

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

APRIL, 1927.

CLERGY :

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

Rev. W. A. Henry, 21 Edward St., Portadown.

CHURCHWARDENS :

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

People's—Mr. Moses Gilpin, Drumnagoon.

Holy Week and Easter.

Once again in the round of the Christian year we approach the solemn week of our Lord's Suffering, Betrayal and Death, and beyond it the joyful anniversary of His Resurrection from the grave. In Seagoe Parish we will mark these great events in the story of our Redemption by special Services to which we invite all the Parishioners. During Holy Week (except Saturday) Services will be held on each evening at 8 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY.

11-30 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Litany.

8 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon.

The offerings on Good Friday will be given to the Jews Society.

EASTER DAY.

8 a.m.—Holy Communion.

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

7 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon.

The offerings on Easter Day will be on behalf of the Parochial Sunday School Fund.

The Easter Vestry.

The Easter Vestry will be held (p.v.) in Seagoe Parochial School on Thursday, April 21st, at 8 p.m. This is the annual business meeting of the Parish, and all registered members of the General Vestry are eligible to attend. A statement of accounts will be presented by the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Hugh Stoope. The Rector will nominate his Churchwarden and the People's Churchwarden, and the new Select Vestry will be elected by the votes of those present. A circular of invitation is being issued to all members of the General Vestry asking them to be present at the meeting. We hope there will be a full response.

Death of Mr. and Mrs. Price.

It is seldom that we have to chronicle any event so sad as that which befell the Parish last month in the death, almost at the same time, of Mr. Robert Price and his wife, Mrs. Anne Price. Mr. Robert Price has for many years filled a large space in our Parish life. We had come to regard him as indispensable in all projects for the benefit of the Church. He had been for many years a member of the Select

Vestry and has filled the honourable and responsible post of Rector's and People's Churchwarden on several occasions. He was a valued member of the Vestry, not merely for his wise and practical counsel, but for the readiness with which he took his share in all departments of the Church's life. His kindly good humour and genial manner endeared him to all of us. It was said to the Rector on one occasion by a former Curate, "You have a treasure in Robert Price," and all felt that the word was true. An attack of rheumatic fever from which he suffered some years ago, weakened his heart, and recently the weakness had increased, but he went about his work as actively as ever. He attended regularly the Church Army Mission in Carne, but early last month he contracted a chill, which further affected the action of the heart. He rallied for a time, but a severe paralytic stroke followed, and after a few days of acute suffering he gradually got weaker and on Wednesday, March 16th, passed away. During his illness Mrs. Price, herself feeble in health, nursed him with untiring devotion, although sometimes quite overcome by the strain and anxiety. She had not been strong for some years, but her bright, happy disposition sustained her and kept her from yielding to her weakness. Several times during her husband's illness she said that she, too, might be taken away and was resigned in spirit. On the day of his death she was very weak and remained in bed, and on the next day her little remaining strength rapidly faded away, and on the evening of Thursday, March 17th, just 35 hours after her husband's death, she fell asleep and joined him in the Eternal Habitations. It is hard to describe what this double shock and bereavement has meant to the devoted son and daughter so suddenly bereft of both parents. The sympathies of all the Parishioners go out to them in their deep and tragic sorrow. Kindness and affection reigned in the home, and this sudden visitation is thus felt all the more keenly by those who survive.

A Double Funeral.

On Friday, March 18th, the funeral of Mr. and Mrs. Price took place from their late residence in Ballinacor. A very large number of friends and sympathisers were present. The Rector and the Rev. W. A. Henry, Curate, officiated in the Church and at the graveside. The Rector gave a short address, in which he expressed the regret they all felt at the sad loss they had sustained in the death of Mr. and Mrs. Price. Death in their case meant reunion and not separation. The Burial Office of the Church is intended to be a bright service, lit up with the hope of a joyful resurrection and a lasting reunion in the Life to come. On the Sunday following the funeral the hymns which were favourites with Mr. and Mrs. Price were sung, including "The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want," which Mrs. Price had said that she would like to have sung at her husband's funeral. The Rector, in his sermon, paid a special tribute to the memory of Mr. and Mrs. Price.

Congratulations.

The parishioners will join with us in heartily congratulating the Principal of Seagoe P.E. School, Mr. Samuel Rennix, and also Mrs. Rennix on his election to the important and honourable position of President of the Ulster Teachers' Union. There are over 2,000 members in the Union, and Mr. Rennix received an almost unanimous vote, 26 out of the 28 districts, casting their votes in his favour. The Ulster Teachers' Union will hold their annual meeting in Easter week at Larne, and in Easter week, 1928, Mr. Rennix will deliver his Presidential address. Mr. Rennix is highly esteemed in the Parish, where he has resided as principal since 1918. Before coming to Seagoe he was for many years principal of Bleary School, in the Parish of Knocknamuckley.

Seagoe in Florida.

We have received the following kind and interesting letter from Mr. James M'Dowell, now residing at Port Richey, Florida. Mr. M'Dowell's villa at Rhode Island, U.S.A., forms the frontispiece on our cover this year:—

Dear Canon Archer—I was very much pleased on receiving my February copy of the Seagoe Magazine, to see a picture of my cottage in Rhode Island on the cover. It was not quite a surprise, as my sister wrote me that she had furnished you with a photograph of the house for that purpose. I consider it a very nice compliment, and feel that we here in America owe you our thanks for this distinction.

My family and I think a great deal of "Seagoe" on the shore. It was built just 20 years ago for a summer residence, and my family of three sons and two daughters spent their summers there swimming, boating and fishing, gaining health and strength, which is evidenced in their robust constitutions today. "Seagoe" is now our home in the North, as we have sold our home in the city of Providence and come down here to Florida in the winter months, returning to Rhode Island when the weather gets warm enough to live at the seaside.

We have two sons and a daughter married, our youngest son and daughter are in college, so we have no one at home but ourselves, so we bought a little place here in Florida, and are planning to live in perpetual sunshine.

The winters here are wonderful—no frost or snow, with hundreds of acres of orange and grape fruit groves in full bearing. We are directly in the citrus belt, and it is a wonderful sight to drive through miles of country and see the golden fruit peeping from the glossy green foliage of the trees. Just now the blossoms for next year's fruit are coming out, and the perfume is very pronounced while passing through the groves.

We had rather a unique experience yesterday, February 25th. While driving along through the open country Mrs. M'Dowell saw some wild flowers growing a short distance from the road. We stopped to pick them, when judge of our surprise, we came

upon a lot of mushrooms growing around. We picked all we could find and had them for breakfast this morning. Rather odd finding mushrooms outdoors in winter.

The place is practically a new settlement. Ten years ago it was a wilderness, but people from the North, getting away from the zero weather, have spread over Florida, and many new towns have sprung up. Port Richey is on the Gulf of Mexico, about 40 miles from Tampa, and 50 miles from St. Petersburg, a well-known winter resort and a beautiful city. One of the daily papers in St. Petersburg gives away free on the streets the total issue of the paper for that day if the sun does not shine at some time of the day before 3 p.m., and it is said that the paper has been so given away only 65 times in 15 years. It is called the "Sunshine City."

Our little town has several churches. This winter we have organised an Episcopal Mission Church, of which I have the honour to be a vestryman. The rector from Tarpon Springs, 10 miles away, comes over every Sunday and has morning and evening service on alternate Sundays. We have a good, hard-working set of parishioners, and already the nucleus of a fund to build a new church. At present we hold services in a parish house, built on the Church property, and are doing very well. Our parish is named St. Stephen's parish.

Mrs. M'Dowell and I sail for Ireland on June 26th this year, and hope to have the pleasure of meeting you then. We regret circumstances did not permit us to see you last year, but we shall have more time this year and shall enjoy the homeland to the limit. I remain, yours sincerely—Jas. M'Dowell.

Seagoe C.L.B.

Robert M'Coo, a former member of the old C.L.B., writing from Bloemfontein, South Africa, where he is at present residing, wishes to be remembered to all the old members of the Brigade, and particularly to the Rev. W. T. Grey, M.A., his old Captain. We are very glad to hear from you, Robert, and hope you are getting on well in South Africa. The old members of the C.L.B. who have survived the war, and are still with us, send you their best wishes.

Seagoe Mothers' Union.

There was a full attendance of the members at Edenderry Parochial Hall on Tuesday, March 9th. Tea was kindly provided by the committee. The Rector presided at the opening of the meeting, and the Rev. W. A. Henry, was also present. Mrs. Henry, of Clones (mother of the Rev. W. A. Henry), had kindly come to speak to the mothers. She is a member of the Central Council of the M.U. for Ireland. During Mrs. Henry's address Mrs. Rennix, President of the branch, presided. Mrs. Henry's address on "Home" was very highly appreciated by all present. The next meeting of the Mother's Union will take the form of a combined attendance of the members at the service in the Parish Church on the evening of Tuesday, April 12th, at 8 p.m.

Edenderry Parochial Hall.

Important improvements are being made in the Parochial Hall at a cost of some £30. Two lavatories have been fitted up, and a good water supply has been introduced, also new shores have been joined up with the main sewer. The Hall is now, we imagine, one of the most complete in any parish in Ireland. The Badminton Club who use the Hall gave a liberal donation towards the expenses.

Concert in Drumgor.

On Wednesday, March 9th, a concert was given in Drumgor Church Hall by the Windsor Troupe of Musicians from Lurgan. The programme was well arranged and every item was first rate and loudly applauded. The Rev. W. A. Henry presided. The proceeds of the concert were in aid of the Renovation Fund for the Hall. A neat and useful vestry has been fitted up recently in the Hall, which is now one of the most comfortable buildings in the Parish.

Monthly Teachers' Meeting.

The monthly meeting of the Superintendents and Teachers of the Sunday Schools will be held (n.v.) in Seagoe School on Thursday, April 7th, at 8 p.m. The following subjects will be considered—The present system of prize awards, the supply of Teachers, and the arrangements for the annual Sunday School excursion. A full attendance is requested.

Miss Agnes Guy has kindly consented to supervise Seagoe Morning Sunday School. Miss Guy has already given valuable help in reorganising Levaghery Sunday School and also in bringing Drumgor Sunday School to its present efficient condition. Seagoe Morning Sunday School should be one of our largest Schools. It is the Morning School for the country parts of the Parish as Edenderry Morning Sunday School is for the town end of the Parish. We believe that in the near future Seagoe Morning Sunday School will regain its old position. In 1855, when the Rev. Capel Woolsey was in charge of Seagoe Sunday School Bibles and Prayer Books were awarded at the end of each four months to the children who made the best attendance. An important matter in connection with the attendance at Morning Sunday School is that it is usually followed up by attendance at Morning Prayer in the Parish Church.

We are glad to announce that Mr. James Ford has resumed the Superintendence of Levaghery Sunday School. We also thank him for a subscription of 10s towards Seagoe Morning Sunday School Prize Fund.

A Sad Accident.

We lament the death of Mr. Robert Russell, of Clanrole, an old and much respected parishioner of Seagoe. On Saturday afternoon, March 20th, he went to Portadown Station to see off David Rea, who was leaving for Canada, and in crossing the rails was struck by an incoming train and killed. His death, just as a number of people were assembled at the station to wish good-bye to their friends, was a great shock to many. We sympathise much with

Mr Russell's family in their bereavement. Mr. Russell lived by himself in a cottage at Clanrole, and took a great interest in his house and garden. A touching incident in connection with his death was that when his relatives went to the house they found his Bible open and his spectacles laid on the open page just as he had left them before starting out on what proved to be his last journey.

C. M. S.

The following C.M.S. boxes have been received and the amounts have been paid into the funds of the Society:—

Edenderry—£1 3s 9½d—Mrs. Stoops, 2s 6d; Mrs. C. Magee, 2s 9d; Mrs. Flannagan, 1s 7d; Mrs. Dawson, 5s 1½d; Mr. Thos. Metcalf, 1s 10d; Miss G. E. Atkinson, 10s.

Seagoe—19s 7d—Mrs. Ramsey, 2s 6d; Mrs. E. Collins, 3s 11d; Miss I. Best, 6s 11d; Miss M. Ruddell, 6s 3d.

Drumgor—7s 10d—Miss L. Gracey, 4s 1d; Miss M. Gracey, 2s 6d; Mrs. Hopps, 1s 3d. Subscription of 10s in memory of the late Mrs. M'Mullan.

Hacknahay—£5 13s 9½d—Mrs. Bradshaw, 9s 3d; Miss R. Black, 4s 6½d; Miss M. England, 5s 6d; Miss M. M'Cormick, 3s 3d; Miss D. Montgomery, 4s 2d; Mrs. T. Neill, 3s 1d; Mrs. H. Neill, 5s 3d; Miss S. Maginnis, 8s 9d; Miss J. Currie, 4s 3d; Miss Rodgers, 6d; Miss G. Best, 3s 2½d; Miss S. Jennett, 12s 10d; Mrs. Doyle, 3s; Mrs. N. England, 7s 8½d; Mr. G. M'Neill, 2s 2d; Mr. Wm. J. Calvert, 3s 6d; Mrs. Calvert, £1 12s 10d.

Total—£8 5s 0d.

Entertainment in Edenderry.

"The trial of John Barleycorn" was given by the Carne Players in Edenderry Parochial Hall on Tuesday, March 29th. The platform had been skilfully fitted up as a Court of Justice, and Mr. Geoffrey Brown, of Newtownards, kindly and efficiently acted as Judge. The whole thing was remarkably well done. The counsel and witnesses, the prisoner and his guard, and the court crier all played their parts in a most realistic and dramatic way. The "Trial" reflects the greatest credit on Mr. Jack Robb, who from the first has given much time and attention to making it the success it has been. The players came in a 'bus, and at the close were entertained to tea in the Hall. The proceeds of the Trial are on behalf of the Edenderry Men's Recreation Room, whose members are much indebted to the Carne troupe for their kind help.

Church Army Mission.

This Mission in Hacknahay, which concluded on Thursday, March 17th, was attended by large numbers of people and the services were very hearty and devotional. It has stirred up the spiritual enthusiasm of the people. We hope that those who have been influenced for good by the Mission will become regular in their attendance at Public Worship and thereby seek to make permanent the good effects of the Mission. The Church Army van is now in Ardmore.

Parish Register for March.

Baptisms.

Gracey—March 5th, Mary Eunice, daughter of Thomas and Mary Gracey, of Ballyhannon.

Sponsors—Thomas Gracey, Mary Gracey.

Pierson—March 23rd, Eileen, daughter of Joseph Henry and Mary Anne Pierson, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Margretta Craig, Mary Anne Pierson.

Marriage

Neill and Costello—March 23rd, Robert Neill, of Brackagh, Parish of Mullavilly, to Agnes Costello, of Carne.

Burials.

Hughes—March 12th, Isabella Hughes, of Ballinacor.

Price—March 18th, Robert Price, of Ballinacor, aged 58 years.

Price—March 18th, Anne Price, of Ballinacor.

Russell—March 21st, Robert Russell, of Clanrole, aged 76 years.

Robb—March 24th, Hamilton Robb, of Carne. Interred at Drumcree.

Death of Mr. Hamilton Robb.

The death of Mr. Hamilton Robb, of Carne, has caused much sorrow throughout the Parish. All his life he lived in the parish, and everyone felt and knew that the great object of his life was to benefit to the fullest extent the people amongst whom he lived. Strained relations often exist between em-

ployers and employed, but this was never the case with Mr. Robb. No word of harsh criticism was ever said against him, for everyone felt that he had the interests of the people at heart. His long and trying illness with the gradually increasing weakness aroused much sympathy for him and his family, and the courage and patience with which he endured it deepened our affection for him. He loved his work and his workers, he loved Edenderry and Carne, and his love was reciprocated. The end came almost suddenly on Tuesday, March 27th, and on Thursday, March 29th, the funeral took place at Drumcree. The Rectors of Drumcree and Seagoe officiated. In the name of Seagoe Parish we express our deep sympathy with Mrs. Robb and the members of her family in their bereavement.

ITEMS.

Congratulations to the Rev. W. T. Wilson, formerly Curate of Seagoe, on his appointment as Rector of Lockeen, near Birr, in the Diocese of Killaloe.

Owing to lack of space we postpone the Saurin Centenary notes to next issue.

We ask our envelope-holders to please bring in their envelopes with regularity, as our finances depend upon their weekly offerings, and arrears are difficult to make up.

We thank Mrs. Nesbitt, of Brisbane, for an interesting illustrated Christmas number of "The Queenslander."

The Rev. H. Lamb will preach in Seagoe Church on Sunday evening, April 3rd.

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. 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 post free to any subscriber for 3s per annum.

CLASSES, &c.

ADULT CLASSES—Sundays at 10 a.m.

For Men—Edenderry. 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.