

# Seagoe Parish Magazine.

APRIL, 1931.

## CLERGY :

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

Rev. W. F. Hayes, B.A., Edendale, CarrickBlacker Road, Edenderry, Portadown.

## CHURCHWARDENS :

Rector's—Wm. H. England.

People's—Gilbert Price.

## Easter Services.

During Holy Week, which begins on Sunday, March 29th, a Service will be held on each week-night in the Parish Church at 8 p.m. Addresses on our Lord's Passion will be given at these Services. We invite our people to be present.

## Good Friday.

Services will be held as follows on 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.

On Easter Day the following Services will be held:  
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 our Sunday School Fund.

## Confirmation Classes

The Classes in preparation for the forthcoming Confirmation will be held as follows in Seagoe School:—

**For Boys**—Thursdays, at 8 p.m., beginning on Thursday, April 30th.

**For Girls**—Tuesdays, at 8 p.m., beginning on Tuesday, April 28th.

Adults who wish to be Confirmed should send in their names to the Rector and special arrangements will be made in their case. If any young people, of the age for Confirmation, have a difficulty in attending the classes owing to their hours of employment, the Rector will be glad to make arrangements to meet their case. The lowest age for Confirmation is 14 years, but if any come to that age within a month or two after the date of Confirmation they are eligible to attend the Classes and to be Confirmed. As there will only be eight classes held before the Confirmation a punctual attendance at all the Classes is requested.

## The Games Gymkhana.

The Games Gymkhana held in Seagoe School on Friday, March 20th, was a novel entertainment and

proved very successful. The three large schoolrooms were furnished with all kinds of games. The opening ceremony took place at 6.30. Mr. W. J. Green and Mrs. Green most kindly attended, and Mr. Green in an interesting speech declared the Gymkhana opened. During the evening the rooms were crowded and everyone seemed to get great enjoyment out of the games. There was a great variety of games—Skittles, Bull and Bear, Tennis, Pistol Pranks, Rope Rings, Figure Quoits, Air Gun Range, Ring Fishing, Tantalus, Pease Bags, Dart Board, Shove Halfpenny, Snookers, and not least a splendid course of Midget Golf. A Tea and Cake Stall was quite sold out at the end of the evening. All the workers helped splendidly, but we must specially thank Mr. John H. Twinem, who first suggested the entertainment and carried it through successfully. We thank also the kind friends in Lurgan who so generously and readily lent us the games. The proceeds of the entertainment were on behalf of the Parochial School Improvement Fund, and as will be seen from the statement of accounts which we publish a considerable sum has been raised.

## GYMKHANA, 29th MARCH, 1931.

To Postages	...	..	£0 4 0
„ Advertising	...	..	0 18 6
„ Printing (Tickets)	...	..	0 12 6
„ Prizes	...	..	0 10 0
„ Minerals	...	..	0 12 0
„ Cash on hand	...	..	31 9 5½
			£34 6 5½

## By Games:—

Tantalum (W. M'Clements)	...	£1 18 6
Shove H'penny (J. H. Twinem)	...	0 15 0
Tennis (R. M'Clements)	...	0 12 8
Quoits	...	0 6 6
Skittles (Jas. Shanks)	...	1 16 9
Air Gun (D. Murray)	...	1 0 6
Snooker Darts (W. Curry)	...	0 15 5
Darts (I. Clayton & J. Metcalf)	...	1 15 8
Bull and Bear (A. M'Dowell)	...	1 9 6
Hoop-la (G. Price & R. Richardson)	...	1 6 10
Air Pistol (V. Matchett)	...	0 7 10½
Bean Bags (T. Hall & W. West)	...	1 1 3
Ring Fishing	...	0 9 1½
Midget Golf (R. Scott)	...	2 2 8
Guessing Competitions	...	3 17 0
Teas, Doll, etc.	...	5 3 4
Subscriptions	...	2 13 6
Door	...	0 10 1½
Tickets (to date)	...	6 4 3
		£34 6 5½

## Parish Register for March. Baptisms.

**M'Cabe**—March 7th, Joan Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas and Mary M'Cabe; of Upper Seagoe.

*Sponsors*—Dinah M'Cabe, Mary M'Cabe.

**Mulligan**—March 7th, George Victor, son of William James and Dorothy Jane Mulligan, of Edenderry.

*Sponsors*—Evelyn Morrison, Rachel Brownlee.

## Burials.

**M'Kane**—March 4th, Anne M'Kane, of Levaghery, aged 80.

**Gibson**—March 10th, James Gibson, of Edenderry, aged 65. Interred at Donaghcloney.

**Hewitt**—March 15, Elizabeth Hewitt, of Levaghery, aged 62.

**M'Kane**—March 19th, Henry M'Kane, of Levaghery, aged 78.

**Donaldson**—March 19th, Amelia Donaldson, of Levaghery, aged 18 months. Interred at Drumcree.

**Robinson**—March 20th, Dawson Robinson, of Tamnagarbet, aged 76. Interred at Drumcree.

## A Double Bereavement.

The deaths occurred last month of a brother and sister very well known and much respected by many among us. Early in the month, on March 2nd, Anne M'Kane passed away quite suddenly after a few hours' illness. Her brother, Harry M'Kane, was ill at the time with the prevailing influenza but was present at her funeral. The shock of her death and his own illness, however, proved too great a strain and he too passed away on March 17th. Our sincere sympathy goes out to Miss Margaret M'Kane, their surviving sister, in her double bereavement. Harry M'Kane will be much missed by many in the Parish. His bright and cheery presence made him popular with everyone. Before he met with an accident some years ago he was a most regular worshipper in the Parish and was also a diligent attender at the Men's Bible Class in Edenderry. His sister Anne was also much respected by all who knew her and her loss is much regretted.

## Sympathy.

Two other sudden deaths occurred in the Parish last month. James Gibson, although for some time in weak health, passed away in his sleep. Dawson Robinson, well-known to many and a member of a family long resident in the Parish, also died after a very brief illness. We offer our deep sympathy to all who have suffered the loss of those very near and dear to them.

## The Magazine

Magazine Distributors who have not yet handed in their receipts for 1930 are kindly asked to do so without delay. If this should meet the eye of any-

one who has received the Magazine during last year or the year previous and has not yet paid their subscription to their distributor will they oblige by paying what is due without delay.

## Our Advertisers

Our advertisement columns are now complete, and we ask our readers to kindly note the goods which are advertised and to deal with the firms who help us by advertising in the Magazine. We do not overload the Magazine with advertisements but we cordially recommend those firms which appear in our columns.

## The Late Mr. Blacker

We copy the enclosed account of the funeral of the late Mr. Terence Blacker from a Bridport, Dorset newspaper:—

Villagers of Walditch and Bothenhampton—Colonel and Mrs. Blacker and family gained their affection and esteem while in residence at Shutts Haye—united with the people of Chideock in the general mourning which took place on Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 10th. Many of them carried tributes of beautiful flowers and they met the cortege at the gates of Chideock Manor and joined in the sorrowful procession to Chideock Parish Church, where an impressive service was conducted by the Rev. C. F. Urquhart (Vicar of Chideock), and the Rev. N. Thwaites (Vicar of Walditch and Bothenhampton). At the entrance to the Church, which was filled by sympathising friends, the cortege was met by the clergy and surpliced choir. At the close of the service, during which the choir led the singing of Hymns and Psalm, the organist, Mrs. H. Diment, played Chopin's Funeral March. Outside the Church the flag of the first Chideock Troop of Boy Scouts flew at half-mast, while the villagers and school children stood in the silence of respect. Led by the clergy and choir, the funeral procession wended its way to the Parish Burial ground, where the grave was lined with verdant fern and sweet perfumed flowers. The Rev. N. Thwaites and the Rev. C. F. Urquhart performed the last burial rites at the graveside. Colonel Blacker and Lieut Blacker, R.N., were the chief mourners. The choir led the singing of the Hymn "Let saints on earth in concert sing." Patrol Second Frank Clothier and Cub "Sixer" Allen Bray also walked in the procession carrying wreaths from the first Chideock Troop of Scouts. The bearers were Messrs. A. Moore, R. Byles, S. Lond, F. Tuck and W. Tuck (employees on Chideock Manor Estate), and A. Hile (Walditch). Inscribed on the brass shield on the heavily panelled oak coffin were the words—"Terence FitzRoy Blacker, born October 15th, 1910; died February 6th, 1931." Among those who walked in the procession and were present at the graveside were members of Walditch Women's Institute, with Mrs. Squire (president) at their head carrying a wreath of laurels.

## The Easter Vestry

The Easter Vestry will be held (p.v.) on Thursday, April 9th, at 7.30 p.m., in Seagoe School. All members of the General Vestry are requested to attend.

## Improvements in Seagoe

Great changes have taken place recently in Upper Seagoe. The erection of a number of semi-detached villas along the Seagoe and Lurgan roads has transformed the appearance of the place. The removal last week of the bank and hedge along the Seagoe Road has opened up the whole place. That bank and hedge have been there for 400 years, ever since the country was settled and the tribal system ceased. The extraordinary assemblage of huge sewage pipes standing on end in the new sewage pipe works in Upper Seagoe is quite a unique feature in the landscape. The sewage disposal works in Lower Seagoe are approaching completion. They are very elaborate in construction and will, we hope, be very efficient in their working.

## A Generous Grant.

The Representative Church Body has renewed to Seagoe Parish the generous grant of £150 per annum towards the income of a second Curate. An additional sum of £70 per annum will have to be raised in the Parish if we are to have a second Curate and take advantage of the generous offer made to us.

## Old Seagoe Notes.

**A Chapter in the Story of Old Seagoe**—[The following is a continuation of the note on "Old Seagoe" in last month's issue and was written by the late Dean Dawson. It appeared in the "Portadown News" for March 3rd, 1883.]

When it became necessary to build a new church it is much to be regretted that there should have been any breach of the hallowed associations of centuries. Plain, and inornate as the old church was, still it stood upon a site devoted to the worship of God through many generations; and no doubt it was an affliction to many to turn away from the place where their forefathers worshipped and around which their bodies rested. But the change was unavoidable, or at least seemed the lesser evil. Interment within a church was always reserved as the privilege of a few. The next most desirable thing was to lay the bodies as near the church walls as possible. So often had this desire been gratified at Seagoe, that not only was the church hemmed round with graves, but the frequent burials had raised mounds of earth against the southern wall, and still more against the western gable, several feet above the level of the church floor. To build the much larger church required upon the same site would entail the obliteration of the burial places of half the parish. Hence a new site had to be sought elsewhere. By the grant of Lady Olivia Sparrow, as guardian to her son, Robert Acheson St. John Bernard Sparrow, a site was obtained in the adjoining town-

land of Seagoe Upper, about forty perches distant. By order of Council, June 21st, 1814, the change of site was legally authorised. Some days before, on the 1st day of June, 1814, the foundation-stone of the new church was laid; and as soon as the building was completed the service was transferred to it, and the old parish church of Seagoe was finally deserted.

Besides the records and registries, the font and bell were transferred to the new church. The ancient communion plate also preserves the memory of the old house of God. This consists of a paten and two chalices, all of silver. The paten is inscribed—'In usum Parochiae de Segoe, 1699.' It was provided, as we have seen, by the vestry. The two chalices were presented during the incumbency of Rev. Richard Buckby, and one of them, at least, at his expense. This one has the inscription—'Ex dono Richd. Buckby, Vic. de Segoe, in usum Parochiae de Segoe, 1769.' On the second is simply—'Seagoe Parish, 1791.'

A mural tablet, oval, and of white marble, sacred to the memory of Rev. Richard Buckby, was removed from the wall over the minister's seat, in the old church, and placed in its present position on the wall of the new church, to the right of the reading desk. It bears the following inscription—'Sacred to the memory of the Rev. Richard Buckby, who departed this life, January 18th, 1796, aged 72 years. Late vicar of the parish of Segoe 33 years. A sincere friend to the family drops a tear of sorrow at the departure of the above worthy and honourable character.' The latter part of this inscription beginning, 'A sincere friend, &c.,' with the permission of Mr. Buckby's family was added by the Rev. Geo. Blacker, his successor in the vicarage.

Although the old church was no longer used for Divine service, it remained standing for a few years in fair preservation. The internal fittings were not removed, and it was still used at funerals, and for the accommodation of a Sunday school. At the Easter vestry, March 28, 1818, the sum of £2 was allotted 'for the purpose of repairing the roof and windows of the old church.' But as the necessity of extensive repairs became more pressing, it was at length resolved at the Easter vestry, April, 1820, that 'the old church should be sold by auction on or before next Whitsuntide.' This was so distasteful to the parishioners that at a subsequent vestry, on the 23rd of May, 1820, the resolution was rescinded 'by a majority of the parishioners present,' and the vestry was adjourned 'until the sentiments of the Lord Bishop (Dr. Saurin), be known concerning the same.' At last, however, the gallery, pews, &c., were sold by Auction on Saturday, 7th October, 1820; and in the same month, the timbers of the roof, and everything else saleable, were disposed of by auction. The proceeds of the two sales amounted to £35 6s 4d; and after deducting the expense of pulling down the building, the sale, &c., amounting to £6 8s 3d, there remained a balance of £28 18s 1d. This was applied to the provision of iron gates for the new church-

yard, and the levelling and planting of the yard; and also in the erecting of an additional building to the stable for the purpose of a school-house.'

At the auction, the old pulpit became the property of Charles Mooney, a Roman Catholic, and public-house keeper in Edenderry, in whose yard it long lay among the lumber. An aged parishioner often saw it there, and, in his memory of former days, vainly vexed his soul at its desecration.

We reach another, and to us the last stage in the history of the old church, in 1874, when, under the provision of the Irish Church Act (1869), the ruins and the graveyard were transferred to the Guardians of the Union of Lurgan. They have since added to the graveyard an acre of ground, purchased from the late Major Stewart Blacker; and they have completed the enclosure of the yard by a substantial stone wall, except on the inner or eastern side, where the old thorn fence still remains. It is hoped that the Guardians will respect the feelings of the members of the Church of Ireland who constitute the great majority of the parishioners, by having the new portion consecrated and duly set apart for its purpose. At present there exists a legal impediment to the seemly interment of any corpse therein, in accordance with the rites and ceremonies of the Church of Ireland.

February 10, 1883.

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**Seagoe and the "Sack of Lurgan."**—The 15th of November, 1641, is a sinister day in the history of Lurgan, for on that date there took place the "Massacre or Sack of the Lurgan." This is the expression used in the old documents. Sometimes the name Lurgan is spelt "Loargan," at other times "Lorgan" or "Lorchan." The manuscripts relating to the Massacre are in the Manuscript Department of the Library of Trinity College, Dublin. Carte in his description of what took place, says: "The chief force of the Rebels was now in the County of Downe. On the 15th November, 1641, they, after a fortnight's siege, reduced the Castle of Loargan. Sir William Brownlow, after a stout defence, surrendering it upon terms of marching out with his

family and goods. But such was the unworthy disposition of the Rebels, that they kept him, his lady and children prisoners, rifled his house, plundered, stripped, and killed most of his servants and treated all the townsmen in the same manner." The clans who attacked Lurgan were the Magennises, the O'Hanlons, and the MacConvills. Their places of abode were Clancan, Clanbrassil and Clanconnell. The names of the chieftains who attacked are given as follows—Toole MacMaghon, M'Rory M'Cann, Art oge M'Glasny Magennis, Edmund boy M'Glasny Magennis, Brian Roe Magennis, and Oghee O'Hanlon. Among those who were killed are the following names—John Davies, Richard Ridedall, Thomas Ward, Leonard Riggs, Thomas Hawker, and James Horseley. Sworn statements were given at the enquiry which followed, and among these are two by Seagoe residents—William Duffield of Seagoe, deposed "that when the Rebels attempted and surprised the town of Lurgan, tenn Protestants (as this deponent verily believeth and hath credibly heard) were either wounded so as they quickly dyed or otherwise were slaine outright. And many thousands Protestant men, women and children, being stript of their clothes dyed also of could and want in severall parts of the country" (Sworn 9th August, 1642). The second witness from Seagoe was Captain Valentine Blacker (who rebuilt old Seagoe Church in 1666). He deposed—"That Edmund boy M'Glasney M'Genis of Clanconnell and Art oge M'Glasney Magennis of the same, gathered the men in Clanconnell and burnt Downe Patrick, Dromore, and Lurgan as they themselves confesst they had done, at their returne, to this informant, being then their prisoner. Toole MacMaghan and Toole M'Rowry M'Cann gathered the Irish in Clancan and Clanbrassell and went to burne Lurgan, and when they returned they bragd that they had burnt it, in the informant's hearing who also saw them going thither, the said Tool MacMaghan commanding them, and marching before them. Toole M'Rowry M'Cann was Lieutenant." Seagoe had many interests in Lurgan in these bygone days as the Parish extended to within 200 yards of Old Shankill and stretched beyond Kinnigo to Bird Island.

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

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