

# Seagoe Parish Magazine.

AUGUST, 1930.

## RECTOR:

Rev. Canon Archer, B.D., The Rectory, Seagoe,  
LAY READER (Bishop's Licence):

Mr. Robt. Gracey, 69 Bridge Street, Portadown.

## CHURCHWARDENS:

Rector's—Wm. H. England.

People's—Gilbert Price.

## Excursion to Warrenpoint.

On Thursday, July 17th, our Sunday School Excursion took place to Warrenpoint. The weather had been very rainy and unsettled for some days and many fears were expressed that certainly this year our expectation of "Seagoe weather" would be disappointed. When morning dawned on the 17th rain was falling heavily from an overcast sky and the outlook was depressing. As eight o'clock approached matters improved and groups of bright and happy children gathered at the Parish Church. After a short service the procession was formed and accompanied by the Ballyhannon and Tannifficarbets bands a move was made for the station. The rain had now stopped and everything brightened. A large Union Jack, carried by Victor Porter, headed the procession. Large numbers of people had gathered along the route to see the procession. At the Parochial Hall another contingent from our outlying Schools joined the procession. An idea of the length of the procession may be gained from the fact that when the head of it had reached the station the end of it was just turning into Railway Street. There was a brisk sale of tickets to adults at the station. Harry Hynes sold 100 tickets. The long train was soon filled and at 9.30 sharp it started on its journey. On

## Arrival at Warrenpoint

the sky began to clear. The Pavilion was at our disposal and in a few minutes tea and buns were being dispensed to the already hungry excursionists. After the refreshment the excursionists scattered in all directions, enjoying the sunshine and the sea breezes. It was a perfect day. Some climbed to Cloughmore and some to Fiddler's Green. Some sailed to Omeara and some to Rostrevor. The cars and buses were crowded. At 5 the second refreshment was served out and much enjoyed. Speed boats racing at marvellous speed traversed the Lough and created much interest, and at 8 o'clock we went towards the station to catch the 8.30 train for home. When we got to Newry rain began to fall, and on arrival in Portadown we heard that it had been raining heavily there all day. There was a great crowd to meet us, and accompanied by the splendid massed bands we marched to the Church gates. The Rector thanked the bands and when the National Anthem had been played hearty cheers were given for all who had helped to make the day so enjoyable. There were 854 people on the excursion, including a large number of adults.

## Thanks.

We thank very heartily all who gave subscriptions towards the excursion. Owing to the terms on which the tickets are sold to the children there is almost always a deficit on the excursion and such subscriptions are a great help.

## Congratulations.

We offer our hearty congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Casey on their recent wedding. The wedding took place in Lisburn Cathedral on Monday, June 30th. The officiating clergy were the Rev. Canon Archer and the Rev. Canon Taylor. Mrs. Casey (Miss Mary Wilson) has for some years given valuable help in the musical part of the services in Seagoe Church, and on behalf of the Choir and Parishioners we wish her and Mr. Casey much prosperity and blessing in their future life.

Two members of Seagoe Choir, Mr. T. J. Russell and Miss Corscadden, were married in Seagoe Church last month. They have both been very useful members of the choir, and we offer them our sincere congratulations and good wishes on this happy occasion.

## Sympathy.

We record with much regret the serious illness of Mr. John Montgomery, of Levaghery, one of our oldest and most respected parishioners. Mr. Montgomery has been elected a member of the Select Vestry every year for at least 40 years and has also on several occasions filled the responsible office of Churchwarden. Although still seriously ill we are glad to know that there is a slight improvement in his condition. We offer our sincere sympathy to the members of his family in their time of anxiety.

## Seagoe School Sports.

On Wednesday, July 9th, the day of the break-up for the holidays, a very successful gathering of the children attending Seagoe P.E. School and their parents was held in a field kindly lent for the occasion by Mr. Isaac Walker. All kinds of races and jumping were engaged in and prizes were awarded to the winners. Some of the performances were very good and proved that the rising generation in Seagoe is very strong and active. A keenly contested tug-of-war concluded the programme. The prizes were handed to the winners by Mrs. Scott.

## Seagoe P.E. School.

Seagoe P.E. School will (p.v.) re-open after the holidays on Monday, August 25th, at 9.30. The Principal of the School, Mr. R. Scott, will be in attendance at 9 a.m. to take the names of new children entering the School. Extensive repairs have been effected at the School.

## July Anniversary Service.

The Service on July 6th was very largely attended. The sermon was preached by the Rev. J. R. McDonald, Rector of Waringstown. He suggested that the year 1932, the 1500th anniversary of St. Patrick's mission to Ireland, should be widely observed by all denominations. He proved with great clearness and force that St. Patrick's Mission had no connection with Rome.

## Seagoe C.L.B. IN CAMP AT MORECAMBE.

Seagoe C.L.B. had a splendid time in camp at Morecambe (Lancaster) during the July holidays. We have received from Lieutenant Medcalfe the following very interesting diary of the camp:—

Officers and lads of the Seagoe Company C.L.B., in charge of Lieut Medcalfe, assembled with the Battalions at the Y.M.C.A., Belfast, on the 11th July, 1930, to proceed to Morecambe (Lancashire), where they were under canvas for nine days. The Battalion, in command of Lt.-Col. Bradshaw, marched to the boat, headed by St. Aidan's and St. Michael's pipe bands. The crossing that night was splendid. As a result the lads were fairly fresh falling in the next morning. The lads were soon entrained for the last part of the journey, and before 7 a.m. were marching through Morecambe singing all the old favourites, "Tipperary," etc. On reaching the camping ground the lads were allowed to go to their tents but in a very short time were all lined up, in answer to the bugle call, "Come to the cook-house door, boys." The lads enjoyed a good breakfast served in the open air. About two hours later the Battalion paraded for the Brigade Church Service, and after camp regulations were read out the lads were allowed to leave camp. The following day, Sunday, the Battalion had a smart turn-out for Church parade, and marched to St. Lawrence Church, Morecambe. Sunday afternoon in camp was very quiet, most of the officers and lads, feeling the strain of the previous day, had retired for the afternoon.

Monday the camp routine was well known to everyone, but owing to the rain the drill parade was cancelled. Tuesday morning was fine. The Battalion, headed by the pipe band, went off on a route march round Morecambe.

Wednesday was a rather blank day in camp owing to the rain, but the lads soon found refuge in the Winter Gardens and skating rink.

Thursday, the day all officers and lads look forward to—it being sports day in camp—all ranks are allowed to bring a friend into camp on the afternoon of the sports. The sports commenced at 3 p.m., Lieut. M'Nally, of Seagoe, being appointed starter of the various events. The tug-o'-war and flat racing proved very exciting. There was a large field of entries for the officers' race, in which Lieutenant W. M'Nally was victorious. Soon after the last event the camp was almost deserted, the lads and their friends finishing the rest of the day in Morecambe.

The days were going by quickly, everyone enjoying camp life better each day, Saturday very soon arrived, the day which we had to strike camp and leave for home; then everyone realised they were at the end of a perfect holiday.

The Battalion paraded at 9 p.m., and before marching off were congratulated by the Commanding Officer, Col. Bradshaw, on their conduct in camp, which he remarked was excellent.

The officers of Seagoe Company who were at camp—Lieutenants W. Medcalfe, W. M'Nally, J. Hall, W. Currie, performed the duties of orderly officer at least one day during the camp, and found the work very interesting. There were 180 officers and lads of the C.L.B. at camp. There were 17 from Seagoe Company, including 4 officers and two junior lads.

## Parish Register for July. Baptisms

The following were Baptized in Seagoe Parish Church on July 5th 1930:—

**Clayton**—Margaret Anne, daughter of William and Mary Elizabeth Clayton, of Edenderry.

*Sponsors*—Margaret Jane Freeburn, Mary Elizabeth Clayton.

**Lavery**—Brenda Elizabeth, daughter of John Emmanuel and Amy Louisa Lavery, of Kilvergan.

*Sponsors*—John Emmanuel Lavery, Amy Louisa Lavery.

**Glassey**—Margaret, daughter of William John and Rosina Glassey, of Edenderry.

*Sponsors*—Margaret Major, Rosina Glassey.

**Kirk**—David William Hampton, son of Alphonso Hampton and Mary Anne Kirk, of Ballinacor.

*Sponsors*—Sarah Jane Price, Mary Anne Kirk.

**Thring**—July 13th, 1930, at Charlton Mackrell Church, Somerset, by the Rev. Louis Bellhouse, Rector of the Parish, Edward Theodore, son of George Arthur and Betty Mary Thring.

*Sponsors*—Godfathers, William D. Blacker, Christopher Thring; Godmothers, Joan Lucy Blacker, Nancy Cumberlege.

## Marriages

**Casey and Wilson**—June 30th, 1930, in Lisburn Cathedral, William Alexander Casey, of Edenderry, to Mary Louisa Wilson, of Seagoe.

**Russell and Corscadden**—July 16th, 1930, Joseph Thomas Russell, of Kilvergan, to Eliza Jane Corscadden, of Carne.

**Conn and Woods**—July 24th, 1930, Nathaniel Conn, of Portadown, to Emily Woods, of Edenderry.

## Burials.

**Dynes**—June 29th, 1930, Henry Dynes, of Drumna-  
goon, aged 88 years.

**Glassey**—July 1st, 1930, Ena Glassey, of Edenderry,  
aged 19 years.

**Gracey**—July 17th, 1930, Eleanor Gracey, of Drum-  
gor, aged 51 years.

## Twenty-Five Years Ago

AUGUST, 1906.

The opening note in Seagoe Parish Magazine for August, 1906, was headed "The Parochial Mission." It referred to the approaching Mission to be held in the Parish at the end of September. A course of sermons preparatory to the Mission was being preached in the Parish Church. Seven Baptisms are recorded, one marriage and three burials. The burials were those of John Ruddell, of Lurgan, aged 51 years, Maxwell Stoops, of Belfast, aged 9 years, and Sarah A. Thompson, of Edenderry, aged 64 years. The death of Jack Irwin, son of Mr. Irwin, the station-master at Portadown, is noted with much regret. An excursion to Dublin was arranged for Horse Show day, August 30th, tickets 4/- each. The profits on the excursion were to go to the Bazaar Funds for the installation of gas into the Parish Church instead of the paraffin oil lamps which had hitherto been in use. In the Church Attendance Cards 19 children had not missed a single service during the preceding quarter. A Flower Service had been held in the Church on July 15th, and the flowers sent to various Hospitals. C.L.B. sports had been held on July 6th. The schoolboys' race was won by Victor Irwin. Isaac Walker won the hurdle race, S. Curry won the sack race. The new water supply has been turned on in Edenderry. Old Seagoe notes contain reference to the various spellings of "Seagoe," also to the date-stone on the Church, and to the stables at the old Church built in 1743.

## The Sewage Works.

Bridge Street has been in a terrible state for the past two months. Several accidents have occurred. A small amount of tar macadam placed in the holes would keep the wheels of motors and other vehicles from jolting into them, and a road sweeper passed over the loose stones would quickly move them to one side. Holes must be dug, but they ought, when completed, to be properly filled in and kept level.

## Sale of Kernan Estate.

The Lewis Estate at Kernan has been sold to the tenants under the Land Act. The owners of the Estate were the Rev. Martin Lewis, D.D., of Banchoory, Scotland, Miss P. G. Moore, of Dublin, the Trustees of the Watson Charity, Portadown, and Messrs. M'Ilwaine, of Australia.

## St. Mark's Tower.

Now that the scaffolding around St. Mark's Tower is being removed it is possible to get a good idea of its fine architectural proportions. It is a close copy of the famous Magdalen College tower at Oxford, which is known as "the Glory of Oxford," but the new tower at St. Mark's is exactly half the height and half the area of the tower at Oxford. Magdalen Tower was built just 423 years ago, in the year 1507.

## Congratulations.

Our readers will join with us in congratulating Colonel and Mrs. Blacker and Lieut. and Mrs. Thring, the former on becoming possessors of a grandson and the latter on the birth of a son and heir. The baby has received the names of Edward Theodore, the latter name being given after the name of his great-granduncle, the famous Dr. Thring of Uppingham School.

## Regret.

We have lost through death during the past month some well-known and well-loved ones from our midst. Ena Glassey, in her early youth, Eleanor Gracey, after some years of weakness, Henry Dynes in a ripe old age. We sympathise deeply with those relatives now in the loneliness of grief for those whom they have loved and "lost awhile."

## Our New Curate.

Mr. Frederick William Hayes, recently appointed to the vacant curacy of Seagoe, has successfully passed his examination in Durham University for the B.A. degree. Mr. Hayes will (p.v.) be ordained on Sunday, September 21st, by the Bishop of Down and will then enter upon his duties in the Parish. We will give him a hearty welcome to Seagoe.

## The Grove Field.

The amount already received towards the purchase of the Grove Field is £69 14s 2d, leaving a balance still to be made up of £90 5s 10d. Will those who have not as yet subscribed please send their subscriptions to Mr. Hugh Stoops, Hon. Treas., Killicomaine Road, Portadown.

## Subscriptions

The following very kindly subscribed towards the Excursion Fund—Miss Calvert, £1; Rev. Canon Archer, £1; Mrs. Jennett, 4/-; Mrs. Mayes, 2/-; Mr. Maginnis, 5/-; Mrs. England, 5/-; Miss Armstrong, 10/-; Mr. Scott, 5/-; Mrs. Abraham, 2/6; Mrs. Hall, 5/-; Mr. G. Price, 5/-; Mrs. M'Dowell, 3/6; Mr. J. H. Twinem, 5/-; Mr. Sam Walker, 5/-. Total, £4 17s 0d. The collectors had only time to visit 14 parishioners, all of whom gave subscriptions as above.

## Excursion Figures

The finances of a big excursion like that from Seagoe amount to a large figure. Here are the items supplied by our capable Hon. Treas. for the excursion, Mr. R. M'Clements:—Expenses—Railway tickets, £46 4s 1d; catering, £27 5s 0d; printing, £1. Receipts:—Tickets and subscriptions, £73 15s 6d. Deficit, 13/7.

## Old Seagoe Notes.

**The Wentworth Family in Seagoe Parish.**—There is no name so famous in the history of Australia as that of William Charles Wentworth. It is no slight honour to the Parish of Seagoe that he was the son of

a Seagoe father who resided in the townland of Killicomaine. In the year 1745 D'Arcy Wentworth took up his residence in Killicomaine. He came from Athlone and was a member of a county family who had seen better days. From the time he came into Seagoe Parish he took an active interest in parochial affairs. His signature first appears in the Seagoe Vestry records on March 28th, 1749, as attending the Easter Vestry. At the Easter Vestry held on Easter Tuesday, 1752, he was elected Rector's Churchwarden, the Rev. Hugh Tisdall being Vicar of the Parish and Chairman of the Vestry. He signs the Vestry roll up to July 3, 1753. He was married in Seagoe Church to Miss Martha Dixon.

He held the post of Lieutenant in a local Infantry Regiment. His son, D'Arcy Wentworth, was born in 1762 and was described as "an impoverished Irish gentleman." He took up Medicine as a profession and emigrated to New South Wales in 1790. Soon after his arrival there he was appointed as Medical Officer to the Penal Settlement on Norfolk Island in the Pacific, and there on October 26th, 1793, his son William Charles Wentworth was born. Dr. D'Arcy Wentworth died in 1827. His son, William Charles, was sent at the age of seven years to Greenwich, in England, to be educated at Combe's Academy. He returned to Sydney at the age of 20. He was full of energy and courage and almost at once on his arrival in Australia joined a small exploring party and succeeding in crossing the Blue Mountain range

which had been up to then an impenetrable barrier between Sydney and the interior. The expedition started on May 11th, 1813. In 1816 he returned to England and matriculated in Peterhouse College, Cambridge. Returning to Australia he entered upon a strenuous political career. He led the Squatters party in Australia and after a prolonged effort succeeded in obtaining from the British Government a self-governing measure for the Australian Colonies. His popularity knew no bounds. A statue was erected to him in Sydney, and his name was on everybody's lips. He left Sydney in 1862 and returned to England and died aged 79 years, at Merly House, near Wimborne, Dorset, on March 20th, 1872. Australia was so anxious that his remains should rest in that continent that a warship "The British Queen," was despatched to bear his remains to Sydney, where after a great State funeral he was interred in the Cemetery at Vacluse, Sydney, on May 6th, 1872. He married Miss Sarah Cox, daughter of Mr. Francis Cox, of Sydney, and had a family of two sons and five daughters. His eldest son is Mr. Fitzwilliam Wentworth, of Vacluse, Sydney. Mr. Wentworth's brother, Major D'Arcy Wentworth, took a leading part in Australian politics during his brother's life. Mr. W. C. Wentworth published in 1839 a valuable work entitled "Statistical Account of Australia" and in 1823 won 2nd place at Cambridge for the Vice-Chancellor's Medal with a poem on "Australasia."

## 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 8 p.m. during Advent and Lent

**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.

**ADULT CLASSES**—Sundays at 10 a.m.

For Men—Edenderry. 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.

**Mothers' Union**—2nd Tuesday of each month.

**DAY SCHOOL**—Seagoe, 9-30 a.m. Principal—Mr. R. Scott.

**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. 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 3s per annum.