During Holy Week service has been held each evening at eight o'clock, and addresses on successive incidents on our Lord's Passion have been given by the Parish Clergy. The following is a list of the subjects—Bethany, The Agony, The Betrayal, The Last Supper, The Cross, The Tomb.

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

We acknowledge with many thanks the receipt of £1 from Mrs Hadden towards our Sunday School Funds.

The Rev Canon Blacker has sent us his usual generous subscriptions towards our Parish agencies, for which we heartily thank him. Choir Fund, £2; Day School, £2; Church Lads' Brigade, £1; Sunday Schools, £5; Reading Room, £1; Protestant Orphan Society, £3 3s.

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CHURCH ATTENDANCE.

After a careful examination of the Church Attendance Cards for the three quarters ending Dec 31st, 1906, it has been found that the following children have not missed a single service—78 in all:—

Seagoe—Victor Walker, Ellen J. England, Thomas England, Nicholas England. *Edenderry*—Margaret Hawthorne.

The following attended over 70:—Lena Best, Amelia J. M'Cormick, Maggie Smith, Annie Smith, Alfred Richardson, Isabella Magee, Lily Magee, Minnie Atkinson, Susan Allen, Maud Dickson, James Porter, Maggie Lewie, Eliza J. Martin, Maggie Martin, William Walker.

This is highly creditable to these children, and a large share of praise is also due to their parents for thus realizing their duty to their children in training them up in the way they should go. It is a noble example which might well be followed by every parent in the Parish, and we hope for even better results next year. We feel sure that the love for the services of their Church instilled so early into these children will have a good effect on the whole of their after life.

EASTER TEXT COMPETITION.

The result of this competition was very satisfactory. The children entered into it with spirit. A large number of Cards were sent in—about 216. The texts were well chosen, and the writing showed a good deal of care and neatness, Drumgor and Levaghery being on the whole perhaps the best.

PRIZE WINNERS.

Seagoe—Maud Dickson. *Edenderry*—Louisa Montgomery. *Carne*—Herbert Murray. *Drumgor*—Annie Quaile. *Hacknahay*—Sophia M'Murray. *Levaghery*—Margaret Bradshaw.

HIGHLY COMMENDED—James Bradshaw, Rachel England, Sarah Quaile, Sarah Archer, Margaret Lewie, Bertie Holland, Ellie Twinem, S. J. Price, Adelaide Murray, Robert Maginnis, Anna M. Gracey.

Miss Louisa Montgomery has been awarded a special prize for the best Card sent in.

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OFFERTORIES FOR MARCH. (4 Sundays).

	Morning.			Evening.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Mar. 3—3rd Sunday in Lent	1	6	0			
„ „—	0	6	8	0	14	7
„ 10—4th „ „	1	2	9	0	12	6
„ 17—5th „ „	1	1	5	0	15	5
„ 24—Sun. next bef. Easter	1	2	7	0	16	0
Week Nights				0	15	7
	£4 19 5			£3 14 1		

Baptisms.

“Suffer the little children to come unto Me.”

- Mar. 2nd—William John, son of Wm. J. and Lucy M'Donald, Ballyhannon.
- „ „ Donald Henry, son of Wm. H. and Annie Stevenson, Edenderry.
- „ „ Herbert, son of Wm. H. and Phoebe M'Cann, Edenderry.
- „ „ William James, son of Alexander and Rebecca Dickson, Edenderry.
- „ „ William, son of Richard and Jane Elliott, Ballyhannon.
- „ „ John Atkinson, son of John and Letitia Walker, Drumnagoon.

Marriages.

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

- Mar. 16th—William Livingston, Edenderry, to Martha Hyde, Edenderry.
- „ 19th—Samuel Metcalfe, Glasgow, to Eliza Malcolmson, Edenderry.
- „ 25th—Robert Bullick, Derryadd, to Emily Cordy, Tarson.

Burials.

“Here we have no continuing city.”

- Mar. 11th—Mary Anne Joyce, Levaghery, aged 80.
- „ 25th—Eliza M'Kee, Kernan, aged 71.
- „ 27th—Mary Boyce, Bocombra, aged 32.

EDENDERRY BAND OF HOPE.

The usual meeting of this Branch was even more successful than the previous ones both in interest and attendance. In the unavoidable absence of the Rector, the chair was taken by Rev. J. Taylor, who introduced an excellent programme; the best item of which was at the beginning, when over seventy young people came up to the platform and publicly showed their willingness to be on the side of temperance by receiving the pledge. Items were contributed by Sarah Martin, Alfred Richardson, Jimmy Livingston, and D. Murray. A piece, specially composed for the occasion by Miss Armstrong, was given by her and eight little girls. A dialogue was well rendered by Maggie Smyth, Minnie Atkinson, Susan Allen, R. Montgomery, and W. J. Currie. A splendid address was given by Rev. F. J. Halahan, Rector of Drumree, in which he urged the young men to indulge in manly pastimes, but warned them against adjourning to the public-house when they were over. Much credit is due to Miss Armstrong for the success of the meeting, especially for her efforts in inducing such a large number to sign the pledge.

PRESENTATIONS TO MR. W. REID.

At the temperance meeting on March 7th several presentations were publicly made to Mr Willie Reid previous to his departure to America. They consisted of a fountain pen from the officers of the C.L.B., a handsome Gladstone bag from the members of the Men's Bible Class, and a Bible from Miss Armstrong. The Rector, who had just arrived, in a few well-chosen words, spoke of the help Mr Reid had been in the Parish as Lieutenant of the C.L.B., as Treasurer of the Bible Class, and as being so diligent in his attendance at the Parish Church. He also expressed the deep regret all felt at his departure from among them, and earnestly wished him every success in his future career.

DRUMGOR TEMPERANCE MEETING.

A meeting to inaugurate this Branch was held on Friday, March 15th. The Rector took the chair and gave the address. Miss K M'Mullan sang two temperance songs in good style; Mr Taylor gave a reading, and songs, recitations, and dialogues were given by a large number of helpers from Edenderry, amongst whom were J. J. Forsythe, E Holland, J. Shanks, W. Best, A. Steenson, D. Livingston, D. Webb, W. Firth, A. Richardson, J. Livingston, and D. Irwin. The attendance was very fair, and a large number put their names down for a pledge. It is gratifying to know that our Temperance Organisation, although very recently started, is now one of the strongest in the Diocese,

**QUESTIONS ON THE SUNDAY SCHOOL
LESSONS FOR APRIL.**

APRIL 7th

MORNING—Joshua xiv.—1. What was the Levites' inheritance? 2. What promise made by Moses to Caleb on a certain occasion was remembered when the land was being divided? 3. What age was Caleb when the promise was made and at its fulfilment? 4. What possession did Caleb get? 5. How was its original name derived? 6. God made an exception of Caleb: what was the exception?

EVENING—S. Luke viii, 41-56—1. What request did Jairus make of Christ? 2. What miracle did He perform on the way to the ruler's house? 3. What reply did the disciples make when Christ asked who touched Him? 4. How did our Lord reassure the woman? 5. "And they laughed Him to scorn," on what occasion? 6. On what occasions do we read of Christ taking Peter, James and John with Him?

APRIL 14th

MORNING—Joshua xv, 13-19, xx—Othniel—Cities of Refuge. 1. Name the sons of Anak? 2. How did Othniel obtain his inheritance? 3. Give its name and the name of his wife? 4. For what purpose were the cities of refuge appointed? 5. Give their names? 6. In what tribes were they situated?

EVENING—S. Mark v., 25-34—A Touch—1. Point out some differences in the records of S.S. Mark and Luke regarding these two miracles? 2. What were the various means used by Christ in His miracles of healing? 3. What Aramaic words were used by our Lord at the raising of Jairus' daughter? 4. "Twelve years": in connection with what miracles is this period of time mentioned? 5. Christ gave two commands after the latter miracle?

APRIL 21st

MORNING—Joshua xvii, 1-20—Altar of Testimony—1. What command did Joshua give to the two tribes and a half on their return to the East of Jordan after the land was divided? 2. What altar was built on the borders of Jordan? 3. What did this give rise to? 4. Who acted as peacemakers on the occasion? 5. "Is the iniquity of Peor too little for us": when were these words spoken? 6. Whose sins did the tribes call to mind?

EVENING—S. John vi, 5-14—Bread—1. How did our Lord prove Philip? 2. What reply did Philip make? 3. What was St. Andrew's suggestion? 4. What remark is peculiar to S. John in the account of the feeding of the five thousand? 5. What two lessons did Christ teach us in the eleventh and twelfth verses? 6. How much was left after they had finished? 7. "This is of a truth that prophet that should come into the world": after what miracle were these words spoken?

APRIL 28th

MORNING—Joshua xvii, 21-34—Breach healed—1. For what purpose was the altar erected beside Jordan?

2. "Ye have no part in the Lord": who said these words? 3. In what words did Phineas address the two tribes and a half? 4. Name of the altar and meaning? 5. What was the first occasion on which the tribes were about to go to war amongst themselves?

EVENING—S. Matthew xiv, 22-33—A spirit—1. At what time of the night did our Lord appear on the water? 2. What words of the disciples showed their superstition? 3. What bold act was S. Peter guilty of? 4. Why did he sink? 5. "Of a truth Thou art the Son of God": when were these words spoken? 6. On what occasion do we read of Christ saying "It is I, be not afraid"?

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QUESTIONS ON THE COLLECTS.

1 S. after Easter—1. For what object did Jesus die and rise again? 2. What is sin called in this Collect? 3. What does it hinder us from doing?

2 S. after Easter.—1. What two things is Christ to us? 2. What is "His inestimable benefit"? 3. What should we do day by day?

3 S. after Easter.—1. Who are "in error"? 2. How are we admitted into the fellowship of Christ's Religion? 3. What does that Religion require of those who are admitted?

4 S after Easter—1. Mention one of God's prerogatives? 2. What should we set our "wills and affections" to do? 3. What will be the result?

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ON A VOYAGE.

[We give here some extracts from a letter written by a Seagoer boy (George Porter), who is now on a voyage to Rockhampton, Australia].

On board R.M.S. "Omrah," off Port Said, Feb. 21st.—It was pretty rough all day. This morning and up to dinner-time, every minute or two a big monster wave would roll up sweeping the deck. I laughed this morning at a couple of fellows. They got their deck chairs and sat down brave and close to the rails at the edge—they were just too clever—they lit their cigars, threw their rugs over them, and started to read. They had not read many minutes till the ship gave a roll to one side and a big salt wave taking them unawares dashed up and drenched them to the skin, cigars and all. But the waves don't keep the ship back from ploughing on over 300 miles a day.

March 3rd.—We came through the Red Sea after we left Suez. It is a ten days' journey from Suez to Colombo in the wide ocean. We are now in the Indian Ocean and shall be in Colombo early tomorrow morning, if all goes well. After we leave Colombo we start again for Freemantle, that takes ten days more, and after Freemantle, Adelaide, Melbourne, Sydney, and then Brisbane. We have very hot weather now. The coolest place on the ship is the fore-castle, or front of the ship, where there is always a nice cool breeze blowing. At

12 o'clock in the middle of the day we have the sun straight above our heads, and at night the moon the same, and the sea just like a big sheet of glass. You must excuse this bad writing, as the wind is blowing it about. I am tired watching the flying fish. Sometimes there would be a shoal of about a hundred or may be more. They would rise from the front of the ship like a swarm of sparrows in a cornfield. There are big long fish they call Devil Fish as well as plenty of Sharks. The Flying Fish do not seem larger than a good herring. Sometimes you could see the big Dolphin pop his head out of the water and make a spring at a little Flying Fish.

(We think these letters are very interesting and they are written by a boy of 16. We wish our young voyager much prosperity in his new home).

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OLD SEAGOE NOTES.

We continue some further particulars this month regarding the Old Church of Seagoe—One of the most interesting mural monuments in the Old Church was the oval marble tablet erected to the memory of the Rev. Richard Buckby (an ancestor of our respected parishioner, Mr. W. R. Atkinson) who was Vicar of Seagoe for 33 years. This monument was transferred to the present Church when the Old Church ceased to be used for worship. In the Old Church it was placed on the wall above the pew reserved for the Rector of the Parish on the north side of the chancel. Before the restoration of the present Church by the late Dean Dawson, it occupied a position to the right of the reading desk. It is now to be seen immediately above the west door of the Church. It bears the following inscription—“Sacred to the memory of the Rev. Richard Buckby, who departed this life January 18th, 1796, aged 72 years. Late Vicar of the Parish of Seagoe 33 years. A sincere friend to the family drops a tear of sorrow at the departure of the above worthy and honourable character.” The latter part of this inscription beginning “A sincere friend, etc.” with the permission of Mr. Buckby’s family, was added by the Rev. Geo. Blacker, his successor in the vicarage.

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Next month we hope to give a short sketch of the history of the Old Church from the year 1816 up to the present day, as well as some further notes referring to the Rev. George Blacker.

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An excellent Picture Postcard of Old Seagoe Church is now on sale in the town.

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ITEMS.

We would earnestly urge upon the parents to secure the Parish Magazine, and to see that their children know the answers to the Scripture Questions printed therein before going to Sunday School.

We hope to have the next Temperance Meeting in the Parochial Hall on Friday, April 12th. It will take the form of a dialogue entitled “An Unexpected Convert.”

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Several interesting speeches are promised from temperance orators of both sexes.

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We take the following from the “Portadown Express” :—“A Temperance Meeting in connection with Drumcree Parish was held in the Parochial Hall, on March 19th, to inaugurate a Branch of the Church of Ireland Temperance Society. An excellent programme was provided to which a splendid contingent of temperance workers from the Parish of Seagoe under the care of Rev. J. Taylor, largely contributed in both songs and dialogues, and an address was given by Rev. J. Taylor.

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The band on the occasion consisted of Messrs. D. Murray, E. Holland, W. Best, Isaiah Shanks, A. Steenson, D. Livingston and Victor Irwin.

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At the meetings held in Carne and Levaghery the name of Mr. D. Livingston was accidentally omitted. We regret the omission, as he has rendered valuable assistance at the various entertainments held in the Parish during the winter.

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The Annual Easter Vestry will be held on Thursday, April 4th, in Seagoe School at 7-30. We look for a large attendance of the men of the Parish.

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Mr. William Hamilton, of Seagoe, who has for 51 years (a splendid record), been a Teacher in Seagoe Sunday School has, we are sorry to hear, been ill with influenza.

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We heartily congratulate the Clergy and Parishioners of Drumcree on the splendid services at the Dedication of the New Organ. The Clergy of Seagoe and many of our Seagoe folk were present.

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Messrs A. Murray, T.C.D., and J. J. Forsyth have been conducting most successful cottage services through the Parish.

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The Rector hopes to have the services of a Church Army Captain for special mission work in the Parish during May and June.

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This is the time of seed-sowing. Read the whole page advertisement inserted by M'Gredy & Son in our issue this month.

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Miss Margaretta Atkinson’s Sunday School Class has subscribed 16/6 to Medical Missions this year.