

# Seagoe Parish Magazine.

APRIL, 1929.

## CLERGY :

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

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

## LAY READER (Bishop's Licence) :

Mr. Robt. Gracey, 23 Railway Street, Portadown.

## CHURCHWARDENS :

Rector's—Robert M'Clements.

People's—John Dermott.

## Holy Week and Easter, 1926.

### SPECIAL SERVICES.

On each evening during Holy Week, beginning on Monday, March 25th, a Service will be held in the Parish Church at 8 p.m. The address at each Service will bring before us some event in our Lord's last week on earth. This will help us in our meditations during this solemn season when we call to remembrance the Death and Passion of our Blessed Master. We will assemble for united worship within the walls of our Parish Church, and there plead afresh each evening the sacrifice of the Death of Christ as our only hope of Salvation.

### GOOD FRIDAY.

On Good Friday, March 28th, the following Services will be held:—

11-30 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Litany.

8 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon.

The offerings at both services on Good Friday will be on behalf of the Jews' Society.

### EASTER DAY SERVICES.

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 at all Services will be on behalf of our Parochial Sunday Schools.

## The Easter Vestry

The annual meeting of the General Vestry of the Parish will be held (p.v.) in Seagoe School on Thursday, April 4th, at 8 p.m. A full attendance of the Vestrymen of the Parish is requested. The General Vestry elects a People's Churchwarden and the Select Vestry. A statement of the Parochial Accounts is presented by the Hon. Treasurer.

## A Men's Service

On Sunday, April 7th, a special Service for men will be held in the Parish Church at 3-30 p.m. The preacher will be the Rev. Canon Taylor, M.A., Rector of Lisburn and formerly Curate of Seagoe.

Canon Taylor will also preach at the Sunday evening service on the same Sunday at 7 p.m. We welcome a visit from our old friend and former Curate, Canon Taylor.

## Seagoe in Philadelphia

[The Rector has received the following interesting letter from an old Parishioner of Seagoe.]

To the Rev. Pastor of Seagoe Parish, Diocese of Dromore.

Dear Sir,—Being a man born in Balteagh, at the half-way house, in your Parish, I am asking a favour off you, and that you will send me, to the U.S., Philadelphia, my birth certificate. It is essential that I should have it as one of the greatest Corporations of the U.S., the Pennsylvania R.R., wants it. Now, if you will look over the records I think you can find my birth date. My father's name was John; mother's name was Ann. In my time Abraham Dawson was Dean, and when I was a boy Archdeacon Saurin had charge of the Parish, and I sang in the choir. I believe Thomas H. Wilson was organist. Now, any expense attached to this request will be forwarded by Livingston G. Best. "G" was adopted at confirmation. Awaiting your reply, I am respectfully yours.—LIVINGSTON G. BEST, 2335, North 5th Street, Philadelphia, U.S.A.

## Correction

In our last issue in "Old Seagoe Notes" the dates of the Rev. W. T. Wilson's holding of the Curacy of Seagoe were incorrect. The dates should be June 3rd, 1923, to July 26th, 1925.

## Seagoe in Montreal

[The Rector has received the following interesting letter from a correspondent in the United Theological College, Montreal, Canada.]

Rev. and Dear Sir,—I have been asked by the Editor of our college paper, "The Echo," to submit an article, and I have chosen as a subject "Seagoe Church and School." In order for me to do this successfully it will be necessary for me to get some information, which I believe you are able to supply. You would do me a great favour if you would give this information, and I respectfully submit the following questions in order to be explicit:—

- (1) The date when the Church was built?
- (2) The architecture of the Church?
- (3) What was the origin of the Church, that is why the Church came to be built?
- (4) How many Rectors has had the Church?
- (5) What is the population of the Parish?
- (6) Also a little data of the School.

I shall be delighted to send you a copy of the next issue, besides the one I send now.—Yours respectfully,  
R. ATKINSON.

## Concert at Drumgor

An attractive programme has been arranged for a concert in Drumgor Church Hall on Friday, April 5th, at 8 p.m. The tickets (1/- each) are selling rapidly. The proceeds of the concert are to be given to Drumgor Sunday School Fund.

**Jews' Society**

The following sums have been forwarded to the Jews' Society, per Miss Halliday. We congratulate Miss Halliday on the fine collection.

Boxes—Mrs. Rennix, £1 10s; Miss Nellie Montgomery, £1 2s 7d; The Misses Hawthorne, £1; Mrs. Arthur Allen, junr., 17s 4d; Miss Gretta Atkinson, 12s 0d; Miss Woolsey, 11s 10d; Miss Cox, 10s 8d; Mrs. Hynes, senr., 10s 0d; Master Harry Hynes, 10s 0d; Mrs. William Hynes, 9s 6d; Miss Minnie Sherman, 7s 11d; Miss Hannah Martin, 7s 0d; Mrs. Arthur Allen, senr., 6s 0d; Miss Amy Cox, 5s 7d; Mrs. Hewitt, 5s 3d; Mrs. Flannigan, 4s 3d; Mrs. Robert Magee, 4s 1d; Miss Florrie Hynes, 4s 0d; Mrs. Reid, 3s 7d; Miss Hilda Walker, 2s 9d; Mrs. Robert H. Porter, 2s 6d; Mrs. Forsythe, 2s 1d; Mrs. Hara, 1s 3d; A Friend, 1s 1d.

Subscriptions—Miss Armstrong, £2; Miss Halliday, £2; Miss E. Halliday, 10s 0d; Mrs. Vance, 10s 0d. Total—£15 11s 3d.

**Parish Register for March.****Baptisms.**

**Simpson**—March 2nd, 1929, John Leslie son of Geo. and Susanna Jane Simpson, of Lower Seagoe.

*Sponsors*—Francis Edith Livingston, Susanna Jane Simpson.

**Ramsey**—March 2nd, 1929, Anna Watson, daughter of John and Esther Hamilton Ramsey, of Kernan.

*Sponsors*—John Ramsey, Esther Hamilton Ramsey.

**Burials.**

**Vennard**—March 8th, Josephine Vennard, of Edenderry, aged 5 years.

**Pentland**—March 9th, Mary Pentland, of Edenderry, aged 51 years.

**Vennard**—March 12th, Mabel Vennard, of Edenderry, aged 5 years.

**Robinson**—March 24th, Thomas George Robinson, of Tanniflasson, aged 70 years.

**Seagoe P.E. School**

We have pleasure in announcing the appointment of Miss M. E. Rountree as Assistant Teacher in Seagoe School. Miss Rountree has been for some time Assistant Teacher in Donaghmore (Co. Tyrone) P.E. School and comes to us with the highest recommendations. She received her training at Celbridge Intermediate School and at Stranmillis Training College, Belfast. Miss Rountree hopes to take up her work in Seagoe School on Wednesday, April 10th. Mrs. Abraham, of Breagh, has acted as temporary assistant at Seagoe School since November 1st, and has gained the good-will and affection of all the pupils. During the difficult time which intervened between the departure of Mr. Rennix and the coming of our new Principal, Mr. Scott, she proved a great help and strength to the school. We will very much regret her departure.

**Congratulations.**

The parishioners will join us in congratulating Mr. John G. Gracey on his election to the important post of Chairman of the Lurgan Rural Council. This appointment carries with it, we believe, the office of a Justice of the Peace.

**Rev. W. A. Henry**

The Rev. W. A. Henry resigns his position as Curate of Seagoe on March 31st, and hopes to sail for Canada on April 13th in the new liner *Duchess of Richmond*. Mr. Henry has won the affection and regard of many in Seagoe and we greatly regret that his services will no longer be available in Seagoe. He is going to a new country—Canada—which is sadly in need of clergy and workers, and we believe he will do a good work there. The Parish of Snowflake, 40 miles from Winnipeg, in the Diocese of Rupertsland, of which he has been appointed Rector, has been without a resident clergyman for a considerable time. We wish Mr. Henry much blessing and success in his new home beyond the seas, and we hope often to hear of his work among the Canadian settlers.

**Presentation**

The Rev. W. A. Henry has already been the recipient of several presentations and more are mentioned. The Seagoe C.L.B., of which Mr. Henry is an officer, presented him with a handsome china tea-set on Friday, March, 15th, at their weekly parade in the Parochial Hall. Mr. Henry thanked the lads for their very kind and thoughtful gift.

**C. L. B.**

Seagoe C.L.B. will have a full-dress Church Parade to Seagoe Church on Easter Sunday evening at the 7 p.m. service. The Brigade had a road march, half-way to Lurgan recently. Their marching was very steady and they turned out in full force.

**Mission in Seagoe**

During the fortnight ending March 22nd a Mission has been held by Mr. Robert Gracey in Seagoe School. It is the first occasion on which a Mission has been held in the School. Every night at 8 o'clock large numbers assembled. The singing of the Church Army Hymns was very hearty. Miss M. Twinem, of Lylo, played the musical accompaniments. Mr. Gracey spoke each evening. His heart-searching words have stirred his hearers and many have received spiritual help. During Holy Week a Service will be held each night in the Parish Church at 8 o'clock. The events of the great week in which we call to mind our Lord's Sacrifice on Calvary will be brought before our worshipping people each evening. Good Friday, with its message of Love and Self-sacrifice, will have a new meaning for many, and Easter Day, with its lesson of Life and Hope, will fill us with brightness and joy.

**G. F. S.**

The members of our Seagoe G.F.S. have had some pleasant and profitable meetings during the last month. Mr. R. Scott repeated his interesting lecture on Lord Tennyson, which was much appreciated. Twenty-two members were present. Another evening was spent in an exciting missing word competition, organised by Mrs. Scott. The members will attend the Tuesday evening Service in Holy Week.

**Important**

All Mission collections and boxes must be handed in before March 27th, as the C.M.S. and S.A.M.S. and Jews' Society accounts close on March 31st.

**Our Advertisers**

Many new advertisements appear this month in our advertising columns. The number of advertisements in our Magazine is limited. We do not overcrowd our pages with advertisements, but we can heartily recommend to our readers the firms who advertise with us. When you want to know a reliable shopping centre in Portadown look through our advertisements and you will find it.

**Our Sunday Schools.**

Prize-giving is now over for twelve months and the Sunday Schools have settled down to their year's work. Notes on the Sunday School course are published each week in "The Irish Churchman" (price 1d), an interesting paper which can be had through any bookseller or newsagent. Teachers will find these notes a great help. The subjects to be considered during April in the morning Sunday School are the following:—The story of Joseph, and for Repetition Psalm 1., and the Catechism (Creed, Commandments, and Duty). In the afternoon schools, Acts 19, 20 and 21, and for Repetition the Catechism (Commandments and Duty) and Nunc Dimittis, together with the Collects for Evening Prayer. We recommend teachers to give the first half-hour to the Repetition and the second half-hour to the study portion.

**Sympathy**

It is very sad to read in the list of Burials the names of two little ones from the same household—Josephine (Ena) and Mabel Vennard. They were twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Vennard, of Florence Court, and were just 5½ years of age. They were very popular with all their playmates in Edenderry, and everybody was very sorry when a few weeks ago they got very ill. They passed away within a few days of each other and were laid to rest in Seagoe Cemetery. Much sympathy is expressed for the parents and the members of the family in their sad loss.

The death of Miss Minnie Pentland removes from our midst one who was very well known in the Parish. For many years she taught a class in Seagoe Afternoon Sunday School, and was a most regular worshipper in the Parish Church. She had lived all her life in Bright St., Edenderry, and had been a most valued and popular worker in Robb's

Factory in Edenderry. The manager, staff and workers of the Factory sent two beautiful wreaths for the funeral. During her last illness she was nursed with tender care by Mrs. W. R. Pentland, of Joseph St.

As we go to Press we learn with sincere regret of the death after a long illness of Mr. Thomas George Robinson, of Tannifiglasson.

**Easter Holidays**

Seagoe School will close for the Easter holidays on Thursday, March 28th, and will re-open (d.v.) on Monday, April 8th. The surroundings of Seagoe School, with its extensive grounds, neighbouring woods and rural outlook render it an ideal place for the education of children. The schoolrooms are large and well ventilated and brightly lighted. The percentage of attendances is now over 90 per cent. and is the highest in the County Armagh.

**Old Seagoe Notes**

**Notes on Some Seagoe Townland Names.**—There is a good deal of uncertainty as to the meaning of some of the townland names in Seagoe Parish. Two names have given rise to many conjectures; they are Tannifiglasson and Tannificarbet. These two townlands lie side by side at the northern end of the Parish. The interpretation of the names usually given is "The Field of the Wood of Glasson" and "The Field of the Wood of Carbet." Glasson and Carbet being untranslatable, some light may we think be thrown on these by a reference to the history of this neighbourhood in the fourteenth century. Owing to the unsettled state of the Diocese of Dromore and the poverty of the See no Bishop could be appointed, and so the Diocese came under the jurisdiction of the Archbishop of Armagh. The all-powerful Maginnis clan of Iveagh would not acknowledge the rule of the Primate. Glassoney Maginnis overran the Parishes of Shankill and Seagoe. It seems possible that "The Field of the Wood of Glasson" was "The Field of the Wood of Glassoney Maginnis." We may conjecture that Glassoney's army encamped at Glasson and that his rival was Carbet, who was encamped where Tannificarbet is now. As far as we can understand Glassoney in his raids did not get as far as the River Bann. Possibly a fierce battle was fought just on the border of these townlands. Perhaps the human remains which were discovered some 80 years ago at Kilvergan may have been the bones of those who fell in the conflict.

**William Lutton, of Breagh, 1807-1870.**

[The late eminent Ulster antiquarian, Mr. Francis J. Bigger, of Belfast, published in 1923 a book entitled "Montiaghisms," being a collection of Ulster dialect words and phrases collected by the late William Lutton, of Seagoe. Mr. Bigger prefixed to his volume the following interesting foreword.]

This collection of dialect words and phrases was compiled by the late William Lutton eighty or ninety years ago, the words were at that time heard and noted by him. His residence was at Breagh, in the parish of Seagoe, Portadown, but they were

largely collected from the district known as the Montiaghs, which is a boggy parish surrounding Lough Gullion, on the shores of Lough Neagh, immediately west of Lurgan and north of Portadown, in the County of Armagh.

William Lutton was a man of some culture. Being intended for the medical profession, he studied for some years in Paris. Having curious conscientious objections to completing his medical course, he returned home, taking up the duties of a land and road surveyor, and was so engaged during his lifetime, which terminated 2nd November, 1870. He was born at Breagh on 16th August, 1807, and is buried in old Seagoe Churchyard. During his lifetime he was a constant correspondent with his cousin, Anne Lutton, whose "Memorials of a Consecrated Life" was published in 1881. His father was Richard Lutton, a brother to the father of Anne Lutton; his mother was Anne Jones, of Ballyhannon, for whom he had a great affection. She died 13th February, 1857, at the age of eighty. He was much employed in land surveying by Lord Lurgan, the Copes of Loughgall, and the Great Northern Railway. I have seen several of his survey maps, most skilfully laid down, with the printing like copper-plate, having artistically drawn insets of houses, scenery, etc., all the work of a craftsman's hand. He amassed a considerable library of a religious nature, was a fair musician, constructing his own pipe organ. He also wrote a commentary on the Bible, a work that entailed continuous labour and research for many years. Highly esteemed for his probity and sterling qualities, he was much sought after not only in his own parish but in wider circles in questions of delicacy and dispute, when his judgment was always accepted for its fairness and wis-

dom. His wife's name was Jane Elliott, who, with their three children, survived the worthy man.

This collection contains numerous entries not now in use, some have even passed from recollection, whilst many are peculiar to the Montiaghs—not known in other districts or found in other collections of Ulster dialect words. The number of items included contains about twenty-five per cent. of purely Gaelic origin, which is a large average in Ulster dialect. The character of the users of these words and phrases is shown in the use of abusive epithets, which amount to over thirteen per cent., whilst terms of endearment do not reach the half of that figure. Special and peculiar household and agricultural words, as can readily be understood, amount to the considerable figure of seventeen per cent. each, whilst industrial words only reach six per cent. Of course, this is only a rough, though fairly accurate analysis of the list, which numbers about nine hundred entries. The compiler went to considerable trouble in the repetition of noun words and verb words, and also in denoting different parts of speech—this has been omitted as not now being of much interest or dialect value. In no case has a word or meaning been added or altered; some have other meanings and uses at the present time, especially in other parts of Ulster; so it was thought advisable to let the work stand as written by such an accurate and careful recorder as William Lutton is shown to have been. It has been a great pleasure and satisfaction to me to edit the list, and to give a prominent place in Ulster lore to such a valuable addition to our dialect literature, which might have been lost but is now preserved in print for the first time.

FRANCIS JOSEPH BIGGER.

Ardriagh, Belfast.

**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 8 p.m. during Advent and Lent.

**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.

Mothers' Union, Edenderry, 2nd Tuesday of each month.

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