

# Seagoe Parish Magazine.

APRIL, 1926.

## CLERGY :

Rev. Canon Archer, B.D., The Rectory, Seagoe, Portadown.

Rev. R. W. Johnston, L.Th., 51 William Street Portadown.

## CHURCHWARDENS :

Mr. Robert Price (Rector's).

Mr. Thomas Martin (People's).

## Easter Day Services.

On Easter Day the following services will be held (p.v.) in the Parish Church.

8 a.m.—Holy Communion.

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

7 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon.

The offerings at all the services will be given to the Parochial Sunday School Fund.

How bright and happy is the Easter Festival! The gloom of Good Friday has passed away and the early morning sun of the Resurrection Day carries to every heart the message of Light and Life. So great a gift demands a great act of worship, and we will keep the Feast by a reverent partaking of the Sacrament of His Body and Blood. If possible, while Easter Day is yet young, in the early morning hour we will make our way to the Parish Church and there satisfy our souls with the Bread of Life Divine.

## The Coming Census.

A Census will be taken in Northern Ireland on April 18th. It is most important that all Church people, when entering their Religious denomination should write in "Church of Ireland." This is our legal and historic title and the proper description of our Church membership.

## The Easter Vestry.

The Annual Easter Vestry will be held (p.v.) on Thursday, April 8th, at 8 p.m., in Seagoe School. The members of the General Vestry are being invited by circular to attend this important meeting. The Easter General Vestry elects the People's Churchwarden, the Select Vestry for the ensuing year, and the sidesmen. A statement of the Parish Accounts for the past year is made by the Hon. Treasurer. It is the duty of each member of the General Vestry to be present at the Easter Vestry.

## Important.

Those who have not yet sent in their Almanac and Magazine returns for 1925 are asked to do so without further delay so that the accounts may be closed.

## The Age of the Magazine.

A reader has pointed out to us that the Magazine is a year older than we represent ourselves to be on the cover. We are now in our 21st year instead of our 20th. Although our years increase we are glad to know that our circulation does not decrease. Every copy of last month's issue was sold the day after it was published.

## Seagoe Air-Gun League.

A most enjoyable evening was spent by the men of Seagoe in the Parochial Hall on Saturday, March 20th. The occasion was the visit of a crack team of air-gun shooters from Belfast, who most kindly came down for a friendly competition with the Seagoe Air Gun League. Targets had been erected in the Hall, and the ranges carefully marked. The Belfast men arrived about 7-30, having travelled from Belfast in two buses. They were 25 in number, and the team consisted of eight men. The match was closely contested, and the shooting on both sides was very even and accurate. The names of the teams with their scores were as follows:—

**Belfast**—J. Gracey, 66; J. Wilkinson, 65; H. Girvan, 65; T. Corry, 64; D. Adgey, 61; T. Murphy 66; R. Fisher, 64; J. Phillips, 68. Total, 519.

**Seagoe**—W. Hewitt, 64; T. McCabe, 59; J. Wilson, 59; M. Hewitt, 60; T. Carvill, 59; H. Kane, 61; S. Rainey, 62; V. Carvill, 61. Total, 486. The shooting of the Seagoe men was very good and deserved the commendation bestowed on it by Mr. Murphy, the President of the I.A.G.A., who was present. The visiting team were entertained to refreshments, and at the close of the match the Rector expressed the thanks of the Seagoe men to the visitors. Mr. Murphy replied, and congratulated the Seagoe League on their good shooting.

## Drumgor Sale of Work.

The Sale of Work which had been announced for the Tuesday in Easter Week has been postponed until Saturday, May 15th. The Sale will open at 3 p.m. on that day. A large band of workers has been enrolled, and collecting books have been issued. We ask for the liberal support of this effort by our parishioners. Drumgor deserves to be helped, for it has already helped itself. The proceeds of the Sale are to pay off the balance of the debt still remaining after the recent renovation of the Hall. This is a very worthy object. Drumgor Church Hall is now one of the finest of our country centres and is fulfilling a most useful work.



**Congratulations.**

We heartily congratulate the Rev. G. W. Millington, Rector of Annaghmore, on his appointment as Rector of St. Mark's, Portadown. Mr. Millington is not unknown to us in Seagoe, and always receives a hearty welcome when he comes among us. He was very popular when Curate of Donacloney, and also when Curate of St. Mark's. We wish him God-speed in the onerous task to which he has been called. The Parishes of Seagoe and St. Mark's have always been on close and friendly terms, and we are quite sure the same happy relationship will continue in the future as in the past.

**A New Zealand Wedding.**

We offer our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. James Gracey on their marriage. Mr. Gracey is a son of Mr. W. J. Gracey, of Drumgor, and sailed for New Zealand a few years ago. He distinguished himself greatly in the War and was awarded the D.C.M. for conspicuous bravery. The following notice of his marriage is taken from a New Zealand paper:—"The wedding was recently solemnised at St. Paul's Pro-Cathedral, by the Ven. Archdeacon Johnson, of James Gracey, second son of W. J. Gracey, Lurgan, Ireland, to Pretoria, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Wright, of Island Bay. The bride was in a dainty gown of pale blue georgette, knife pleated, and with a trimming of silver leaves, her veil was of pale blue tulle with a coronet of silver leaves and orange blossoms, and her shower bouquet was of pink luculias and carnations. The bridesmaid, Miss R. V. Wright, wore a pretty frock of pale pink marocain, also trimmed with silver leaves. Her mob cap was of silver tissue, and her bouquet of abritelons and autumn leaves. The man was Mr. Andrew Johnston of Wellington. After the ceremony a very pleasant reception was held at Miss Marris's studio. Later the bride and bridegroom left for Rotorua and Auckland. The bride travelled in cinnamon brown with hat to match.

**Our Emigrants.**

During the past month several of our parishioners have emigrated. Some go to the States, some to Canada, and some to Australia. We regret to lose them from among us and yet the prospects in a new country seem brighter than in the old. On Tuesday, March 9, a social gathering was held in Drumgor Church Hall to bid farewell to Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Robinson and their five children, who have emigrated to Winnipeg. All the Sunday School teachers and children were present, and also the members of the girls' choir. After tea a succession of games was played. At a break in the programme, the Rector expressed the regret felt by the people of Drumgor at the approaching departure of the Robinson family, who had always taken a great interest in Parish work in that district. He presented them, on behalf of the Sunday Schools, with a leather travelling bag. Mr. Robinson suitably replied. Mr. Moses Gilpin and Mr. Hopps also spoke.

Mr. and Mrs. Robinson and their family sailed in the "Alaunia" for Canada on Saturday, March 27th. James Rea, of Balteagh, sailed on the same boat. The Rector will be glad to give a letter of commendation to anyone intending to emigrate who applies to him. He hopes also that those who emigrate will, without, delay on their arrival in the new country, make themselves known to the resident Rector.

**Parish Register for March.  
Baptisms.**

**Watson**—March 6th, Ivy Maud, daughter of Robert and Ethel Elizabeth Watson, of Edenderry.

*Sponsors*—Sarah M'Broom, Ethel Elizabeth Watson.

**Simpson**—March 31st, Hannah Daphne, daughter of William and Deborah Maria Simpson, of Kilvergan.

*Sponsors*—Isabel Simpson, Margery Russell.

**Marriage.**

**Gracey and Wright**—July 1st, 1925, at St. Paul's Pro-Cathedral, New Zealand, James Gracey, D.C.M., formerly of Drumgor, to Pretoria, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Wright, of Island Bay, New Zealand.

**Burial.**

**Colvin**—March 6th, Dorothy Colvin, of Drumcanvey, aged 6 months.

**Mothers' Union.**

The usual monthly meeting will not be held this month, but instead of it the members will attend a service in the Parish Church on the Wednesday in Easter Week, April 7th, at 8 p.m. All the members are invited to be present.

**Jews' Society.**

The following is a list of the boxes, with the amounts which they contained, for the Society for Promoting Christianity among the Jews. Miss Halliday acts as Hon. Secretary.

Miss Nora Montgomery	...	... £1 5 0
Mrs. Rennix	...	... 0 18 6
Mrs. Vance	...	... 0 10 0
Miss Nannie Hynes	...	... 0 10 0
Miss Woolsey	...	... 0 8 0
Miss Gretta Atkinson	...	... 0 9 5
Miss Woolsey	...	... 0 8 0
Miss Charlotte Allen	...	... 0 6 7
Mrs. Robert Magee	...	... 0 5 0
Mrs. Flannigan	...	... 0 4 0
Miss Florrie Hynes	...	... 0 3 6
Mrs. Best	...	... 0 2 2
Miss Lily M'Kerr	...	... 0 2 6
Miss Amy Cox	...	... 0 2 2
Miss Violet Fox	...	... 0 1 10
Miss S. Halliday	...	... 1 10 0
Miss Clara Kirby	...	... 0 3 0
Miss Lily Morton	...	... 0 2 6
Subscriptions—Miss Armstrong	...	... 2 0 0
Miss E. Halliday	...	... 0 10 0

Total

£9 17 8



**ITEMS.**

Summer Time begins this year on Sunday, April 18th.

Sarah Wilson has attended Hacknahay Sunday School for 4 years without missing a Sunday.

Sam Magee has very kindly presented a gold medal for air-gun competition in the Men's Recreation Room, Edenderry. It has led to a series of very keen and closely contested matches.

Mr. Wm. Reid, of Lower Seagoe has arrived home from Florida and Pittsburg, U.S.A.

Canon Moeran has been appointed Rector of the Parish of Ballymascanlan, near Dundalk. We will miss him greatly from Portadown, to which he came from Cookstown in 1914. He has been very popular here and has done good work for the Church.

**Our Advertisements.**

We would direct attention to the new advertisements which fill our advertising columns, and we invite the generous patronage of our readers for the firms which advertise in the Magazine. Each copy of the Magazine costs 4d, but we are able to sell it at 2d, because of the sums received for advertisements. At least one subscriber to the Magazine reads all the advertisements through each month. Try it yourself.

**Old Seagoe Notes.**

**A Temperance Tract by Miss Christine Saurin.—**

[Miss Christine Saurin was the younger daughter of Archdeacon Saurin. She married Dr. Stewart, of Portadown. She was much interested in Temperance work, and the following extract is taken from a tract on the subject written by her some 50 years ago. It was printed by Wm. Brown, Steam Printer, 63 Ann St., Belfast. Miss Saurin wrote in a vigorous and impressive style. We are indebted to Mrs. S. Hall, of Upper Seagoe, for the loan of the tract.]

From every example of intemperance we may learn three important lessons. First, hear the inspired words of Holy Writ, "Drunkards shall not inherit the Kingdom of God." Oh! then, avoid the public-houses, how much precious time is wasted there! how much money is wasted there! how many a precious soul is wasted there! how many a body which should be the temple of the Holy Ghost is wasted there! how many a one can trace their first step downhill to their first entrance into a public-house. Hear, too, what the wise man says: "Be not among wine-bibbers, for the drunkard shall come to poverty." Do we not see it verified in many a family. Oh- flee from a public-house as you would from a viper, flee ere you be caught in the snare and it is too late. And methinks the next lesson is to fathers and mothers. To them it seems to say: "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it."

Habits are like lessons learnt in youth; they are not easily forgotten in old age. Train your child then not only to be a useful member of society but as a member of Christ, a child of God, and an inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven should be trained. Remember your child is but a loan, lent to you by the Lord. To each parent He seems to say: "Take this child away and nurse it for Me, and I will give thee thy wages. Remember the responsibility that rests upon you, for you have an immortal soul to train, either for everlasting happiness or everlasting misery.

**Miss Saurin's Advice to Sunday School Teachers.—**

To Sunday School Teachers methinks there is a solemn warning in the prevalence of drunkenness. I once heard the question asked: "When should a child's education commence?" and the answer was, "The day it is born," an answer fraught with meaning as if not an hour should be lost with an immortal soul. Teachers! Be diligent in season and out of season, in the morning sow thy seed and in the evening withhold not thy hand; for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good. Remember that you have a heavy responsibility, and that one day you will have to render an account of those little ones. All does not certainly lie in your hands, but much, very much may be done by you to fortify them for the trials and temptations of the ensuing week. Then work diligently, above all work prayerfully. Ask God for Jesus Christ's sake to be pleased to put into your heart what you ought to say, to help you to say it and to bless it when it is said. Look after any stray ones during the week; let them see that their teacher takes an interest in them and then they will take an interest in the teacher and the teaching. Visit them if they are sick; strive to comfort them if they are in sorrow; let them think of you as a friend and then you may hope to lead them to look on the Friend of Sinners. Work cheerfully, too, for God loveth a cheerful giver, and having put your hand to the plough, look not back; you are now a labourer in the vineyard, and whatever is right the Master will give you.

**Ten Years Ago.**

(Being extracts from the War Diary of the late Pte. Herbert M. Murray, P.P.C.L.I. Continued from our issue of October, 1925.)

**Tuesday, April 18th, 1916**—Nothing to do in day-time. Evening warned for "Covering Party.-" Went out in front of barbed wire in party of threes and lay down in mud for four hours, while pioneers dug trench. Four bombs each. Rain came down in torrents. Relieved about 1 o'clock, and came back to dug-outs at Zillebec Lake. Got to bed about 3 a.m.

**Wednesday, April 19th**—Got up about 11 o'clock and cleaned up a little. Huns shelled our dug-outs and wounded Sam Read and also one of 42nd. Heavy bombardment by our guns towards St. Eloi. Fell in for fatigue at 7-30, digging a trench at Batta-



lion Headquarters. Weather wet. Returned about 1 a.m.

**Thursday, April 20th**—Nothing to do but bum around till we were relieved by the 60th Batt. About 10 o'clock p.m. started off and marched to Ouderdom Huts and arrived about 2 a.m. Got our breakfasts and went to bed.

**Friday, April 21st, (Good Friday)**—Feeling pretty tired after eight days' spell in the trenches under most trying experiences and conditions. Got up about noon and spent remainder of day resting.

**Saturday, April 22nd**—Raining all night. Morning parade and short talk by Colonel Buller on our behaviour in the trenches. Praised us very highly for our cheerfulness and good spirits under the most trying conditions. Paid 20 francs. Raining all day. Night fatigue. Took buses as far as Ypres Asylum. Walked to Zillebeke Lake Huts. Work cancelled, so returned nothing the worse, after a bad wetting. Got back about 1-30 a.m.

**Sunday, April 23**—Morning did nothing. Afternoon bath, parade to Poperinghe. Allowed an hour and a half to go round town. Bought some souvenirs. Had a pretty good time. Weather dry.

**Tuesday, April 25th**—Woke up at 4 o'clock by machine gun firing at hostile aeroplane over camp, dropped some bombs on R.C.R. camp. Morning parade for one hour, practising saluting, etc.

**Wednesday, April 26th**—Parade at 10-30, company

drill. Working party at night took buses to Ypres Asylum. Marched through Ypres to R.E. Dump. Carried trench fittings up near front line and filled sand-bags for an hour and a half. Returned about 3 o'clock a.m. Weather fine.

**Thursday, April 27th**—Did nothing all day. Went to picture show in evening. Heard of Sam Read's death from wounds received April 19th.

**Saturday, April 29th**—On guard all day. Relieved 6 o'clock. Started off for trenches 7-15. Marched all the way to railway dug-out. Sprained my ankle and had to fall out. Gas attack and heavy bombardment. Had to "stand to" and put on gas helmets. Got to sleep about 4 o'clock. Weather fine and dry.

**Sunday, April 30th**—Got up about 12 o'clock and lay around most of day. Went to see Doctor in evening. Got bandage on my ankle. Heard cuckoo.

**Monday, May 1st**—Nothing to do during day. Evening went on fatigue, building a machine gun emplacement on front line. Huns made an attack on 49th but were successfully repulsed. Got back about 1 a.m.

**Tuesday, May 2nd**—Heavy thunderstorm and rain in afternoon. Night fatigue, building dug-out in 2nd line trench.

**Thursday, May 4th**—Night fatigue, building communication trench. Back about 2 a.m. Exciting experience going through Maple Copse. Machine gun turned on us; narrow escape. Weather fine and very warm.

## 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 Saturday of Month at 3 p.m., and during any Service in the Parish Church. If notice be given; Two Sponsors at least are required, and they must be Confirmed members of the Church. Churchings are held at each Baptism. Mothers are expected to bring a thank-offering. (See Book of Common Prayer.)

**MORNING PRAYER**—Sundays and Chief Festivals 11.30 a.m.

**EVENING PRAYER**—Sundays 7 p.m., Wednesdays 8 p.m.

### DISTRICT SERVICES.

**Hacknahay**—Last Sunday of Month at 3.30 p.m.

**Drumgor**—Second Sunday of Month at 4 p.m.

**MARRIAGES** must be performed between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Licenses are issued by Rev Canon Hannon, 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/- **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

## CLASSES, &c.

**ADULT CLASSES**—Sundays at 10 a.m.

For Men—Edenderry and Seagoe. For Women—Seagoe School.

**SUNDAY SCHOOLS**—10 a.m. Edenderry Parochial Hall and Seagoe School. 3 p.m. Seagoe, Edenderry Parochial Hall, Levaghery, Hacknahay, Carne, Drumgor.

Men's Recreation Room, Bridge St., open every night from 7 p.m.

Seagoe C.L. Brigade in Edenderry Parochial Hall on Tuesdays at 8 p.m.

Mothers' Union, Edenderry 1st Tuesday, at 4 p.m.

**DAY SCHOOL**—Seagoe, 9.30 a.m. Principal—Mr. S. Rennix.



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## CHURCHWARDENS:

Rector's—Mr. James Twinem, Lylo and Edenderry.

People's—Mr. Moses Gilpin, Drumnagoon.

## Appointment.

The Lord Bishop has appointed the Rev. Canon Archer to be Treasurer in the Chapter of Dromore Cathedral. Canon Archer was appointed Prebendary of Dromara in the year 1917. The Rev. P. A. Kelly, M.A., Rector of Scarva, has now been appointed to this latter office.

## Sunday School Excursion.

The annual Sunday School Excursion is looked forward to by our people, young and old, as the event of the year. It is so nice to get away from the dusty streets and familiar country roads and to get to the shore of the great sea and inhale the cool, bracing air from the heather-clad mountains and the glittering sea. The date of the excursion this year has been fixed at a meeting of the Superintendents and Teachers of our Sunday Schools for Thursday, June 17th, and Warrenpoint, as usual, is to be the place of the excursion. We have secured the use of the Town Hall for the two meals, so we will have a roof over our heads if "Seagoe weather" should by any chance fail us. The prices of the tickets and the hours of the trains will be published in our next issue.

## Portadown Musical Festival

This annual event seems to grow more interesting every year. It ought to have a great influence in stimulating interest in musical matters in Portadown and the neighbourhood. Seagoe School, as usual, took an important part in the Festival, and this year competitors were entered not only for the singing but also for the Elocution. In this latter competition the candidates from the School acquitted themselves well. The following are their names:—Isabella Walker, Annie Ruddell, Mamie Coulter, Ethel Brown, Lily Ruddell, Hannah Coulter, Agnes Graham, Ivy Ruddell, Harry Hynes, Willie Robinson. Harry Hynes secured third place and was commended by Miss Fogerty, of London, who acted as Judge. Isa Walker entered in the Senior Girls' competition, and gave, according to the Judge, a "very pretty" rendering of the piece. Two choirs, a Senior and a Junior, entered in the Large Rural School Competition. They both sang very nicely and were loudly applauded by the large audience. After they had sung, Mr. Wiseman, of Edinburgh, the adjudicator, got both choirs to sing over the piece together with fine effect. He awarded the Shield (won now for the fourth time) to the Senior Choir. In making

the award he said—"I heard this song sung lately by a School Choir in Portsmouth. Their vowels were all wrong. With this (Seagoe) Choir the fault is not in the vowels but in the consonants. Be careful not to overstress your consonants. The Junior Choir did not quite get together on the "Be's." They must also feel the song a little more. They were a little late in starting, but they did not quite "bete" together. The tone was good in the soft passages, but a little thin in the loud parts." The Senior Choir, which sang second, was awarded the Shield. Of its work Mr. Wiseman said—"They had nice flowing rhythm, but lacked shape in the phrasing. They were a little thin in some parts but had a beautiful touch." The marks gained by the Senior Choir were (86 and 83) 169, and by the Junior Choir (80 and 78) 158. Mr. Wiseman paid a special compliment to Miss Green (Mrs. Rennix's sister) who accompanied the Choirs on the piano. He had seldom heard such a fine accompaniment. We congratulate Mr. Rennix on the success attained by the children in Elocution and in Choir Singing at the Festival. Seagoe has set an example to all the surrounding Schools. The names of the children who sang in the Choirs are as follows.—Senior Choir—Frank Jones, Ernest Guy, James Allen, Israel M'Cready, Robert White, Samuel Watson, Harold M'Loughlin, Willie Robinson, Fred Walker, Harry Hynes, Ethel Brown, Lily Ruddell, Elsie Dunlop, Maggie Duke, Hannah Coulter, Agnes Graham, Annie Ruddell, Ivy Ruddell, Mamie Coulter, Isabella Walker, Olive Guy.

Junior Choir—Agnes Killops, Myrtle Brown, Doris Livingston, Sadie Harra, Isabella Freeburn, May Vennard, Evelyn Glassey, Emma Walker, Sophia Porter, Florrie Forsythe, Maggie Ruddell, Dinah M'Cabe, Eileen Dunlop, Florrie Hynes, Janie Liggett, Olive Coulter, Lizzie Major, May Jones, Jack Allen, David Porter, Herbert Killops, Alex. Ruddell, David Guy.

A feature of the competition was the neat appearance of the children. The girls all wore the School monogram, S.P.E.S., embroidered on their dress. "Spes" is, we remember, the Latin word for "Hope," and so the initials of Seagoe Public Elementary School provide us with an appropriate motto, "Hope." We thank the parents very much for the care they took in turning out their children so neatly.

## Alan Bell Fund.

The distribution of the Alan Bell Fund was made by the Rector and Churchwardens at Easter. £25 was distributed in gifts to 38 parishioners. The object of the Fund is to give assistance (1) to families where there are young children none of whom are yet of age to work, (2) to elderly people who are in infirm health but who are not yet eligible for the Old-Age Pension. Special consideration will be given to those who are regular in attendance at the Parish Church.



**Change of Address.**

The Rev. R. W. Johnston has left his former address. His new address is—21 Edward Street.

**Men's Recreation Room**

Now that summer time has come the Room is more or less deserted. We have had a splendid winter session, and the room has been fully availed of by the members. The competition for the gold medal presented by Mr. Samuel Magee resulted in a win for William Hewitt, one of our crack shots. The League competition, unfortunately, came to an uncertain conclusion owing to some of the teams dropping out.

**Our Emigrants**

Again, this month we record the departure of others from our midst to seek a home in far-off lands. On Monday, April 12th, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Collins, of Bright Street, with their 5 young children, left for Auckland, New Zealand. The Mothers' Union presented Mrs. Collins with a comfortable travelling rug on the occasion of her leaving. The Collins family had a very pleasant cross-Channel passage. They are now far out at sea on an Eastern liner. Mr. and Mrs. Robinson and family, who left in March for Winnipeg, had a rough crossing and suffered from sea-sickness. The passengers were only allowed up on deck the last day of the voyage. Gus Wallace, of Goban Street, has sailed on the s.s. Largs Castle for Melbourne, Australia, under the Big Brother scheme of emigration. The Rector will be glad to give intending emigrants a letter of introduction for use in their new home beyond the seas.

**Death of Mr. McGredy**

We regret to record the death of Mr. McGredy, of Portadown. He has made the name of Portadown famous for its Roses. His skill in producing new Roses, which won the admiration of the world, was quite remarkable. He never advertised himself, but his Roses have carried the fragrance of Portadown to the farthest ends of the earth. Portadown seems never to have quite realised what a famous rose-grower was living in their midst. For grace, fragrance, shape and colour nothing surpasses the Rose. It has been rightly named the "Queen of Flowers."

**ITEMS.**

We regret there were some errors in the names of the Jews' Society Boxes in our last issue. We will correct them in our next issue.

A very pleasant Choir Social was held in Seagoe School on last Thursday to welcome the Messrs. Robb and Miss Robb, of Kernan, who have recently come to reside in the Parish from Glasgow.

Please bring your envelope with you to Church each Sunday. The regular giver is the best giver.

**Men's Recreation Room**

The following is a general statement of the accounts of the Recreation Room from Oct. 1st, 1925, to April 17th, 1926:—Receipts from all sources, £34 8s 11d; expenditure, £33 8s 0d; accounts not yet paid, £3 12s 3d; Rent and rates for six months, Oct. 1st

to March 31st, £7 13s 10d. There is therefore an adverse balance on the Room of £10 2s 2d. An effort is about to be made to raise this amount and also a sum sufficient to cover the rent and rates for the summer half-year. A great many expenses which were necessary (purchase of guns, etc.) this year will not occur next year. If any parishioners who recognise the good work accomplished by the room last winter will send the Rector a subscription it will be thankfully acknowledged.

**Drumgor Church Hall  
SALE OF WORK—SATURDAY, MAY 15th.**

This important event will (d.v.) take place at Drumgor (half-way to Lurgan, on the Lurgan Road) on Saturday, May 15th. The Sale will open at 3 p.m. There will be stalls of various kinds in the Hall, as well as many varied amusements, also music and refreshments. Buses pass the door frequently. Drumgor is very prettily situated and the views from the windows of the Hall are very attractive. It is an ideal place in which to spend a Saturday afternoon. Gifts for the sale will be gladly and thankfully received by any of the following—Miss Agnes Guy, Lower Seagoe; Miss Wilson, L.L.R.C.M., Knockmena; Mr. Thos. Hopps, Balteagh; Miss Mabel Dickson, Tammifglasson; Mr. Moses Gilpin, Drumna-goon. The object of the sale is to free the Hall and School from a debt which rests upon it. The Sale will remain open until 10 p.m.

**Seagoe in Australia**

John Gracey, of Carrickblacker Road, who recently went to Australia under the Big Brother scheme, writes home as follows:—

New South Wales, Australia.

I am doing well here and I can get along splendidly with the Australians and the Aborigines. They are good fellows when you get a good one. They are very big, with a shiny black complexion, and their chief occupation about here is hunting rabbits and hares. As you know, the rabbits are a pest here; they eat all the farmers' wheat crops. I am about 5ft. 7in. and 36in. round the chest. I milk a good few cows here. The weather here is very hot and dry. On Sundays and Saturdays I swim in the River Macquarrie; it runs through our paddock or field. I suppose you will see my horse before you get this letter. I sent its photo on to mother. When you come I hope to have a number of them. How are all the boys at home? The wording of this letter isn't very good, but I know Mr. Jamison is not going to correct it, and I think you will be able to understand it. I think this is all.

**Seagoe Mothers' Union**

The next meeting of the Mother's Union will be held (d.v.) in Seagoe School on Monday (please note the day), May 3rd, at 7-30 p.m. Mrs. Heney has kindly consented to give an address to the members. We hope there will be a large attendance. Seagoe School is very nice at this season of the year, surrounded as it is by trees and fields, and makes an ideal meeting place for Parish gatherings.



**The Easter Vestry**

The Easter Vestry was held in Seagoe School on Thursday, April 8th, at 8 p.m. There was a fair attendance of the General Vestry. The Rector presided, and the following appointments were made:—

**CHURCHWARDENS:**

Rector's—Mr. James Twinem, Lylo and Edenderry.  
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**SELECT VESTRY:**

Mr. W. H. England,	Miss N. Montgomery,
„ Robt. Price,	Mr. T. E. Maginnis,
„ Hugh Stoops,	„ Isaac Dickson,
Miss I. Atkinson,	„ J. E. Lavery,
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**Seagoe in Connecticut**

Mrs. David Johnston, of Carrickblacker Road, who emigrated to the States a year ago, has sent the following interesting letter to the Rector:—

Dear Canon Archer,—I received your welcome letter all right and was delighted to get it. I also thank you for your kind letter sent to the Bishop. The Rector came to see us. I was down at South Manchester from Good Friday to Easter Sunday night, and went to the Church there. Its

**More Like Home.**

I was at home in it, and I am sending you a leaflet I got in it to let you see it. I have our Church Hymnal here, and we play the piano and sing our hymns. I just think I am in Seagoe. I never will forget it, and I always wish to be a member of my old Church, which is always dear to my heart. I often think of the Mothers' Union and the helpful meetings to me I will never forget. I am glad to see by your letter that it is still going on well. To let you know how we are getting on after one year here, I must say God has blessed us wonderfully since. When we got on board the boat on Sunday morning we had breakfast, and then when I was going up on deck I saw there was to be

**A Church Service.**

I went to it. The Captain held it, and it was lovely. I may tell you that all are working and John goes to High School, and as for little David, he has got very tall. My husband is working at his own work and doing well. I hope, if God spares me, to go home to visit the old homeland again. This place is not as big as Portadown. It has a great carpet mill in it and employs between three and four thousand hands, so you will have an idea of the size of it. There is

**A Darkie Church**

a short distance from here. I have seen them going to it. There are a lot of foreigners here. Some of them cannot speak English, and they sign to you. Now, Canon, I think I have told you all particulars. I may tell you, my son, Sarauel bought me a radio for Christmas, and we have some nice Church services on it when we can pick England up. I shall always think of dear old Seagoe. I see there is a lot of changes around, as I get the Magazine every month. I pass it on to another Portadown woman, a sister of Mr. Logan who has the ropeworks in Edgarstown. She comes to see me and we talk all about home. I hope Seagoe is still going on well. With kind regards from your old parishioner,

A. JOHNSTON.

**Old Seagoe Notes.**

**An Act of Seagoe Vestry, 1683.**—[This extract from the Vestry Books of Seagoe is one of the oldest. It is almost 250 years since it was written.] Whereas Oliver St. John, of Tandragee, in the County of Armagh, Esq., has and enjoys a very considerable estate within the Parish of Seago, and whereas the said Oliver St. John now does and for the future intends to repair to the Parish Church of Seago, aforesaid, and having a prospect in case of issue males to make a settlement for some one thereof within the aforesaid Parish. It is therefore adjudged fit and right that the said Oliver St. John should be allowed a convenient quantity of ground within the



said Church of Seago for the erecting of a decent seat to the use of himself and family: Pursuant whereunto the Minister, Churchwardens and Parishioners have concluded unanimously that the said Oliver St. John shall have a seat in the said Church, he building it and for ever hereafter repairing it at his or his heir's own proper cost and charges. And the present Incumbent doth for him and his successors (what in him lyes) grant and appoint all that space of ground contained in the North-east ayle of the Chancell, as it is now enclosed in a seat formerly designed for the Minister, for the said Oliver St. John to erect his seat in. Provided that the next seat forthwith to be built of the same dimensions with the former, lying between the said Oliver St. John's seat and the pulpit on the same side be for ever without interruption preserved and continued to the use of the Incumbent and his successors—and to witness our consent hereunto we set our hands this 9th of April, 1683—Hen: Jenney, Clericus, George Blacker, Churchwarden, Hiram Hall, William Mathews, John Mathews, John Higgins, Francis Mathews.

### Our Summer Migrants

We insert with pleasure the following observations of the arrival of our summer migrants made in Seago Parish:—

The **Swallow** first observed by Ruddell Calvert at Breagh on April 10th.

The **Corncrake** first heard by Miss Rebecca Calvert at Breagh on April 17th.

The **Cuckoo** first heard at Seago on April 26th.

## 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 Saturday of Month at 3 p.m., and during any Service in the Parish Church. if notice be given; Two Sponsors at least are required, and they must be Confirmed members of the Church. Churchings are held at each Baptism. Mothers are expected to bring a thank-offering. (See Book of Common Prayer.)

**MORNING PRAYER**—Sundays and Chief Festivals 11.30 a.m.

**EVENING PRAYER**—Sundays 7 p.m., Wednesdays 8 p.m.

### DISTRICT SERVICES.

**Hacknahay**—Last Sunday of Month at 3.30 p.m.

**Drumgor**—Second Sunday of Month at 4 p.m.

**MARRIAGES** must be performed between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Licenses are issued by Rev Canon Hannon, 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/-. **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

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## The Bible Society

Sermons on behalf of the Hibernian Bible Society will be preached (d.v.) in the Parish Church on Sunday, May 9th, at Morning and Evening Prayer by the Rev. Cecil Long, M.A., Deputation Secretary.

## Parish Register for April. Baptisms.

**Porter**—April 3rd, Georgina Florence, daughter of Robert Henry and Jemima Porter, of Edenderry.

*Sponsors*—Charlotte Allen, Jemima Porter.

**Milligan**—April 3rd, Robert George, son of Robert George and Eleanor Milligan, of Killicomaine.

*Sponsors*—Jane Elliott, Eleanor Milligan.

**Topley**—April 28th, William, son of William and Caroine Topley, of Kernan.

*Sponsors*—Christina Livingston, Caroline Topley.

### PRIVATE BAPTISM.

**Montgomery**—April 17th, William, son of Thomas John and Martha Montgomery, of Upper Seago.

## Marriage.

**Elliott and Dawson**—April 5th, George Stevenson Elliott, of Kernan, to Jean Dawson, of Belfast.

## Burial.

**Lyness**—April 7th, Mary Frances Lyness, of Carne, aged 3 years.

## CLASSES, &c.

**ADULT CLASSES**—Sundays at 10 a.m.

For Men—Edenderry and Seago. For Women—Seago School.

**SUNDAY SCHOOLS**—10 a.m. Edenderry Parochial Hall and Seago School. 3 p.m. Seago, Edenderry Parochial Hall, Levaghery, Hacknahay, Carne, Drumgor.

Men's Recreation Room, Bridge St., open every night from 7 p.m.

Seago C.L. Brigade in Edenderry Parochial Hall, on Tuesdays at 8 p.m.

Mothers' Union, Edenderry 1st Tuesday, at 4 p.m.

**DAY SCHOOL**—Seago, 9.30 a.m. Principal—Mr. S. Rennix.