

# Seagoe Parish Magazine.

APRIL, 1930.

## RECTOR:

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LAY READER (Bishop's Licence):

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## Holy Week and Good Friday.

We are drawing near to the close of the season of Lent and on Sunday (Palm Sunday), April 13th, we enter upon Holy Week. At this solemn season of the year the Church calls upon her members to unite in recalling the Passion and Crucifixion of our Lord. Step by step, as it were, we make our way each day of the week towards Calvary, until on Good Friday we stand at the foot of the Cross. It will be of great help to our people in realising the greatness of the week if they come to the Parish Church each evening and quietly meditate upon the subjects which will be brought before them. A Service will be held on each evening of the week at 8 p.m. On Monday, April 14th, Rev. H. S. Grubb, Pioneer Missionary in Chile, South America, will preach.

## 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.

On Easter Day the offerings at all Services will be on behalf of our Parochial Sunday School Fund. The call of Easter should sound aloud in the ears of our people. It is the summons to a higher life, the life of victory over sin and death. There is a note of triumph in our Easter Services with their bright music, joyous hymns and stirring messages of hope. Many will kneel at the Holy Table to taste afresh the Sacred Food until He comes again.

## The Easter Vestry

The Easter Vestry for Seagoe Parish will be held (n.v.) on Thursday, April 24th, in Seagoe School at 8 p.m. A full attendance of the Registered General Vestry of the Parish is requested. At the Easter Vestry Churchwardens are nominated and elected for the ensuing year, a new Select Vestry is elected, also new Sidesmen. A statement of the Financial position of the Parish is also made by the Hon. Treasurer.

## Sympathy

We express our deep sympathy with Mr. and Mrs. Boyce and their family on the death at the early age of six years of their little daughter, Florence Lillian, after a brief illness.

## The Grove Field

A circular with accompanying envelope has been

sent to the Parishioners by the Select Vestry inviting subscriptions to cover the purchase of the Grove Field. It is very important that the cost of the purchase of the field should be raised without delay. The amount required is £150, and if every Parishioner gives something towards it it will soon be raised. Some may wish to give their subscription in instalments by the week or month, and if they mention this to the collectors when they call it can easily be arranged. The collectors will call for the envelopes during April. Please have the envelope ready with your subscription in it. The collectors who kindly undertake the work of getting in the envelopes have a difficult task and you can make it much lighter if you have the envelope ready.

## Seagoe Mothers' Union

This month the Mothers' Union will attend the special Lent Service in the Parish Church on Wednesday, April 9th, at 8 p.m. It is hoped that every member will be present.

Mrs. Scott, of Seagoe, attended the Central meeting of the Mothers' Union held in Belfast on March 12th, and kindly sends us the following account of the proceedings:—

A meeting of the Mothers' Union was held on Wednesday, the 12th March, 1930, in All Saints' Parochial Hall, University Avenue, Belfast. At this meeting an interesting and instructive address was given by Mrs. Chitty, of Mary Sumner House, London. The speaker was to have been Mrs. Maude (late Central Secretary, Mary Sumner House, London), who was unable to be present owing to illness. Mrs. Chitty's address was based mainly on the second Object of the Union, viz., Training applied to Children's Education, Training of the mind, the instinct, and the body. Training of the spirit left to the Mothers; the final training of the spirit to be the care of the clergy. The child's first prayer to be taught by the mother, and this to be The Lord's Prayer. This prayer links us directly with God. We mothers are to teach our children to pray and to help them to build up their prayers. She next referred to Confirmation, and here the mothers are to help their children to keep the promises made. The next heading of her address was "The Communion," and she advised all parents to go with their children to their first Communion. The words "must" and "want" are not in the rules, but "I ought." Mothers are to make Sunday the brightest day of the week for their children—a day of joy and gladness, that they shall always look back to as they grow up to manhood and womanhood. Why is the Mothers' Union bound up in one Union, because it is the Motherhood of the Great Nation to be. Union means binding having the same interests. The Mothers' Union was started over half

a century ago, and there are over half a million of members in the Union. At 12 o'clock a.m. the Mothers' Union Prayer is prayed by all those engaged in the work of Mary Sumner House, and some one branch of the Union is mentioned daily in their prayers. In the Mary Sumner House there is a comfortable sitting-room, where mothers can go in and rest, also a lending library of 10,000 books suitable for men, women and children. A box containing 16 books can be had for three months by any of the branches of the Union for two shillings and sixpence. After the address a delightful tea was provided by the ladies in charge.

At this meeting there were books for sale, Bible stories, painting books and cardboard models of the Mary Sumner House.

The large hall was filled with mothers representing many of the Parishes in the Diocese.

### Seagoe G.F.S.

The members of the G.F.S. will together attend the Service to be held in the Parish Church on the Thursday in Holy Week, April 17th. It is also hoped that the members will attend the early celebration (8 a.m.) on Easter Day. During the months of May to October it is suggested that the members should meet once each month.

### Seagoe Parish Almanac.

You are looking at the Parish Almanac from day to day as it looks down on you from its place on the wall. There is a nice text for Holy Week—"Take up the Cross and follow me." You have, of course, read the letter signed by the Rector, "The Upward Path," and the verses "To Myself," also the "Sunday in a sentence," "How to Win Hearts," and the quaint little "Early or Late." The nice bright pictures have gladdened your eye—The Joyous Upward Path, Grandfather's Holiday, and First Aid. Perhaps you can find out amongst the texts for each day the text "Feed my lambs," and somewhere else the words "Seeking God everywhere."

### Our Summer Migrants

Our summer migrants will soon be with us. We wonder who in the Parish will be the first to hear the cuckoo and corncrake or to see the swallow. We will be glad to publish the name and date if sent in time for the next Magazine. The first swallow usually arrives about April 11th, the corncrake a few days later, and the cuckoo about April 17th, but of course the dates vary from year to year.

### Death of Mr. Gillespie

It is with much regret that we announce the death last month of Mr. Gillespie, who for the past 17 years has acted as stationmaster at Portadown. He was very popular with everyone and was most careful and efficient in the discharge of his duties. We sympathise very sincerely with the members of his family in their sorrow.

### Twenty-Five Years Ago

As the Magazine is now in its 25th year we think

it will interest our readers if we print each month some brief extracts from the Magazine of that date, and so we begin this month with notes taken from the Magazines for January, February, March and April of 1906.

### JANUARY, 1906.

The Churchwardens were Mr. John Montgomery, of Levaghery, and Mr. Joseph Murray, of Ballynery. The Rev. John Taylor, B.A., was Curate. The opening sentence is—"We start this year a new Parish Magazine, and we are very anxious that all our Parishioners should become subscribers." There are notes on the Men's Recreation Rooms in Bridge St., on Hacknahay Sunday School, and on the Sustentation Fund, also some brief Old Seagoe Notes.

### FEBRUARY, 1906.

Captain Gaskell, with his Church Army van, is coming to the Parish on March 1st. On Feb. 21st the Rector gave a lecture on "A Holiday in Norway." Wm. J. Currie had sold 96 copies of the January Magazine in Edenderry and is duly commended. Mrs. Ruck, of Peacefield distributed the prizes in Seagoe Sunday School. The Bible Classes are studying "The Christian Year." There was a "talk" on "Free Trade" in the Men's Recreation Room. Young men are asked to enrol in the General Vestry. There are also some Notes on Old Seagoe.

### MARCH, 1906.

The Farewell Address from the Parish to the late Dean Dawson, and his reply are printed in the March Magazine. The congregations in the Parish Church have been large but the offertories very small. A hope is expressed that the latter will be increased. The death of Mr. John Montgomery, of High St., is noted with deep regret. Social meetings in Drumgor Church Hall and Carne Church Hall are reported. Notes on Townland names are inserted.

### APRIL, 1906.

The Joy of Easter is referred to in the opening note. There are 2 Baptisms, 2 marriages and 7 burials recorded. The annual excursion is fixed for June 7th to Newcastle. A Service of Song, "The Lion-hearted Bishop" is announced for April 19th. Church Attendance Cards have been issued in the Sunday Schools. Mr. Wilson Irwin read a paper at the Rev. J. Taylor's Bible Class in Carne on "Inspiration." Miss Connor takes the G.F.S. Candidates on Saturdays. Alick Steenson won a silver medal in a five-mile race run by the Seagoe Harriers club.

### The Musical Festival

The Musical Festival in Portadown held last week was very interesting and well attended. Several of our Seagoe young people competed and distinguished themselves. The Festival is a great encouragement to the cultivation of music of a high class, which is a great refining and civilising influence in the community.

### Summer Time

Please remember that Summer Time comes into force on Sunday, April 13th (Palm Sunday).

### Service of Song

On Thursday, March 13, a Service of Song, "Peter the Little Mediator," was given in Seagoe School in aid of the funds of Seagoe Sunday School. There was a large attendance and much interest was taken in the story of little Peter, the crippled boy. The music was sung by a large choir and was interspersed with solos and duets, which were very effective. Mr. R. Gracey read the story part with much feeling, and Mr. Isaac Clayton with Mr. Scott, had charge of the lantern. Miss Isa Best played the accompaniments. At the close the Rector expressed the thanks of the audience to all who had so kindly assisted in getting up the entertainment.

### S.A.M.S.

Boxes:—Miss Calvert, 15s 6d; Miss A. Guy, 5s; Mrs. Lewie, 10s; Miss S. Montgomery, 5s 11d; Mrs. M'Dougall, 6s 6d; Miss Jane Porter, 3s 1d; Miss Sarah Price, £1 6s 9d; Miss Reid, 10s; Mrs. Walker, 3s.—£4 5s 9d. Collection at Hacknahay, 10s 7d. Miss Atkinson's card, £5 19s 6d. Total—£10 15s 10d.

### Sunday School Conference

We direct the attention of our Sunday School Teachers to the following announcement:—

A Central Conference for Lurgan and the neighbouring Parishes will be held in the Parochial Hall, Lurgan, on Thursday, April 10th, at 8 p.m. The Rev. A. Langford Jones, M.A., of St. Christopher's College, London, will give Lectures on (1) The Approach to the Child Mind; (2) How to make our Religious Teaching more effective. Teachers, parents, and others interested in education are cordially invited to be present. Mr. Langford Jones is an expert in his subject and his visit ought to be very helpful.

### Jews' Society

1929 Collection for Church Mission to the Jews—Secretary, Miss Halliday. Boxes:—Miss Nellie Montgomery, £1; Mr. Arthur Allen, 16/5; Miss Woolsey, 13/4; Miss Gretta Atkinson, 13/1; Mrs. Arthur Allen, junr., 12/-; Mrs. Hynes, senr., 10/-; Miss Florrie Hynes, 10/-; Miss Amy Cox, 7/5; Mrs. Napier, 7/-; Mrs. Joe Hynes, 6/-; Master Harry Hynes, 6/-; Mrs. Arthur Allen, senr., 5/10; Mrs. Reid, 5/4½; Mrs. Robt. Magee, 4/4; Mrs. R. H. Porter, 3/10½; Mr. J. Walker, 3/4½; Mrs. R. Hoy, 4/6½; Mrs. Flannigan, 3/-; Mrs. J. Shanks, 2/10; Mrs. W. Neill, 2/6; Mr. J. Lavery, 2/2; A Friend, 1/10. Subscriptions—Miss Armstrong, £2; Miss Halliday, £2; A Friend, £1; Miss E. Halliday, 10/-; Mrs. Vance, 5/- Total, £13 15s 11d.

### Concert in Drumgor

A grand concert will be given in Drumgor Church Hall on Tuesday, April 29th, at 8 p.m., in aid of Drumgor Sunday School funds.

### Levaghery School

Substantial additions are being made to Levaghery School. A second storey is being built over the ground floor room and this will add materially to the size of the upper schoolroom.

### Parish Register for March Marriage.

**Vennard and Craig**—April 3rd, James Vennard of Edenderry, to Minnie Craig, of Edenderry.

### Burials.

**Gardner**—March 3rd, James Gardner, of Levaghery, aged 79 years.

**Boyce**—March 4th, Florence Lilian Boyce, of Bocombra, aged 6 years. Interred at Donaghcloney.

**Carville**—March 5th, Solomon Carville, late of Drumnagoon, aged 50 years.

**Boyd**—March 27th, Mary Margaret Boyd, of Foundry St., formerly of Lurgan, aged 79 years. Interred at Drumcree.

### Death of Mr. W. H. Atkinson

We record with much regret the death at "Clariford," last month, of Mr. Wm. H. Atkinson. Mr. Atkinson was very popular in Seagoe Parish, where he had resided for many years. His genial manner and his kindness towards everyone endeared him to everyone. He was always greatly interested in Seagoe Magazine and read it almost from its first publication. Old Seagoe Notes were of special interest to him. He was greatly attached to the Church and her worship and never was absent from the House of Prayer, even when attendance there meant a severe physical effort and strain. Our sympathy goes out to Mrs. Atkinson in her bereavement. It is some years since Mr. and Mrs. Atkinson celebrated their golden wedding. Mr. Atkinson was interred in Drumcree graveyard.

### Acknowledgment

The Rector acknowledges with many thanks the receipt of £1 from an anonymous donor for the Russian Academy of Theology in Paris. He has forwarded the amount to Major Tudor Pole, the Treasurer of the Fund, and has received a receipt.

### Prize Distribution.

Carne and Levaghery held their Sunday School prize distributions last month. At both centres there was a crowded attendance and much enthusiasm. A special feature at Levaghery was the Christmas Tree, from which every child received a welcome gift.

### Thanks

Miss Norah Montgomery wishes to thank the members of Seagoe Choir for the kind way in which they received her on her return from Canada and for the very pleasant social at which they entertained her.

### Choir Social

A Farewell Social was held last month by the Choir in Seagoe School to bid good-bye to James Ruddell on his departure for the United States. They presented him with a handsomely-bound Bible. Mr. Ruddell thanked the choir very heartily for their kind gift.

**From Seago to Melbourne**

**Sunday, 14th July**—We have breakfast usual time. Then have church service at 10-45 a.m., and have a good attendance, as most Church people observe Sunday. We then have a service at 6-30 p.m. After this we have a walk round before going to bed. We see the Southern Cross to-night. Clocks go on 10 minutes.

**Monday, 15th July**—The sea is fairly smooth to-day, but it gets much cooler, so we have plenty of sports. One of my cabin mates gets into final of the deck quoits and gets second prize. We cross the Equator at noon. We have pictures from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., then get off to bed. Clocks go on 15 minutes.

**Tuesday, 16th July**—We start off to-day with deck quoits. This proves a very exciting game as we have quite a lot of professionals. The prizes for all the sports will be presented later on by the second officer. We put clocks on 15 minutes.

**Wednesday, 17th July**—We have a big sports programme to-day, first a potato race, next a three-legged race, then a sack race. Then we have tug-of-war for English and Scotch girls. The English team win this. Then the Irish team pull against English, but get beaten. Then we have the finals of all sports that were held in the morning. Then we have a concert at 8 p.m. given by the Australian house party of girls. Programme—Two songs by six Irish girls, all wearing Shamrock, Highland dance by Scotch girls, chorus, "John Peel" with pony trot dance, monologue, "Jules uses the 'phone," duet, sailor's hornpipe and song, sketch, "Home at last," Scotch girls, song, recitation, Irish girl, song, A dance Nebraska, recitation, "High tide," Highland dance, finale, Chorus by trainees from Australian domestic Training School, Leicestershire. This finishes the day. Clocks go on 14 minutes.

**Thursday, 18th July**—We start sports at 9-30 a.m. First we have wheelbarrow race, then thread the needle race. Next we have putting the tail on the pig blindfolded, a very exciting game. We get some rain so this spoils our sports for to-day. We get to bed usual time. Clocks go on 14 minutes.

**Friday, 19th July**—We have a death in first class this morning, a girl 14 years. She is buried at sea this morning at 8 a.m. The ship stops before the body is lowered. We get some very heavy showers to-day. We have a fancy dress ball at 8 p.m. After this we have a dance until 11 p.m., so we get to bed late. We put the clock on 15 minutes.

**Saturday, 20th July**—Get up at 7-30 a.m. Have breakfast. Play deck quoits until 11-30. Have some other games until evening. Then we have a distribution of prizes for the fancy dress—about 30 in all. My cabin mate gets a pipe for being second in quoits. After this we have some songs, etc. We put clocks on 16 minutes.

**Sunday, 21st July**—We have Church service at 10-45 a.m. and have a good attendance. The Psalms are chanted same as at home, and the Chief Officer takes the service. We have also a service in the music room at 6-30 p.m. This finishes the day. Clocks go on 30 minutes.

**Monday, 22nd July**—We get up at 7-30 a.m. and have medical inspection at 10-30 a.m. by the ship's doctor. This is always before the ship enters first Australian port. It's an examination of hands and eyes. All passengers and crew must attend. It takes 2½ hours for this. There is not much sports to-day as quite a lot of passengers are getting off at Fremantle to-morrow. The weather is much cooler now. It gets dark at 6 p.m. Clocks go on 23 minutes.

**Tuesday, 23rd July**—We have quarantine inspection at 6-30 a.m. this morning. This lasts until 8-30 a.m. After this we move into port. About 39 domestic girls get off here and all get work. We make a trip to Perth; this is about 10 miles from Fremantle, and costs 2/- return by 'bus. It's a very nice place and very interesting. There is no level crossing gates on the railway here same as we have at home. If you are crossing the railway with a car you have got to look out for yourself. After having spent a really good day we started back for the boat at 4-30 p.m. and arrived at Fremantle at 5-15 p.m., and we sailed again at 6 p.m. All the passengers that got off came and gave us a good send off. This is all to-day, so we get to bed early.

**Wednesday, 24th July**—Off Cape Leenwin at 6 a.m. We are getting a heavy swell just now, as we are getting near the great Australian Bight. We are getting at an angle of from 25 to 35 degrees; a lot of people sick. We enter Bight at 6 p.m. and get tossed about fairly well; it is very hard to walk about at times. Clocks go on 30 minutes.

**Thursday, 25th July**—Get up as usual 7-30 a.m.; have a walk round. There is not much to do to-day as the weather is quite cold now, so everyone keeps down below. We are now about half-way through the Bight and the ship is still rolling about. Clocks go on 30 minutes.

**Friday, 26th July**—We again have medical inspection first thing this morning by the ship's doctor. This only takes about one hour. Then we have our usual sports. We pass a sister ship "The Ormonde" at 11 a.m. We get a message from her that her windows have been smashed in the music and smoke room owing to the rough sea. We have a dance from 8 p.m. until 10 p.m. This finishes the day. Clocks go on 20 minutes.

**Saturday, 27th July**—We arrived at Adelaide at 8 a.m. The weather is fine, so after breakfast we go ashore. It is about 16 miles to the City by train; the fare is 1/4 return. But the trains are very poor. The seats are cane bottomed and are very hard. The first class is worse than our third at home, and you have a stop about every 2½ miles. We arrive at Adelaide at 11-30 a.m., and visit the Botanic Gardens. This would take a day to go round it all. There is a cactus plant here only blooms once in one hundred years. There were quite a lot of names carved on this, so I added mine to the list. We leave here at 4-30 and arrive in Port Adelaide at 5-45 p.m. The boat leaves at 6 p.m. for Melbourne, so we do nothing more to-day. We put the clock on 15 minutes.