

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

APRIL, 1928.

CLERGY :

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

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

CHURCHWARDENS :

Rector's—Thos. E. Maginnis, Breagh.

People's—John R. Reid, Portadown.

The Christian Year.

The orderly succession of the seasons of the Christian year has brought us from Advent to Holy Week, Good Friday, and Easter. It is a solemn season for Christian people when they are called upon to contemplate the sufferings of their Blessed Lord as He passed through the trials and afflictions which preceded the Death on Calvary. It will be good for us to turn aside from the world for even a few days and to seek spiritual strength in quiet worship. With that object in view we have arranged to hold special Services in the Parish Church each evening this week (except Saturday), at 8 o'clock.

Special Services.

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 Church of Ireland 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 given to the Parochial Sunday School Fund.

The Easter Vestry.

The Annual Meeting of the General Vestry of the Parish will be held (D.V.) on Thursday, April 12th, at 8 p.m. in Seagoe Parochial School. A punctual attendance of all the members of the General Vestry is requested. Business—Election and nomination of Churchwardens, election of Select Vestry, Statement of Accounts by Hon. Treasurer.

Death of Mrs. Alan Bell.

We deeply regret to announce the death of Mrs. Alan Bell, which took place at Bath on Saturday, March 24th. Her death occurred almost on the

anniversary of the tragic death of Mr. Alan Bell, who was done to death in Dublin on March 26th, 1920. Mrs. Bell had never been very robust in health but the awful tragedy of Mr. Bell's death made her life a misery and although she struggled hard against her overwhelming sorrow yet it wore her down in health and spirits until death has come as a merciful release. Mrs. Bell had until recently resided with her brother-in-law, Dr. Bell, at Gloucester, but when she found her health failing she went to Bath, the climate of which agreed with her better. Mrs. Bell was very fond of Seagoe, where she and Mr. Bell and her sister, Miss Nicholl, spent five very happy years, the last five years of Mr. Bell's life. While residing among us she was greatly beloved by everyone. Her care for the sick and the poor was wonderful. She and Mr. Bell and Miss Nicholl were always thinking out some way of helping those who were in distress. They took a great interest in Seagoe Church and Parish and were most regular in their attendance at Public Worship. Their time of residence here coincided with the years of war and they were unwearyed in helping the wounded and war-stricken soldiers, often entertaining them at their own house. The Rector when in France received a succession of most useful gifts from Mrs. Bell for distribution to the soldiers in his camp at Zeneghem. The generous gift of £500 which Mrs. Bell gave to the Parish in memory of Mr. Alan Bell was a proof of the kindly interest she took in the people of Seagoe Parish. Our sincere sympathy is extended to Miss Nicholl in the loss she has sustained in the death of her sister. The people of Seagoe will for long cherish the sacred memory of Mr. and Mrs. Bell for their lives of generous Christian sympathy and sincere friendship.

Protestant Orphan Society.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt from Miss Agnes Guy of the following sums for the Co. Armagh Protestant Orphan Society:—Cards—Mr. Arthur Allen, £2 10s; Miss M. Coulter, 13s 3d; Miss A. Guy, 12s 6d; Miss Edna Forde, 9s 0d. Subscription—Mrs. Joyce, 2s 6d. We also acknowledge with thanks a card collection of 17s 6d from Mr. Alphonso Kirk. The above sums have been forwarded to the Secretary of the Co. Armagh Protestant Orphan Society.

A Week of Missions.

Mr. Gracey has just concluded a week of Mission Services in various centres in the Parish. Beginning on Monday, March, 26th, at Hacknahay School, he gave addresses on successive nights at the following centres—Edenderry Parochial Hall, Drumgor, Levaghery, and Seagoe School. At all the services there were large attendances and the services were very impressive and devotional.

Mission in Carne.

Mr. Robert Gracey (late of the Church Army) conducted a fortnight's mission in Carne Church Hall, from Sunday, March 11th, to Sunday, March 25th. His earnest and impressive words brought conviction home to many hearts and we believe that, under God, much real and lasting spiritual work has been accomplished. The room was crowded every night and overcrowded on several occasions. No less than 195 persons were present at the closing service of the Mission on March 25th. We thank Mr. and Mrs. David Murray, of Ballynery, for most kindly providing hospitality for Mr. Gracey, and we also thank Mr. and Mrs. Conolly, of Carne, for giving the use of their room during the Mission

Mission in Hacknahay

The Rector has asked Mr. Gracey to conduct a Mission in Hacknahay School, beginning on Sunday, April 15, at 4 p.m. The Services will be held on the evenings of the week (except Saturday) at 8 p.m. The Church Army Hymn Book will be used.

Parish Register for March.

Baptisms

Lester—March 3rd, 1928, Quentin Stanley, son of Quentin and Adeline Lester, of Lisniskey.
Sponsors—Quentin Lester, Adeline Lester.

Heyburn—March 3rd, 1928—William, son of William James and Mary Jane Heyburn, of Edenderry.
Sponsors—Sarah Fleming, Mary Jane Heyburn.

Marriage.

Benson and Malcomson—March, 3rd, 1928, William John Benson, of Portadown, to Florence Malcomson, of Edenderry.

Burials.

Ruddell—March 17th, George Ruddell, of Balteagh.
Gracey—March 20th, Howard Donald Gracey, of Balteagh; aged 15 months. Interred in Old Shankill graveyard.

Best—March 24th, James Best, of Drumlisnagrilly; aged 84 years.

Currie—March 24th, Annie Currie, of Ballymacrandle; aged 18 years.

Sympathy.

Death has been busy in our midst and has carried off three from amongst us. One just entering on life, another in early youth and another at a good old age. Howard Donald Gracey was called away after an illness of a few weeks; a dear and much loved child. Annie Currie had suffered for some years with much patience and a confident trust in her Heavenly Father. James Best passed away in the fullness of years after a brief illness. Many are plunged into grief by these sad losses and

we express our sincere sympathy with them. We desire also to express our deep sympathy with Mrs. John Gracey, of Balteagh, in the death of her brother, Mr. George Ruddell.

Jews Society.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following sums for the Church of Ireland Jews' Society, per Miss S. Halliday :—Boxes—Mrs. Rennix, £1 11s 6d; The Misses Montgomery, £1 5s; The Misses Hawthorne, £1; Miss Gretta Atkinson, 14s; Miss Woolsey, 11s 9d; Master Harry Hynes, 11s 4d; Mrs. Hynes, 10s; Miss M'Kinstry, 8s 5d; Mrs. Arthur Allen, 7s 4d; Miss Lily M'Kerr, 6s 9d; Mrs. Robert Magee, 7s 4d; Miss Florrie Hynes, 5s 6d; Mrs. W. Hewitt, 4s 3d; Mrs. Flannigan, 4s 2d; Miss Amy Cox, 3s; Miss Hannah Martin, 7s 8d; Miss Halliday, £2. Subscriptions—Miss Armstrong, £2; Seagoe Mothers' Union, £1; Miss E. Halliday, 10s; Mrs. Vance, 10s. Total—£14 18s 0d.

ITEMS.

Two accidents have recently occurred to cyclists in Seagoe Parish. Those who ride push bicycles should be very careful, especially after dark.

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A couple of months ago a rat got an entrance into Seagoe Church and being apparently as hungry as the proverbial church mouse attacked a newly-purchased kneeling pad and ruthlessly tore the stuffing out of it. It then turned its attention to a large chant book belonging to Mr. T. H. Wilson, the organist, and gnawed the leather binding off it. Eventually its destructive raids were brought to an end by Robert Richardson, the sexton, who judiciously placed some poisoned bread in the aisle, and the next day the hungry rodent was found beside it stretched and dead.

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The Rector has had a picture post-card from Tom Webb, of Railway Street. He is enjoying the mild yet bracing air of Florida, U.S.A.

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Mrs. David Johnston, of Thompsonville, U.S.A., hopes to re-visit all her old friends in Edenderry and Seagoe next June. She is bringing with her her youngest son, David.

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Several of our young parishioners are leaving for Australia and New Zealand next month. The Rector will be glad to give letters of reference to any who may contemplate emigrating to the Colonies.

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The Rev. F. J. Halahan, Rector of Drumcree, has had to construct a raft in order to visit a sick parishioner, who is isolated by the floods.

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A kind friend has made it possible to purchase a new silver-mounted glass flagon for use in Holy Communion in the Parish Church.

AN OLD SEAGOE CIRCULAR.

This circular was issued for the opening of Seagoe Parochial School in the year 1859. A pretty woodcut of the School was printed at the head of it. The circular is reproduced almost exactly as it was printed 70 years ago by the "Portadown News."

GRAND FANCY BAZAAR.

SEAGOE, PORTADOWN

A Bazaar will be held on Wednesday, 2nd May, 1859,

IN THE

SEAGOE PAROCHIAL SCHOOL HOUSE.

IN AID OF THE FUND FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE BUILDING,

Under the Patronage of Rt. Honourable Lord and Lady Lurgan; Lt.-Col. Ellison and the Officers of the Royal North Lincoln Militia; Stewart Blacker, Esq., Carrick-Blacker; Ven. the Archdeacon of Dromore and Mrs. Saurin; Rev. Wm. and Mrs. St. George; Wolsey Atkinson, Esq., Eden Villa; Mrs. Wolsey Atkinson and the Misses Atkinson; Mrs. Little and the Misses Little; Mrs. Walker, Miss Walker, &c., &c.

The numerous Contributors who have generously exerted themselves in behalf of the Bazaar have spared no pains to render it as attractive as possible.

Ladies in the neighbourhood will preside at the Stalls. Abundant Refreshments will be provided.

The choice Band of the Royal North Lincoln Militia have been kindly tendered by Lt.-Col. Ellison, and will be in attendance.

THE DOORS WILL BE OPEN AT ONE O'CLOCK.

Seagoe School House is within a very short distance of the Portadown Railway Station, where Carriages, &c., will be in attendance.

Printed at the "Portadown News" Office.

The Musical Festival.

Great interest was displayed this year in the Portadown Musical Festival and Seagoe School as usual took a prominent and successful part in the proceedings. The first competition in which the Seagoe children took part was that for girls and boys under 14 years of age. Five out of the 20 who competed were from Seagoe School. The test piece was Rudyard Kipling's "If." The competition was very keen and the recitation was extraordinarily good. The marks awarded by the judge, Mr. St. John Ervine, were very high. Although the Seagoe children did not reach the top of the list they came very near it. The following is a list of the marks won by the Seagoe competitors:—Martha Girvan, 88; Emma Walker, 86; Sadie Hara, 86; Kathleen Livingston, 85; Sophia Porter, 84. The first prize-winner got 90 marks and the second 89, so our Seagoe children were very close up. Some of the criticisms of the Seagoe children were:—"Clear and distinct," "great intelligence," "too high-pitched," "needs deeper breathing." On Friday morning the children entered as a Sunday School Choir. Three other

choirs competed against them. Seagoe choir sang with great expression and taste. The pieces sung were "Come let us all" by Bach, and "The Sabbath Morn," by Mendelssohn. The result of this competition was that Seagoe Choir took second place, with the fine total of 82 marks for the "Bach" and 84 for "The Sabbath Morn"—total 166. The winning Choir, Railway St., Lisburn, scored 169. The judge, Dr. Whittaker, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, a very distinguished musician in referring to the singing of the Seagoe S.S. Choir, said "There was a little uncertainty in some parts, also I noticed some absent 'h's.'" They were also somewhat too reticent and timid, but they had quite a nice tone; the details were well observed, and they gave us very good, refined singing.

On Friday evening the Seagoe P.E.S. Choir entered for competition in the School Choirs Section. The pieces sung by the choir were—"Water of Tyne" by Dr. Whittaker, the judge of the singing, and "A Lake and Fairy Boat" by Dunhill. There was also a sight-reading test. The result of the competition was that Seagoe Choir again won the Cup for the fifth time. The judge awarded them 84 plus 84 plus 11 marks—total 179, a very high figure. He said they sang with very beautiful tone and with fine swing of the lines. It was all very charming.

Seagoe Mothers' Union.

A meeting of the Mothers' Union will be held (D.V.) in Edenderry Parochial Hall on Tuesday, April 17th, at 7.30 p.m. Miss Lillie Jackson, a Missionary of the Zenana Missionary Society, who has just returned from the province of Fuh-kien, in China, will give an account of her work in China. Miss Jackson will bring with her many curios from that interesting country. The recent civil war has, of course, greatly hindered Missionary work, but that work is still faithfully carried on wherever possible. We anticipate a very interesting gathering of the Mothers' Union on this occasion.

Temperance Examination.

An examination in the "Temperance Handbook" was held in Seagoe P.E. School on Wednesday, March 28th. The examination is held in accordance with the regulations of the Ministry of Education. The senior children were examined by papers, and Standards I and II by an oral examination. The oral examination was conducted by the Rector and the results were very satisfactory. The following are the names of the children who obtained over 90 per cent. :—George Fiddes, 100; Wm. N. M'Loughlin, 100; George Montgomery, 100; Margaret Porter, 100; Peggy Caddell, 100; Annie Magee, 100; Carrie Guy, 100; Walter Caddell, 95; Fred M'Knight, 90; Sam Freeburn, 90; Peggy Brownlee, 90; Norah Porter, 90. The results of the Senior examination will be made known when the papers have been examined in Belfast.

Two Choir Socials.

Two very pleasant socials took place last month, the first on Tuesday, March 20th, and the second on Thursday, March 29th. The choir wished to show their regard and esteem for Mr. and Mrs. James Ruddell on the occasion of their marriage. There was a full attendance of the members and after a hearty tea, games of various kinds were engaged in. During a pause some songs were sung with great taste and ability, then more games followed and in an interval the Rector took the chair and announced that a presentation was about to be made. He spoke of the good work done by the choir and of its present efficiency. On behalf of the choir he then presented to Mr. and Mrs. Ruddell a Dinner Service, at the same time expressing the hope that Mr. and Mrs. Ruddell would have much blessing and happiness in their future life. Mr. Ruddell suitably replied, thanking the members of the choir for their valuable gift and good wishes. Several other members spoke, all testifying to the popularity of Mr. and Mrs. Ruddell and to the good work they had done in Seagoe choir. The second social was arranged at short notice to bid farewell to Mr. William Robb, of Tarson, who is leaving for South Manchester next week. Mr. Robb has sung in the choir as tenor since he came from Glasgow two years ago. He has also

given much kind help at our social gatherings, being an expert violinist and banjoist. The choir felt that they could not let him go without a tangible expression of regret and regard. After tea and games and some music the presentation was made by Mrs. T. H. Wilson to Mr. Robb. It consisted of a pocket Bible and a travelling rug. The Rector spoke of the great help Mr. Robb had been in the choir and wished him on behalf of all present much success in his new sphere of life. Other speeches were made by Messrs. Rennix, Murray, Dermott, Gracey, and the Rev. W. A. Henry. Mr. Robb thanked the choir for their valuable and useful gifts.

The Confirmation.

A large number of young people have already sent in their names as desirous of confirmation and many others have signified their intention of joining the classes as soon as they are started. Mr. Robt. Gracey has held a preliminary class for candidates in the Parochial Hall for some weeks and it has been largely attended. The date of the Confirmation as announced last month is Friday, June 8th, at 8 p.m. The Rector preached a sermon on "Confirmation" in the Parish Church on the morning of Sunday, March 25th. The regular confirmation classes will begin (D.V.) in the week commencing April 22nd.

Confirmation Classes.

The following classes will be held :—

- For Girls**, in Seagoe School, beginning on Monday, April 23rd, and on each succeeding Monday.
- For Boys**, in Seagoe School, beginning on Thursday, April 26th, at 8 p.m., and on each succeeding Thursday.
- For Adults**—A class for adults will be held in Seagoe School on Sundays at 4 p.m., beginning on Sunday, April 30th. Will intending candidates please take note of these dates.

Death of Mr. Joseph Macoun.

We record with much regret the death at an advanced age of Mr. Joseph Macoun, which occurred at his residence, Oakfield, Antrim Road, Belfast, on March 2nd. The interment took place in Old Seagoe graveyard. Mr. Macoun had been in failing health for some years but revisited Seagoe and spent an afternoon at the Rectory some eighteen months ago. In his earlier years Mr. Macoun, who then resided in Tamniflasson, filled many important positions in the Parish and was a close and trusted friend of Archdeacon Saurin. He had many amusing and interesting things to tell of these old days. He was a member of the first Select Vestry formed in Seagoe Parish after Disestablishment and was elected to that office on Easter Monday, April 18th, 1870. On leaving Seagoe Mr. Macoun went into business at Donaghcloney and after some years took up his residence in Belfast. He had always a great affection for Seagoe and never tired of sounding its praises.