

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

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Rector's—George Henry Wilson.

People's—John Harrison Twinem.

The Excursion.

The annual Sunday School excursion took place to Newcastle on Thursday, July 18th, and proved a great success. Until the present year the annual outing was always held in June. This year the experiment was tried of having it during the July holidays. Some people said it would not be a success, but events have proved that the committee made a very wise selection of the date. The excursion was looked forward to with great interest, especially by the children of the Sunday Schools. The morning of July 18th was beautiful, mild and sunny. At a very early hour the drums of the bands could be heard through the Parish. The Ballyhannon band headed the contingent from the south end of the Parish, and the Tammficarbet lads headed the children from the Carne and Drumgor or northern end of the Parish. A short service was held in the Parish Church at 8-20 a.m., and at 8-30 a start was made for the station. Headed by a Union Jack, the procession moved off. The two bands and the long line of children walking two and two made a fine picture. The long train waiting at the station was soon filled up with eager excursionists. All the carriages were filled to overflowing. The country looked lovely as we sped along to our destination. At Newcastle the procession was re-formed, and headed by the bands, marched to Mr. Tom Cusack's hall, where the first meal was served. Ham sandwiches and well-baked buns and pastry were in great demand, and the tea was very good. The hall was very comfortable and easily accommodated the large number present. During the afternoon the happy excursionists went everywhere; some bathed, others paddled, others climbed the mountains, and all enjoyed the sunshine and fresh air. At 4-30 the second meal was served and much appreciated. At 6-30 the two bands combined their forces and played along the main street. It made a great impression and many compliments were paid to the bands on their excellent music. The massed bands numbered over seventy performers. The return journey was made in good time, the train left Newcastle at 7-30 and reached Portadown before 9 p.m. The excursion was one of the best attended we have ever had. The number of railway tickets sold was 769. Refreshments were supplied to 693 people. The total cost

of the excursion ran well over £100, but we are glad to say that the finances work out with a balance on the right side. The Mother's Union kind gift of £10 proved a great help and encouragement. Mr. John Dermott sold over £20 worth of adult tickets in Edenderry on the morning of the excursion. Our special thanks are due to Mr. Robert M'Clements, the Hon. Treasurer of the excursion. Our thanks are also due to the many helpers who worked so well to make the excursion a great success.

Death of Mr. T. J. Montgomery.

It is with feelings of deep regret that we announce the death of Mr. Thomas James Montgomery, who passed away after a brief illness on July 24th, at the age of 84 years. Although he had been in weak health for some years it was only about ten days before his death that he became seriously ill. Seagoe has never had a more attached or faithful



The late Mr. T. J. Montgomery.

friend than Thomas James Montgomery. Born in Derryvore, he was baptized in Seagoe Church on June 14th, 1845. He attended the Church Education School under Master Forsythe in Levaghery, and was a pupil in the Sunday School at Seagoe. All through his long life he attended the Parish Church

with the utmost regularity, and in course of time filled all Church offices, being for many years a member of the Select Vestry and also a Churchwarden. He had a very retentive memory and loved to call to mind the old days of Archdeacon Saurin in Seagoe Parish. The funeral took place on Friday, July 26th, to Old Seagoe graveyard. As the coffin was borne from his residence in High St. all blinds were drawn and business suspended in the town. The attendance of parishioners and townspeople was very large. A very large number of wreaths were sent, among them one from the Select Vestry of Seagoe. The service in the Parish Church and at the graveside was taken by the Rector, who was assisted by Mr. R. Gracey, Lay Reader. On Sunday morning in the Parish Church the Rector made special reference to the character and life-work of Mr. Montgomery. Our sympathy goes out to the members of his family in their bereavement.

Through the kindness of "The Portadown News" we are able to present our readers with a portrait of the late Mr. Montgomery.

Seagoe Mothers' Union.

The members of the M.U. spent a pleasant evening at Seagoe Rectory on Tuesday, July 8th. After tea in Seagoe School, all adjourned to the Rectory grounds. They wandered through the old gardens and many sat in the ever-popular wishing chair. Others were interested in the house and explored the old wine cellar and underground passages, others indulged in games on the lawn. At the close of the evening Mr. Scott expressed the thanks of all present to the Rector for the pleasant evening they had enjoyed. No meeting of the Mothers' Union will be held in August.

Seagoe P.E. School.

The following children obtained prizes as the best in their standard at the examination held prior to the summer vacation:—Seventh Standard, Harry Hynes; Sixth, John Fiddes, May Jones; Fifth, Samuel B. Kingston, Bertha M'Loughlin, Gertie Simpson; Fourth—Victor Porter, Molly Jennings; Third, Roland Scott, Caroline Guy; Second—Willie M'Loughlin, Sally Hamill; First, Bobbie Jennings, Jean Finney; Infants, Jim Magowan, Chrissie Fiddes, Edna Gray.

Religious Knowledge Examination.

At the examination in Religious Knowledge held in Seagoe P.E. School on June 10th, the following children obtained certificates for good answering:—Senior Division—First Class—Eileen Dunlop, Doris Livingston, Gertie Simpson, John Fiddes, Sam Kingston, David Guy, Dinah M'Cabe, Maggie Rudden, Harry Hynes, May Jones, Annie M'Clatchey. Second Class—Bertha M'Loughlin, Florrie Hynes. Middle Division—Peggy Caddell, Caroline Guy, Mollie Jennings, Robert Magee, Sarah Macauley, Gertie Magowan, H. M'Clatchey, Fred M'Knight, T. M'Shannon, Roland Scott.

Marriage of Miss Blacker.

On Wednesday, July 17th, Miss Betty Mary Blacker, elder daughter of Lieut.-Col Blacker, was married to Lieut. George Arthur Thring, R.N., only son of Sir Arthur and Lady Thring, of Charlton House, Charlton Mackrel, Somerset. The service was held in Walditch Parish Church, Bridport, Dorset. The close connection which has for centuries existed between the Blacker family and the Parish of Seagoe makes any event occurring in the family a matter of great interest to the parishioners. We offer our hearty congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Thring on the occasion of their wedding, and we hope some day to see them in the old home at Carrick Blacker.

Parish Register for July.

Baptisms

The following were Baptized in Seagoe Parish Church on July 6th, 1929:—

Watson—Ambrose, son of James and Isabella Watson, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Sarah Jane Whaley, Isabella Watson.

Campbell—Lavinia, daughter of William James and Jane Anna Campbell, of Balteagh.

Sponsors—Agnes Webb, Jane Anna Campbell.

Winter—Doris Elizabeth, daughter of Hiram Oswald and Anne Elizabeth Winter, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Rosina Glassey, Anne Elizabeth Winter.

Marriages.

Gorkin and Whaley—July 11th, 1929, Edward John Gorkin, of Portadown, to Sarah Jane Whaley, of Edenderry.

Simpson and Magee—July 17th, 1929, David William Simpson, of Edenderry, to Hannah Jane Magee, of Edenderry.

Thring and Blacker—July 17th, 1929, George Arthur Thring, Lieut., R.N., to Betty Mary Blacker, elder daughter of Lt.-Col. S. W. Blacker, of Carrick Blacker.

Burials.

Dickson—July 2nd, Sarah Burns Dickson, of Drumna-
goon.

Roney—July 9th, Albert Roney, of Edenderry; aged 2 years.

Montgomery—July 26th, Thomas James Montgomery, of Portadown; aged 84 years.

A "Seagoe" Cup.

Mr. James M'Dowell, of Providence, Rhode Island, a native of Seagoe, has just been paying his annual visit to the Parish. He is accompanied by his daughter, Miss M'Dowell. While here he presented a handsome cup for competition by Portadown firms during "Shopping Week," and has asked that the Cup be known as the "Seagoe Cup." This is a nice compliment paid by the donor to his native Parish. Mr. M'Dowell has always been very kind and generous in his gifts.

Seagoe in Southport.

A Camp Diary kept by Captain R. Gracey, C.L.B., when in camp with the Seagoe C.L.B. at Southport, July 11th—20th, 1929.

On Thursday, July 11th, the lads of the Seagoe Company Church Lads Brigade gathered at the Parochial Hall in Edenderry, before proceeding to the all Ireland C.L.B. Camp at Hillside, Southport, England. After roll call, and prayer led by the Rector, Rev. Canon J. E. Archer, the lads marched to the G.N.R. station, where a number of friends had gathered to wish the lads a happy time. As the train moved out of the station the words of the old song which became such a favourite during the Great War, "It's a long way to Tipperary," could be heard, accompanied by mouth organs. The journey to Belfast was made in good time, and on arrival the Company marched to the C.L.B. Headquarters in Donegal Square. Here a large number of boys from all over Ulster were assembled, the roll of each Company was handed in to the Paymaster, Col. R. H. Moore, and at 8 p.m. the Battalion, numbering about 250 lads, under the command of Lieut.-Col. the Rev. J. B. Bradshaw, and headed by the pipe bands of St. Michael's and St. Aidan's Companies, marched to the Donegal Quay, and in a very short space of time all were aboard the beautiful new ship the "Ulster Monarch." The sea was quite calm and very few of the boys suffered from sea sickness. Liverpool was reached about 6 a.m. Here again the Battalion formed up and marched to Lime St. Station. The journey from Liverpool to Hillside took 40 minutes. A number of the advance guard were waiting at the station to welcome their comrades. Greetings were exchanged, and within the space of 10 minutes the lads had arrived in camp, and what but a short time before seemed dead was now teeming with life, and when the bugle sounded for breakfast 270 lads could be seen racing toward the two big marquees set up for the purpose of dining halls.

Nothing much was done the first day with the exception of setting things in order. In the evening a number went to see the sights of Southport. At 10-30 "Last Post" sounded; at 10-50 the bell rung for prayers; at 11 o'clock lights out, and so ended the first day in camp.

Saturday, July 13th—The Reveille went at 7 a.m., at 7-10 there was silence for prayers, and 7-30 roll call, and at 8 o'clock the cookhouse sounded. After breakfast the blankets and ground sheets had to be folded up neatly and the tent cleaned up for the lines inspection. At 10 a.m. the bugle sounded for Church Parade. The service, held in the open air, was taken by the Battalion Chaplain, the Rev. Canon Manning, M.A., M.C., Rector of Holywood, and the address was given by Major Gausson, M.D., the Battalion Doctor, dealing with purity of mind and body. At the close of the service the first verse of the National Anthem was sung. The lads were engaged in drill up to 11-30, and at 12-30 were free

for the rest of the day. Some went to Ainsdale for bathing, others went down to Southport.

Sunday, July 14th—The Reveille went at the usual time, and at 7-15 there was a celebration of the Lord's Supper in the Church tent. At this service a good number of our Seagoe lads attended. The tent was crowded. Breakfast was served at the usual hour, and at 9-30 the Battalion formed on the square, and headed by the band marched to St. James's Church, Birkdale, for Morning Prayer at 11 o'clock, seats being reserved for the members of the C.L.B. An appropriate address was given by the Vicar. Well-known hymns were sung, some of the verses being sung by the congregation alone. All the lads joined heartily in the Service, and members of the congregation were impressed by the reverence shown by the members of the C.L.B. After dinner the boys were again free. In the evening some of the officers attended Divine Service in the great new Liverpool Cathedral.

Monday, July 15th—At the Church Service this morning the address was given by Captain R. Gracey, of the Seagoe Company, on "The Church and youth." In the afternoon a bathing parade was arranged, and in the evening the lads could be seen enjoying themselves on the pleasure beach in Southport, some on the water chute, others on the scenic railway or the electric motors, and the whip; indeed almost everywhere could be seen the lads in blue.

Tuesday, July 16th—The lads are now well settled down, and everything is moving along very nicely. The sun has shone brightly every day, indeed the weather is just perfect. The address this morning was given by the Rev. J. Gilliland, of Belfast. It was very wonderful to hear the singing of nearly 300 voices, and quite a number of the residents of Hillside came over to hear the service, and workmen engaged in building houses near by downed tools to listen.

A Silver Cup, presented by the C.L.B. Headquarters for the best guard during camp, was to be competed for. When the result of the draw was announced it showed that our Seagoe Company were to do duty first, the guard comprising 12 cadets, 1 cpl. and a sergt. mounted at 8 p.m. and were on duty up to 8 a.m. next day. Our Seagoe lads could not be praised too highly for the splendid way they did their duty, and the sentries could be heard distinctly challenging the late-comers—"Halt, who goes there." We congratulate Sergt.-Major Burns on the splendid way he controlled the lads under his command in the competition.

Wednesday, July 17th—At the invitation of Lever Bros., the world famous soap makers, to visit their works and model village at Port Sunlight, a large number of lads and officers made the journey, and were greatly thrilled by what they saw, and everyone returned with a souvenir.

Thursday, July 18th—The competition for the Lines Cup was now very keen, and it could be seen that Seagoe were well in the running. To-day was sports

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day, and also Col. Foulkes, of the Headquarters Staff in London, was coming to camp. After breakfast, Lieut.-Col Bradshaw sent for Captain R. Gracey and asked him if the Seagoe guard would turn out to receive Col. Foulkes. This speaks very highly for our Seagoe boys.

The sports were timed to start at 2-30 p.m. At 2-15 quite a large crowd of visitors arrived. The mounting of the guard was carried out on the square in front of hundreds of people, and after being inspected were played to the receiving post by the band. Our Seagoe lads gave a very fine display, and received many congratulations from the lookers on, and later Col. Foulkes said he never saw a finer C.L.B. guard. Surely every parishioner feels proud of the lads.

In the high jump Cadet D. Phillips, of Seagoe Coy., reached the semi-final jumping with 4ft. 3in., and in the tug-of-war Seagoe were only beaten in the final by Christ Church, Lisburn, after a tie. At 5 o'clock the visitors were entertained to tea in the camp, and later the prizes were distributed by Col. Foulkes.

Friday, July 19th—There was great excitement in camp this morning. It was announced at breakfast that a photographer was coming to take photos for the films of the inspection and march past, which took place at 10-30 a.m., the salute being taken by Col. Foulkes. In the evening Southport was crowded with C.L.B. paying their last visit, and a great number of the boys were out on late passes, allowing them out until 11-30. About 150 of them marched down Lord St. singing "If you're Irish come into the parlour" and other popular Irish songs. At the head of the procession, carried on the shoulders of two of the bigger lads, was a little boy from Cork, the smallest of the Battalion. What a happy lot they were! About 12 lads and 2 officers from Cork, and 6 lads from Limerick attended the camp.

THE LAST DAY.

Saturday, July 20th—During the week photographs had been taken in camp by one of the Southport papers, and a prize of 10/- was to be given for the lad with the best smile. We are glad to say it was won by Cadet Phillips, of Seagoe. The address at the Service was again given by Captain Gracey.

When the results of the Guards and Lines competitions were announced, to the surprise of many, Seagoe lost the Guards Cup by 2 points, and the Lines Cup by 2½ points, but after all it was not too bad for the first year.

Home time was drawing very near, and at 7 p.m. the bugle sounded the "fall in," and after a few words by the Colonel and the Chaplain, the Battalion moved on for Hillside station. A large crowd had gathered here to say "good-bye," and it could be clearly seen that Hillside was sorry the camp was over. Within 40 minutes we were in Liverpool again, marching toward the pier with the band playing "The Protestant Boys." The journey to Belfast was made on the s.s. Patriotic, arriving about 7-30

a.m. on Sunday, 21st July. The journey to Portadown was made on the 9-15 leaving Belfast. At the station in Portadown the lads were met by Lieut. W. Metcalf and a number of friends. Lieut Metcalf had to return home on Friday on account of his business.

Everyone enjoyed the holiday, and we feel that next year the number leaving Portadown will be doubled.

Amongst the 300 lads in camp were boys from Cork and Limerick, Portrush, Newry, Lisburn, Belfast, Portadown, Dunmurry, and about 20 Sea Cadets.

N.B.—The Seagoe Company are endeavouring to start a band, and we hope every parishioner will do his or her part to help our lads to get into first position in the Down and Connor and Dromore Regiment.

Anyone wishing to receive a photograph of the Seagoe C.L.B. can have same from Captain R. Gracey for the sum of 2/6.

Sinking a Well

The Lurgan Rural Council have been given a small section of the School ground at Seagoe in which to sink a well. The shaft has now been sunk to a depth of over 30 feet. The well, when completed, will be a great benefit to the residents and to the School. Seagoe water is famous for its purity and flavour. It is said to be the best in the whole county round, but it is now scarce owing to the dryness of the season, and several wells have gone dry. During the sinking of the new well several pieces of fine black bog oak, very hard and of close texture have been dug up at a depth of sixteen and eighteen feet. A large boulder stone of pure white marble was also unearthed at a depth of fifteen feet. Water diviners have located several springs in the place where the well is being sunk.

ITEMS

Seagoe P.E. School is undergoing painting and cleaning during the holidays.

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Seagoe P.E. School will re-open after the summer holidays on Wednesday, August 14th, at 9-30 a.m. A punctual attendance of all the pupils is requested.

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The recent serious motor accident in Tarson is another proof of the need for more hedge-cutting at corners.

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At Carrick Blacker the hedges at all the road corners have been replaced by open wire fences. In such a case an accident is almost impossible.

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Mr. T. H. Jackson, hardware merchant and house-furnisher, won the "Seagoe Cup" in the Shopping Week competition.

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The Annual Report will be published this month.