

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

APRIL, 1933.

A Happy Easter-tide to all our Readers !

Holy Week, 1933.

During Holy Week, beginning April 10th, a special Service will be held in the Parish Church on each evening (except Saturday) at 8 p.m. The events leading up to our Lord's Passion will be the subject of the addresses each evening. During this very solemn week our thoughts and prayers will centre on our Lord as the Suffering Christ. As day succeeds day and brings us nearer to Good Friday we will come to understand even in some small degree how much our Blessed Lord suffered for us men and for our salvation. It will be a help to us in our spiritual life to come each evening into the House of Prayer and there by Prayer and Praise and meditation to learn more about the price paid for our Redemption.

Good Friday.

On Good Friday the following Services will be held:—

1.30 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Litany.

8 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon.

The offerings will be given to the Church of Ireland Jews' Society.

Easter Day.

Easter Day brings us a joyous message, a splendid Hope for the life to come. It is the story of Victory after Conflict. There cannot be the Joy of the Resurrection but for the painful endurance of the Cross. Our Services will be very bright and the Easter Anthem will add a joyful note to our Thanksgiving. The Church will be decorated with the beautiful flowers of Spring-time. Our Easter Communion will be a real Service of Thanksgiving. The joy of Easter will serve to interpret all the sadness of Good Friday. As often as ye eat this Bread and drink this Cup, ye do show the Lord's Death till He come." The following Services will be held on Easter Day:—

8 a.m.—Holy Communion.

1.30 a.m.—Morning Prayer, Sermon and Holy Communion.

8 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon.

The offerings at all Services on Easter Day will be on behalf of our Parochial Sunday School Fund.

CLERGY :

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

Rev. W. F. Hayes, B.A., Edendale, Carrick-Blacker Road, Edenderry, Portadown.

CHURCHWARDENS :

Rector's—Mr. Robert Scott.

People's—Mr. Isaac Dickson.

Seagoe C.L.B.

A most enjoyable evening was spent in the Parochial Hall on Thursday, March 23rd, at 8 p.m. The centre of the Hall was kept clear and the audience occupied the side seats and the gallery. The Rector presided, and there were also on the platform four officers representing the C.L.B. in Belfast. Capt. J. Kerr, commanding the Training Corps, Capt. R. Armstrong, M.M., Capt. R. J. Haffern and Lieut. Torney, Training Corps Secretary. The programme consisted of Company Drill, Squad Drill, Physical Exercises and O'Grady Drill-down. The first item of the programme was a splendid display of gymnastic exercises by the Cadet Corps, under their efficient trainer, Mr. Joe Hynes. During the performance much amusement was occasioned by the antics of the clown (W. England). A most realistic camp scene followed. It was the last night in camp and as the lads gathered round their camp fire, with Lieut. Mitchell, they sang "Poor old Joe" and other songs. Two fine recitations were also given. A sick boy in camp was very well acted by Joe Pierson. The medicine chest was got out but when castor oil was suggested the sick boy jumped up, saying the pain had gone. A dispute about a cap led to a lively boxing match of two rounds. The prizes and promotions were then announced. The best all-round boy in each squad:—Squad No. 1, Private James M'Nally; No. 2, Joseph Pierson; No. 3, Jack Best; No. 4, James Brownlee. O'Grady competition, 1st prize (watch), Private Victor Metcalfe; 2nd prize (silver medal), Private Wm. Adair. A special prize was awarded to Corporal Donaldson for his good work during the session. The following promotions were announced:—Acting-Corporal Donaldson to be full Corporal; Privates Frank Girvan, Victor Metcalfe, Wm. Adair and Thos. Hoy to be Lance-Corporals. After very appreciative speeches from the officers

present, the Rector expressed his thanks to them for so kindly attending. He also thanked Capt. Metcalfe and Lieut. Mitchell for all the good work they had done for the Brigade. The meeting, which had been opened with a Hymn and the Brigade Prayer, was closed by the singing of the National Anthem and the Benediction pronounced by the Chairman. Miss Hilda Walker kindly presided at the piano during the performance. A very vivid moon shone down on the camp while the singing was in progress.

The Musical Festival.

The annual Festival has become an event of great interest and importance. We are glad to see by the programmes that several children from the Parish have entered and have been successful. Irene Gracey, who is only eight years old, is specially to be congratulated. She came out first out of 30 entries in the verse-speaking competition. Her piece was Wordsworth's "Reverie of Poor Susan." Harry M'Court, a member of Seagoe Choir, won first prize for violin playing. Jack Best won two second prizes in keen competition. We heartily congratulate all who were successful. The Rector took part in the opening proceedings of the Festival. Dr. Tysoe, who was one of the adjudicators is Organist of St. Peter's Church, Leeds, one of the most important musical positions in England. Mr. Frank Ridley, who judged the verse-speaking, comes from London. Mr. Plunket Greene, who also adjudicated, is a nephew of the late Lord Plunket, Archbishop of Dublin, and he married a daughter of the late Sir Herbert Parry, of Oxford, a very famous musician. Concerts by the prize-winners will be given on Monday, April 2nd, by the children at 3.30 p.m., and by the adult prize-winners at 7.30 p.m.

Seagoe G.F.S.

We heartily congratulate our G.F.S. and its Secretary, Mrs. Scott, on the following successes:—Six members of the Seagoe G.F.S. sent exhibits to the Arts and Crafts Exhibition of Down, and Connor and Dromore, which was held on Friday, 24th March in G.F.S. Lodge, Donegall Pass, Belfast. There were 319 exhibits sent in from the three Dioceses. Miss Carrie Guy won second prize for her soda bread; Miss Millicent Coulter, highly commended for her hand-knit jumper; Miss S. Montgomery, commended for her hand-knit socks, and Mrs. R. Scott, highly commended for her six most original household hints. The President and several of the ladies of the Committee expressed their pleasure at the success of the members of the Seagoe Branch.

Carne "At Home."

Carne Church Hall has recently been exten-

sively repaired and improved. A new floor has been put in and the school has been repaired in many ways and re-painted. All this work has been done by the men of the district without expense of any kind except for the cost of the wood. The Hall is now one of the nicest in the Parish and for beauty of situation excels all the others. It was thought fitting that the Hall should be formally re-opened. The re-opening ceremony will take place on Thursday, April 6th, at 3.30 p.m. Invitation cards are being sent out to the residents in the district and others. Mrs. Callender Bullock, of Portadown, has most kindly consented to declare the Hall open. A ladies committee is giving tea to the visitors in the Hall after the meeting. The Hall, which was originally built on the private grounds of the late Mr. Atkinson Conolly, was most kindly made over to the Parish as a gift by the members of his family before they left for Australia a few years ago.

Seagoe Mothers' Union.

A meeting of the Mothers' Union was held at Seagoe School on Tuesday, March 14th, at 7.30 p.m. There was a large attendance of members. After tea, a most interesting lecture was delivered by Mr. James Twinem, of Lylo, on "The History of the Church of Ireland." Mr. Twinem referred to the great antiquity of the Church dating from the 5th century. He also referred to the leading events in the History of the Church. The members enjoyed the lecture very much. Instead of holding a meeting this month the members of the Mothers' Union have agreed to attend in a body the Service in the Parish Church on Tuesday evening in Holy Week, April 11th at 8 p.m.

Choir Social.

A very pleasing Choir Social was held in Seagoe School on Tuesday, March 21st, at 7.30 p.m. There was a large gathering of Choir members. After tea all present engaged in games and much enjoyed themselves. Two presentations were made during the evening. Mr. and Mrs. Dymally-Turkington were presented with a tea-set on the occasion of their recent marriage. The presentation was made by the Rector, who expressed the wish of all present for much blessing and prosperity to Mr. and Mrs. Turkington in their future life. Mr. Turkington suitably replied. Later in the evening Mr. David Murray was presented with a wristlet watch as a token of esteem for his many years of service in the choir. The Rector, in making the presentation, regretted Mr. Murray's approaching departure from the Parish. Mr. Murray thanked the members for their great kindness. The social closed with the singing of the Doxology. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson and Mr. George Wilson kindly made the arrangements for the social.

Concert at Drumgor.

A very successful concert was given at Drumgor on Thursday, March 16th, at 8 p.m. There was a large attendance and every item was loudly applauded. The sketches were very amusing. The organisers of the Concert are to be congratulated on their success. The proceeds are on account of a small debt of over £7 remaining on the Hall Improvement Fund. We thank Mr. Clements, who kindly brought the piano to the Hall, no easy matter owing to the difficulty of the staircase.

Seagoe P.E. School.

The School has had a very successful term. The attendance of children has been large and steady. The daily supply of soup so kindly sent from the town soup kitchen has been greatly appreciated. The children have enjoyed playtime many days in the lovely Grove Field beside the School, where football and games of all kinds played during the half-hour.

Parish Register for March.

Marriage.

Walsh and Ruddell—March 8th, 1933, William Henry Nassau Walsh, of Mahon, Parish of St. Mark's, Portadown, to Nora Evelyn Ruddell, of Lisniskey.

Burials.

Wright—March 14th, Norman George Wright, of Edenderry, aged 2 years and 10 months. Interred at Tartaraghan.

Webb—March 17th, Caroline Webb, of Lylo, aged 70 years.

Nesbitt—March 20th, Jane Nesbitt, of Levaghery, aged 48 years. Interred at Maralin.

Sympathy.

We express our deep sympathy with those in the Parish who have been bereaved during the past month. Mrs. Caroline Webb, of Lylo, was well-known to many among us. She had been in weak health for some time but her wonderful spirit had enabled her to overcome her weakness. She is sorely missed by her affectionate sons and daughters. Mrs. Nesbitt, whose death we record with much regret, passed away after a brief illness. She was much interested in the Parish and was a regular attender at the Services in the Parish Church. She was also a most regular member of the Mothers' Union. She leaves behind to mourn her loss a husband and three sons, and also her aged mother, Mrs. Mawhinney with all of whom we deeply sympathise. The family came to Seagoe some years ago from Maralin, where they were well-known and much esteemed. The Rev. W. M'Cleod, Rector of Maralin, officiated at the funeral. We sympathise with Mr. and Mrs. Wright, of Florence Court, who have lost their little son at the age of just three years.

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Death of Mr. Richard Forsythe

It is with much regret that we record the death of Mr. Richard Forsythe, of Seagoe Villa. The sad event occurred with tragic suddenness on the morning of Tuesday, March 21st. The funeral to Seagoe Graveyard took place on Thursday, March 24th. It was very largely attended and expressions of deep regret were heard on every side at the loss of one who was so kind-hearted and genial in every way. We sympathise very sincerely with Mrs. Forsythe and the members of her family in their sad and sudden bereavement. Mr. Forsythe always had at heart the happiness and the welfare of the people of his native parish.

Church-Ground Extension

Great progress has been made in the work of wall-building and levelling and drainage of the new plot of ground beside the Church grounds. The boundary wall on the west side is being raised to its full height. Piping, to carry off the surface drainage, has been laid down along the wall. The existing boundary wall of the Church ground is being lowered with the result that more light and air have gained access to the immediate surroundings of the Church. Before long it is hoped to have suitable entrance gates and pillars erected and the boundary walls neatly cemented.

Bocombra New Hall

The new Hall at Bocombra is well on its way to completion. The walls have been raised to their full height and the roof will shortly be finished. The splendid windows are a feature of the building, which promises to be one of the finest of our Church Halls. Mr. Alick Guy has done his work well.

25 Years Ago

JANUARY, 1908.

We resume these notes, the last of which appeared in our December number. In January, 1908, the Churchwardens were Lt.-Col. Blacker and Mr. George Calvert. There were three Baptisms, one Marriage and six Burials. The deaths of two sisters are recorded—Jane Bell and Mary Anne Bell, of Levaghery. They lived at a place called "The Close," in Levaghery. A Lecture on "The Northman as the South man sees him," by the Rev. H. G. Austin is announced. A long letter from the Rev. W. T. Grey from Tokio, Japan, is inserted. Interesting notes on Seagoe in 1842 are inserted under the heading of "Old Seagoe Notes." It records how the first train from Belfast to Seagoe started from Belfast on Monday, January 31st, 1842, at 8 a.m., and ar-

rived in Seagoe, the then terminus, sharp at 9.30 a.m. Mr. MacNeill was the engineer in charge of the line. The construction of the line from Belfast to Seagoe cost £1,200,000.

FEBRUARY, 1908.

Two Baptisms and three Burials are recorded. The Prize Distributions in the Sunday Schools are described at Carne. Much interest was created by a new instrument called a phonograph, which was exhibited by Messrs. Lyness and Hickland. It discoursed some splendid music. At Hacknahay Silver Medals with blue ribbons, were given to Tom England and his sister, who had not missed a Service in the Parish Church during the year. At Drumgor, Miss Andrews, the assistant teacher at Balteagh National School kindly helped in the programme. Mr. Robert Gracey had kindly entertained the children. At Seagoe, Mrs. Walker, of Seagoe Farm, kindly distributed the prizes. Medals were presented by the Rector to Maud Dickson and Victor Walker for good attendance.

MARCH, 1908.

A children's Mission is announced to be held by the Rev. James Stephens. It was to last for ten days and the Services were to be held each day at 4.30. Four Baptisms, one Marriage and seven Burials are recorded. Among the latter is that of "Bess" Monroe, of Levaghery, aged 88 years. A Bible Class Social is described. A special cake had been baked for it, on the top of which in sugar were the words "Seagoe Bible Class Social." James Twinem gave an address on Bible Study. Mr. George Rowland gave a fine display of Indian Club swinging. The Rev. W. R. Crichton said a few words.

Congratulations

We heartily congratulate our Organist, Mr. T. H. Wilson, who has entered his sixtieth year as Organist of Seagoe. He was appointed to the post in March, 1874. He is still hale and hearty and has, we trust, many years of active service in the days to come.

Information Wanted

BLACK & CAMPBELL,
Real Estate,
Insurance-Loans, Valuations,
15 St. Clair Avenue West,
Toronto 5. February 20th, 1908

Chancellor J. E. Archer,
Seagoe Rectory,
Portadown, Ireland.

Dear Sir,—I have been advised by my friend John Wilson, who comes from Portadown, that in all probability you would be able to give me the information I require.

My mother was born in or near Portadown and was the daughter of Robert Jennett, who was for years and up to the time he emigrated in the employ of Col. Blacker.

What I am endeavouring to do is to find out how old my mother is. Her maiden name was Ellen Maria Jennett, and is the sole survivor of the family. I imagine she is about 80 or 85 years of age, but if you can assist me I will be deeply grateful to you.

Have just been talking to John Wilson. He is hale and hearty and apparently getting along well. Trusting to hear from you soon.

I am, yours sincerely,
D'ARCY GAULEY.

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 each 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 thankoffering. (See Book of Common Prayer.)

MORNING PRAYER—Sundays and Chief Festivals, 11-30 a.m.

EVENING PRAYER—Sundays, 7 p.m.

DISTRICT SERVICES

Hacknahay—Last Sunday of Month at 3-30 p.m.

Drumgor—Second Sunday of Month at 4 p.m.

Edenderry—Wednesdays at 8 p.m.

CLASSES, &c.

BIBLE CLASS FOR MEN in Edenderry on Sundays at 10 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS 10 a.m. Edenderry Parochial Hall and Seagoe School. 3 p.m. Seagoe, Edenderry Parochial Hall, Levaghery, Hacknahay, Carne, Drumgor, Bocombra.

MOTHERS' UNION—2nd Tuesday of each month at 7-30 p.m.

CHURCH LADS' BRIGADE in the Parochial Hall on Tuesdays and Fridays.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY in Seagoe School on Mondays at 8 p.m.

SEAGOE P.E. SCHOOL, 9-15 a.m. Principal—Mr R. Scott.

MARRIAGES must be performed between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Licenses are issued by Rev Canon Hannan, Rectory, Lurgan. Due notice (48 hours) must be given to the Rector of intended weddings. **FEEES**—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. **FEEES 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 3/- per annum.