

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

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CLERGY :

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

Rev. Robert W. Johnston, L.Th., 35 Church Street, Portadown.

CHURCHWARDENS :

Mr. Robert Price (Rector's).

Mr. Thomas Martin (People's).

The Rev. W. T. Wilson.

The Rev. W. T. Wilson leaves Seagoe at the end of the month to take up his new duties as Curate of Birr, in the Diocese of Killaloe. The Parish is the most important in that Diocese. Archdeacon Hemphill, now Rector of Drumbeg, in this Diocese, was for many years Rector of Birr. During his stay in Seagoe Mr. Wilson made many friends. His large Men's Bible-class in Edenderry, which he taught every Sunday morning in the Recreation Room, decided to mark his departure from the Parish by presenting him with a gift. On Monday, July 27th, a social meeting was held in Seagoe School, at which the members of the Edenderry Men's Class and the Seagoe and Edenderry Girls' Classes were present. The Rector presided. After tea, all present enjoyed a succession of games until a late hour. During a break in the programme the Rector announced that a presentation was to be made to Mr. Wilson. In a few words Canon Archer spoke of the faithful work done by Mr. Wilson during his stay in the Parish. His diligent visiting and his care of the sick were specially referred to, and regret was expressed at the loss which the Parish would sustain in Mr. Wilson's departure. They all wished Mr. Wilson much blessing and happiness in his new sphere of work, and they hoped that from time to time they would see him again in these parts. The Rector then called on Mrs. Rennix to present Mr. Wilson with a leather attache case as a gift from the Men's Class. In a few well-chosen words Mrs. Rennix expressed the good wishes of the Men's Class for Mr. Wilson and their regret at parting from him. The members of the Seagoe and Edenderry Girls' Classes also had a present for Mr. Wilson—a fountain pen, and it was handed to him by Miss Sarah Coulter on behalf of the Classes. Mr. Wilson, in reply, expressed his sincere regret at leaving the Parish of Seagoe, where he had spent such a happy time and made so many good friends. He spoke of his pleasure at the success of the Men's Class in Edenderry, and thanked them from his heart for their good wishes for his future and their kindness to him at all times. He thanked also the members of the Girls' classes for their kind and useful gift, which would at all times remind him of his happy days in Seagoe.

Mr. Rennix, Mr. George Watson and Mrs. Magee also spoke. A pleasant evening was brought to a

close by the singing of the Hymn "Sun of my soul" and the Benediction.

Mr. Wilson left Seagoe last Thursday for Birr. He had spent two years in the Parish, having entered upon his duties here in June, 1923. He had previously held the Curacy of Maryborough, in the Diocese of Ossory.

Mothers' Union Excursion.

The members of Seagoe Mothers' Union had a splendid day's outing on Tuesday, July 21st, at Newcastle, Co. Down. It had at first been arranged that there should be only one char-a-banc, but so many expressed their wish to take part that at the last moment a second vehicle—one of Brook's Busses—had to be commandeered. The number of the excursionists was fifty-eight. The Rev. Canon Archer accompanied the excursion. At 12-30 we left the Parochial Hall. The weather was perfect and the country looked its best after the recent heavy rains. Our route lay through Gilford, Banbridge, Katesbridge and Castlewellan. All along the way we were greeted with hearty cheers. We reached the station at Newcastle at 2-30, and the members having dismounted adjourned to the shore to enjoy the pretty views of mountain and sea. At 4 all gathered at the station tea-room, where a splendid tea was provided and was thoroughly enjoyed by the excursionists. After tea, the members scattered to wander at their own sweet will along the shore and up the mountain. The Rector of Newcastle, the Rev. Otway Woodward, met some of the party and cordially welcomed them to Newcastle. Newcastle looked its best, and everyone was delighted with the excursion. At 8-30 a start was made for home, and in a brief two hours we caught sight of Seagoe Church once again and knew we were near home. The return journey was made under the pleasantest conditions, a beautiful sunset adding a fresh glory to the day's pleasure.

Dangerous Corner.

A recent motor-cycling accident in which two of our Seagoe Parishioners were involved and which might easily have had fatal results reminds us of the many dangerous corners where high hedges obscure the view of the road. The road authorities will do nothing until some of our people are killed. The two double right-angle corners on the Carne road are death-traps at present; so are the roads running into the main Lurgan road at Church Lane, a most fatal spot; also the roads from Drumnagoon and Balteagh, and at Bachelor's Walk. The hedges at these corners should be cut down to the bank and kept cut. We are glad to see that a railing has been inserted in the wall where the Portadown and Lurgan roads join near Gilford, but three unfortunate people had to be killed before this was done.

Presentation.

A very enjoyable evening was spent in Seagoe School on Thursday, July 23rd, when a large number of the Parishioners assembled to welcome Mr. and Mrs. David Murray on the occasion of their recent marriage. After tea, the Rector took the chair. The programme opened with a pianoforte solo played by Miss Mary Wilson. Mr. Stratford sang with great spirit some favourite songs. A presentation was then made to Mr. and Mrs. Murray. The Rector spoke of the good work which Mr. Murray had done in the Parish as Churchwarden, member of Vestry, Superintendent of Carne Sunday School, and member of the choir. He welcomed Mrs. Murray to the Parish and wished her and Mr. Murray many years of health and happiness. In the name of the subscribers he then presented to Mr. and Mrs. Murray a handsome oak sideboard, and also to Mrs. Murray a nicely designed fern stand. Mr. Murray thanked all present for their handsome gift, and Mrs. Murray also expressed her gratitude for the kind and beautiful gifts they had received. The presentation was organised and the social meeting arranged by Mr. T. H. Wilson, Organist of Seagoe, with the assistance of the choir.

The Mothers' Union.

A meeting of the Mothers' Union was held in Seagoe School on Tuesday, July 7th, at 4 p.m. The Rector presided. Tea was kindly provided by the members and there was a good attendance. The Rector gave a Bible reading on St. Mark x., 13-16. The second part of the meeting was occupied with the election of officers and committee for the ensuing session. Mrs. Rennix was elected President of the Branch, being proposed by Mrs. Twinem and seconded by Mrs. Coulter. Miss G. Atkinson was elected as Hon. Sec., being proposed by Mrs. Stoops and seconded by Mrs. Best. The following were elected a committee—Mrs. Best, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Sherman, Mrs. Stoops, Mrs. Twinem, Mrs. Vance, Mrs. Walker. The next meeting of the Mothers' Union will be held (p.v.) on Tuesday, September 8th, in Edenderry Parochial Hall at 4 p.m. No meeting will be held in August.

Confirmation Cards.

Those who have not yet received their Confirmation Cards can have them by waiting in the Church after the services at morning or evening Prayer on Sunday, August 2nd.

The Anniversary Service.

On Sunday evening, July 12th the Parish Church was crowded on the occasion of the Anniversary Service. The hymns were heartily sung and all present joined in the service. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Canon Moeran, M.A., Rector of St. Mark's, Portadown, who took as his text "If ye know these things happy are ye if ye do them." The collection was in aid of the Lord Enniskillen Memorial Orphan Fund and amounted to £10 7s 8d.

Seagoe Day School.

Seagoe Day School, or (as it is now known under the new Education Act) Seagoe Public Elementary School, will re-open (p.v.) after the summer holidays on Monday, August 10, at 9-30 a.m. A punctual attendance of the children is expected. During the holidays the school has been thoroughly cleaned. The schoolrooms are large, lofty, well-lighted, and well ventilated. The playgrounds are the largest and healthiest in the neighbourhood of Portadown. The School has a remarkable record of health owing to its situation on high ground and in beautiful surroundings. A thorough education is provided, and a feature of the school is the school garden. The senior children, under the rules of the Ministry of Education, are instructed in practical gardening by the Principal of the School, Mr. S. Rennix. At the recent Musical Festival two choirs from the School carried off first-class honours. The senior choir have now won the Challenge Shield in two successive years, and hopes to win it again next year. The present school building was erected in 1859, and a third class room was added in 1913. The School, the existence of which can be traced back for 200 years, was formerly situated in the old School Park (as it was called) a triangular plot of ground at the lower side of old Seagoe Graveyard. It was moved to its present site in 1859.

Intending Emigrants.

Parishioners who are about to emigrate should get a letter of reference from the Rector. He will be very glad to give them an introduction to the clergyman of the Parish where they are going to reside, whether in the States or in any of the British colonies.

Visitors to Seagoe.

During the month we have had several visitors from across the Atlantic. We are always glad to see these old friends—Seagoe of the Dispersion—to use a Biblical phrase. Mr. M'Dowell, of Killicomaine, has been over on his annual visit from Providence, Rhode Island. He was accompanied by Mrs. M'Dowell and his son (who is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania) and daughter. They paid a visit to Seagoe Rectory and were very much interested in the old house and gardens. Miss Lizzie and Miss Annie Gates, of Edenderry, are also on a visit home from New York.

Certificates of Baptism.

The Baptismal Registers of Seagoe are becoming more useful than ever. Owing to the destruction by fire during the Sinn Fein rebellion all the Census returns were utterly destroyed but fortunately the Lurgan Register of Births from 1864 onwards, which had been kept in Lurgan, are safe. An Act of Parliament passed in 1863 directed that a Register of Births should be established in every Poor Law Union.

Edenderry Sunday School.

The numbers attending this Sunday School have recently increased so much that the Parochial Hall is crowded out on a Sunday afternoon. It is very gratifying to see the children assembling in such large numbers, but some of the classes have grown so large that it becomes a difficulty to teach them. We are glad to record that several new teachers have offered their services and are now actively engaged in the good work of instructing the children in the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. The parents of the children can help us greatly by seeing that their children learn the repetition portion carefully at home before coming to the Sunday School, and also by advising them to listen attentively to their teacher during the school hour. One inattentive child can disturb a whole class. It is hardly possible to realise the importance of the work done Sunday by Sunday in our Sunday Schools. Eternity alone will reveal how many young lives have been saved from destruction by the diligent work of the Sunday School teacher. Parents should realise how much is being done in the Sunday Schools for their children and should help them by their prayers and offerings. The collections made in the Schools on certain Sundays are our only means of support. There is no endowment for the schools. A large number of the children who attend the Schools give nothing to the collection. If each child gave even a small gift at the collection our financial difficulties would vanish. Some of the children never fail to give an offering and they have the satisfaction of knowing that on them the efficiency of the Sunday School depends. Every child who attends Sunday School is expected to bring with them a Bible and Prayer Book and Church Hymnal.

Mr. David Rock, M.B.E.

Mr. Rock has added to his distinctions by having the M.B.E. (Member of the British Empire) conferred on him by his Majesty King George V. Mr. Rock was summoned to Buckingham Palace for the investiture, and he received the honour direct from the King's hand. We congratulate Mr. Rock on this further honour, which he so well deserves. Seagoe feels honoured when Mr. Rock is honoured for he is a very loyal parishioner.

Parochial Hall Services.

The Thursday evening services in the Parochial Hall will be suspended during the months of August and September.

The Annual Report.

The Annual Report is now published and will be circulated among the Parishioners without delay. We hope it will be read carefully. If any mistakes are noticed please communicate with the Hon. Treas., Mr. Hugh Stoops. The total sum received for the Sustentation Fund from the envelopes and annual subscriptions up to December 31st, 1924, was £358.

Nine Years Ago.

(Extracts from the War Diary of the late Herbert M'Murray, P.P.C.L.I.)

Friday, March 10th, 1916—Got up at 7-30. Packed up ready to march to billets at Mont des Cats, about seven miles; arrived at farmhouse about 4 o'clock and quartered in loft over cows. Weather fine.

Sunday, March 12th—Breakfast 6-45. Bath parade 10-30. Marched up to Pay Office, but found money ran out when we got there, so came back rather disappointed, but got paid 15 francs in afternoon. Church parade held in one of the billets. Very nice and short service. Chaplain spoke on self-sacrifice. Weather fine and springlike.

Monday, March 13th—Got up at 7 for physical drill before breakfast. Morning parade at 9 o'clock. Inspection of iron rations and smoke helmets. Squad and company drill for an hour and trench instructions read out. Sports, jumping, etc., in afternoon. Football match between No. 5 Platoon and No. 7 resulted in tie—one goal. Weather fine and warm.

Friday, March 17th, St. Patrick's Day—Wore shamrock sent from Ireland. Tug-of-war and football match before breakfast. Parade 9-30. Practised how to carry out an attack. Afternoon got boots soled at bootmaker's.

Saturday, March 18th—Afternoon, Battalion inspected by Gen. Alderson, Officer Commanding Canadian Forces. Praised very highly on our smartness and steadiness on parade.

Sunday, March 19th—Got up about 8 o'clock. Parade at 12. Afternoon went for walk to Meteren. 8-30 fell in to see new S.O.S. signal, two bright red asteroid rockets fired. New draft of fifty men arrived from England.

Parish Register for July.

Baptism.

Hall—July 4th, 1925, William Nelson, son of William John and Letitia Sophia Hall, of Lower Seagoe.

Sponsors—William John Hall, Letitia Sophia Hall.

Marriages.

Gilliland and Robinson—July, 14th, James Gilliland, of Edenderry, to Jane Robinson, of Edenderry.

Hughes and Kilpatrick—July 15th, John Hughes, of Portadown, to Anne Kilpatrick, of Upper Seagoe.

M'Cann and Kelly—July 17th, James Herbert Hugh M'Cann, of Edenderry, to Sarah Elizabeth Kelly, of Portadown.

Baird and M'Corkell—July 21st, John Alexander Baird, of Strabane, to Sarah M'Corkell, of Levaghery.

Outward Bound.

The tide of emigration has again set in and almost every day we hear of some one or other who is leaving for the States or Canada or Australia.

We are very sorry to part with those whom we have known so intimately but we believe that those who go out from Seagoe to the distant parts of the world will carry with them the teaching and training they received in the old Parish and will thus become missionaries of the Christian life in the lands where they settle. In June we lost a very faithful worker in Arthur Allen, who has gone to reside in New York. He was one of our most regular worshippers in the Parish Church and was also most helpful in the Sunday Schools, where he taught both morning and afternoon. We miss him very much and it will be hard to fill his place. John Gracey, of Edenderry, who was confirmed at the recent confirmation, sailed for Australia on July 21st. He has gone out under the Boys' Emigration Scheme to engage in farm work. We wish all our emigrants a happy voyage and much prosperity in their new homes. We will always be glad to hear from them and to print their letters in the Magazine.

The Weekly Envelopes.

It is most important that everyone who has taken a set of envelopes should bring or send them in regularly and not allow them to get into arrears. The majority of those who have taken the envelopes do send them in regularly, but there are some who do not. If you have not given in your envelopes regularly please begin to do so at once. Come to the House of Prayer next Sunday and make your offering to the God who has made and redeemed you and who sanctifies you. Your gift is part of your worship. See Acts x., 31.

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 11.30 a.m.

EVENING PRAYER—Sundays 7 p.m., Wednesdays 8 p.m.

EDENDERRY PAROCHIAL HALL.

EVENING PRAYER—Sundays at 7 p.m., Thursdays at 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

ITEMS.

Miss G. Atkinson, of Eden Villa, has recently returned from a visit to the resting-places of our brave men who fell at Hamel. The cemeteries and graves are kept in beautiful order.

One of the fiercest thunderstorms that ever passed over Seagoe occurred on the morning of Thursday, July 23rd. It lasted for 5 hours, from 4 a.m. to 9 a.m. We have not heard of any injury done by the storm in this neighbourhood, but the lightning was extremely vivid.

The Rev. J. N. Mackenzie, Rector of St. Stephen's, Grand Island, Nebraska, U.S.A., and formerly of Edenderry, will (p.v.) preach at the service in Seagoe Church on Sunday morning, August 16th.

There were no marriages in Seagoe Church for seven months, from October, 1924, to May, 1925, but as will be seen from our Parish Register for July there were four marriages within seven days during July.

A stall on behalf of the Drumgor Hall Renovation Fund was held in the grounds at Richhill on Monday, July 13th. It was well patronised, but owing to the comparatively short time during which the proceedings lasted the sales were smaller than were expected. Our thanks are due to the authorities who kindly permitted the stall to be erected in the field.

Sometime about the end of October it is proposed to have a Hallow Eve Jumble Sale and Work Sale in Edenderry Parochial Hall to clear off the balance of debt still remaining on the new heating system which has been installed in the Hall.

CLASSES, &c.

ADULT CLASSES—Sundays at 10 a.m.

For Men—Edenderry and Seagoe. 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.

Girls' Friendly Society meets at Breagh (Miss Calvert's) on alternate Tuesdays at 7.

Seagoe Scouts in Seagoe School and in Edenderry Parochial Hall, on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7.30.

Seagoe Girl Guides meet in Seagoe School on Saturday at 3.

Mothers' Union, Edenderry 1st Tuesday, at 4 p.m.

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