

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

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SEAGOE CHOIR, August, 1891.

This Photo was taken after the re-opening of the Church on August 7th, 1891

Back Row from left - 1, Chas. Wilson; 2. Mr. Wickham; 3, Caroline McCully; 4, Annie Ferguson; 5, Hugh Bailey; 5. Eva McCully; 7. Tom Ferguson; 8, Martha Bailey; 9, Mary Anne Montgomery; 10. James Albin (jun)

Second Row from left 1, Sarah Anne Upprichard; 2. Mary Jackson; Minnie Kennedy; 4, Minnie Lavery; 5, Annie Sweeney; 6' Eliza Killow (Australia); 7, Hester Upprichard; 8, Hugh Albin

Front Row from left 1, Lizzie Rock; 2. Maggie Lavery; 3, Margretta Sweeny; 4, T H. Wilson Organist; 5, Minnie Hughes; 6, Fanny Walker; 7. Emma J. Rock; 8, David W. Rock

Boys in front (left) Jack Bailey; (right) Sam Rock.

Easter, 1934.

From the earliest times Christians all agreed in showing peculiar respect and honour to the Festival of Easter. One of the ancient Fathers of the Church calls it the Queen of Festivals, and says it excels all others as far as the Sun exceeds the other stars. It has been also called the "Sunday of Joy." One great expression of the public joy was given when the early Christian Emperors granted on this day a general release of prisoners. It was also customary in ancient days for private persons to grant their slaves freedom at this season. In primitive times the Christians saluted one another in the

The above photograph is of great interest. It was taken by a Mr. Seatt, photographer, of Edward Street, at 3 p.m. on Thursday, April 7th, 1891. The Service for the re-opening of the Church had just been held. It was a great occasion in the Parish. The offerings amounted to £103. Many of those who were then members of the choir have passed away. Some still remain. The photograph is an interesting memento of Mr. T. H. Wilson's long connection with Seagoe choir. Mr. Charles Wilson, who is seen in the photograph, on the left, was organist of Seagoe for a year, from 1873 to 1874.

early morning of Easter Day with the words, "Christ is risen," to which those who were saluted made answer "Christ is risen indeed." This year the Paschal moon has been shining each night from cloudless skies. We have passed through the dark shadows of Good Friday and now the bright light of Easter shines upon us, filling our hearts with the hope of a joyful Resurrection.

Services on Easter Day.

The following Services will be held (D.V.) on 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 at all the Services on Easter Day will be on behalf of our Parochial Sunday School Fund. There are seven afternoon and two morning Sunday Schools held in the Parish each week. A most important and helpful work is done by their agency among the younger members of the Church in all parts of the Parish.

Confirmation Classes

The preparation classes for the approaching Confirmation will be held as follows:

Classes for **Boys** will be held in Seagoe School on Thursdays, beginning on Thursday, May 3rd, at 8 p.m.

Classes for **Girls** will be held in Seagoe School on Tuesdays, beginning on Tuesday, May 1st, at 8 p.m.

Classes for **Adults** (over 21) will be held in the Parish Church on Sunday afternoon, at 4.30 p.m., beginning on Sunday May 5th.

The Lord Bishop will (D.V.) hold the Confirmation in the Parish Church on Friday, June 22nd, at 8 p.m. Candidates must be 14 years of age or over.

Presentation.

The choir of Seagoe have presented Mr. T. H. Wilson with a finely upholstered armchair to mark the completion of his sixtieth year as organist of Seagoe. The presentation was made on Thursday, March 22nd, in Seagoe School. There was a full attendance of the choir, and Mr. and Mrs. Casey were also present. The Rector presided, and after tea games followed. During an interval the Rector presented the chair to Mr. Wilson and placed him in it. In doing so he congratulated Mr. Wilson on his long and efficient tenure of the post of organist, and expressed the hope that he might yet touch the seventieth year of service. A handsome handbag was presented to Mrs. Wilson. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson expressed their sincere thanks for the kind gifts given by the choir. Others who spoke

CLERGY :

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

Rev. W. F. Hayes, B.A., The Bungalow, Lower Seagoe, Portadown.

CHURCHWARDENS :

Rector's—Mr. James Twinem.

People's—Mr. Wm. White.

were Mr. Scott, Mr. Jack Walker, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Casey and the Rev. W. F. Hayes. A very pleasant evening concluded with the singing of the Doxology.

Seagoe P. E. S.

The School broke up for the Easter holidays on Thursday, March 29th, at 3 p.m. The Rector, who is manager of the School, was present and congratulated the teachers and pupils on the successful term just completed. After a hymn had been sung and prayer said, the Rector asked for cheers for the teachers, which were heartily given. A surprise item was the presentation to Mr. Scott, Miss Reid and Miss Matchett of three splendid Easter eggs in boxes. They were handed to the teachers by three of the senior girls. Mr. Scott thanked the children on behalf of the staff for their very kind gifts. The School will resume work (D.V.) on Monday, April 9th, at 9.15 a.m. sharp.

The Easter Vestry.

The annual meeting of the General Vestry of the Parish will be held on Thursday, April 5th, in Seagoe School, at 8 p.m. A meeting of the Select Vestry will be held at 7.30 p.m. At the annual Easter Vestry the Churchwardens for the ensuing year are nominated and elected and also the Select Vestry and Sidesmen. A punctual attendance of the members of the General Vestry is requested.

Our Losses.

We announce with regret this month the loss by death of some from among us who were well known and highly esteemed. Miss Sarah Jane Gilchrist, although resident in the Parish for many years, had been in weak health for some time but her last illness was of short duration. We sympathise very sincerely with her sister in her sad bereavement. Mrs. Agnes McKeown, of Bridge St., was known to very many. She passed away after a long illness. She had suffered a crushing blow in the death some years ago of her husband and her only child. Mrs. Elizabeth Harrison, of Levaghery, endured with much patience many weeks of suffering. Her loss is deeply felt. At this Easter season the message comes to us from the Lord of Life and Death—"I am the Resurrection and the Life."

The Guest Tea

On Thursday, March 8th, a Guest Tea was held in Seagoe School. The guests began to assemble at 7.30. The hosts who were the Superintendents and Teachers in our Sunday Schools, had prepared the tables, and everything was very nice. Mr. Norman Walker, who teaches in Seagoe Afternoon Sunday School, presented some beautiful flowers for the tables. A very large number of people were present and arrangements were made for overflow tables, several of which were brought into use. Grace was sung before tea. A very sociable spirit prevailed, and everyone talked to everybody else. Just as it should be. After tea a most attractive programme of music, recitations and sketches was given by many kind helpers. Every item was good and encores were the order of the evening. A very amusing sketch was given by Lieut. E. Mitchell and Staff-Sergeant Joe Hynes, of the C.L.B. It was entitled "Waiting." Some of the young reciters were very good. At the close the Rector thanked all who had so kindly helped to make the evening such a success. A plate was left on each table for gifts towards the object of the entertainment. As will be seen by the appended account of the receipts a large sum was subscribed. The proceeds were in aid of the Sunday School Excursion Fund of 1933, on which there was a deficit of over £9. A handsome balance remains over after paying the deficit. Mr. Scott acted as Hon. Sec., and Mr. M'Clements as Hon. Treas.

Proceeds from Guest Tea, 8th March, 1934:—
Tables—Miss Halliday, £3 3s; Miss Atkinson, £2 10s 6d; Miss Guy, £2 2s 6d; Miss M. Dickson and Miss M. Gracey, £1 17s 0d; Mrs. Scott, £1 5s 6d; Miss Price, £1 2s; Mrs. Jas. Twinem, £1 1s 1d. Subscriptions—Mr. Magennis, per Hacknahay S.S., £1; Mr. Stanfield, per Levaghery S.S., 10s; Mrs. Abraham, 2s 6d; Miss Lavery, 2s; Miss Monroe, 2s 6d; Mrs. Mayes, 2s 6d; Mrs. M'Dowell, 2s 6d; Sale of pastry, 7s 6d. Total—£15 11s 1d. Expenses—Messrs. Davison, £8 10s; Mrs. Porter, 5s. Nett balance £6 16s 1d.

Seagoe in the States.

A Seagoe woman takes her first trip in an aeroplane at the age of 87 years.

Some of our older readers will, perhaps, remember Miss Margaret Costello, of Carne, but it is very many years since she and her husband, Mr. Hugh Ruddy, went abroad, first to Canada, and then to the States. A niece of hers, Mrs. Abie Morrow, of Ballyworkan, sends us the enclosed cuttings from "The Mankato Free Press," an American paper, relating the courageous adventure of Mrs. Ruddy when she

made her first ride in an aeroplane at the age of 87. Mr. Ruddy is a sister of our respected parishioner, Mr. Andrew Costello, of Tamniflasson. A snapshot of Mrs. Ruddy, with her son and the pilot of the plane, standing beside the machine is printed in the newspaper.

"Despite her 87 years, Mrs. Hugh Ruddy, Sr., Lamberton, mother of Hugh Ruddy, of Mankato, received a genuine 'wallop' out of an aeroplane ride here Saturday.

"For a number of years Mrs. Ruddy has been planning to take an air trip. So when she arrived here for a short visit her son took her to the airport and together they enjoyed an observation flight over the city with L. J. Sohler, Mankato pilot.

"I had ridden in every kind of conveyance but an airplane, including the Irish side-car drawn by a donkey in Portadown, Ireland, and the ox cart in America. But the airplane is the easiest of all," she said.

"As they rode over the city Mrs. Ruddy pointed to buildings, identifying them. She recognized the Heinrich hotel of which her son is proprietor, and other buildings.

"Her only regret was that her husband could not have taken the trip with her. He has been in failing health for some time. Mr. and Mrs. Ruddy celebrated their sixty-fourth wedding anniversary April 27."

Parish Register for March.**Baptism.**

M'Alister—March 3rd, 1934, Vera, daughter of David Frederick and Sarah M'Alister, of Drumlisnagrilly.

Burials.

Gilchrist—March 21st, Sarah Jane Gilchrist, of Edenderry, aged 61 years.

M'Keown—March 22nd, Agnes M'Keown, of Edenderry, aged 73 years. Interred at Blaris Graveyard, Lisburn.

Harrison—March 25th, Elizabeth Harrison, of Levaghery, aged 64 years.

C.L.B. Parade.

A largely attended Praise Service was held in the Parish Church on Sunday evening, Feb. 25th, at 7 p.m. An interesting feature of the Service was the formal admission of the Cadets and Training Corps to full membership and the handing of certificates to the officers and non-commissioned officers of the Seagoe Company. Each lad received his card of membership. The Rector preached. The Company, when marching to and from the Church, was headed by the Seagoe C.L.B. Pipe Band. The summer C.L.B. camp this year will be held at Morecambe.

In Memoriam.

The distribution of gifts from the Alan Bell Memorial Fund was made in the week before Easter. Thirty-one gifts were made. The amount available this year was less than usual owing to the reduction in the rate of interest allowed by the Government. In future the sum available will be only £17 10s instead of the £25 hitherto distributed. It was Mrs. Bell's expressed wish that the gifts should be given as far as possible to those who showed an interest in the work of the Church and attended the Services in the Parish Church.

Our Summer Migrants.

Summer time begins on April 22nd. Our summer migrants—the swallow, the cuckoo, and the corncrake will be with us once again in a short time. We will be glad to publish in our next issue the names, with date, of those who first see or hear them in the Parish.

Death of Mr. Ruddy, U.S.A.

(Taken from the Lamberton, (Minn.) News of December 28, 1933.)

HUGH RUDDY, 87, DIES TUESDAY.

Hugh Ruddy died Tuesday, shortly after the noon hour, following a lingering illness of some 15 years. For the past 18 months he has been bed-ridden.

Mr. Ruddy was born April 16, 1846, and would have been 88 years old this April. He was married to Margaret Costello on April 27, 1870, in the parish church of Seagoe, Ireland, by Rev. James Saurin.

They emigrated from Ireland to Milton, Ontario, Canada. Five sons were born to this union in Canada. They are: W. J. Ruddy, J. E. Ruddy, Hugh Ruddy Andrew C. Ruddy. Atkinson C. Ruddy died 11 years ago. One son, Joseph A. Ruddy, and one daughter, Mrs. Wilbur Evans, were born in Illinois. Besides the six children, he is survived by his wife, together with 21 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

The Ruddys came to this community in 1895 and first lived on the old Kelly farm. They have lived on the present farm for the past 25 years.

The "News" joins the community in extending sympathy to those bereaved.

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BITES FOR HUGH RUDDY CONDUCTED HERE THURSDAY.

Mr. Ruddy is survived by six children and his wife. The children are: Mrs. Wilbur Evans, Lamberton; W. J. Ruddy, Willmar; J. E.

Ruddy, White, S. D.; Hugh Ruddy, Mankato; Joseph A. Ruddy, Hammond, Ind.; and Andrew Ruddy, Wessington, S. D. One son, Atkinson C. Ruddy, died at Estelline, S. D., 11 years ago, at the age of 44 years.

Those from a distance in attendance at the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. A. D. McRae, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Beaty, of Redwood Falls; Mrs. Jule Puck and son, Loraine, Mrs. Frank Kaiser, Mrs. Paul Callaghan of Mankato; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Conrad of Springfield; John Kagel of Clements; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Smith of Willmar and Eleanor Bertrand of Cobden.

In Affectionate Remembrance of**HUGH RUDDY.**

Oh, Lord; the treasure of our soul
Has fled at Thy command,
To sing Thy praise with angels
In Canaan's happy land.

A vacant place there now is left
In our family circle here,
That never will be filled again
By one we love more dear.

But it gives us consolation
To know his pain is o'er,
And gone to sing hosannas
With Thee for evermore.

—Requested by Mrs. Hugh Ruddy.

Old Seagoe Notes.

The Kirk Family in Seagoe Parish.—The following interesting particulars regarding the Kirk family in Seagoe Parish have been sent to the Rector by the Rev. H. Cunningham Farwell, of Salem, Massachusetts, U.S.A.:—

Dinah Kirk Pedigree checked by the Friends' Records of "Dublin Monthly Meeting."—Robert, a cooper, and Elizabeth Kirk dwelt in Neshag in ye parish of Skelton and in the county of York, England. He came to Ireland with five children in 1658, since when he hath dwelt in Tollygally, near Lurgan. Five children were born in England and two in Ireland. Christian, b. Oct. 21, 1645; Deborah, b. Mar. 27, 1650; Timothy, b. March 27, 1652; Roger, b. Feb. 20, 1654; Dinah, b. Oct. 14, 1656; Alphonsus, b. May 14, 1659; Robert, b. Jan. 28, 1607. Robert Kirk, b. 28 Jan., 1667, of Tollygally; m. Ann Halliday; marriage intention declared 25 Feb. 1696. Robert Kirb, b 25 Feb., 1701; m. Jane Valentine; children: David, William, Christy, Jacob, Robert, Dinah, Mary, Nancy, and Rachael. Dinah Kirk, b in 1759; m. John Cunningham (as above).