

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

AUGUST, 1931.

CLERGY :

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

Rev. W. F. Hayes, B.A., Edendale, CarrickBlacker Road, Edenderry, Portadown.

CHURCHWARDENS :

Rector's—Mr. Robert Scott.

People's—Mr. Isaac Dickson.

The Excursion.

The annual Sunday School Excursion this year took place on Thursday, July 16th, to Warrenpoint. Once again we were favoured with fine weather, although the previous and succeeding days were stormy and wet. We met at the Parish Church for a short service at 9 a.m., and at 9.30 a procession was formed, Ballyhannon Band being in front and Tannficarbet in the rear. Hacknatay, Drumgor, Levaghery and the Edenderry Infant Classes joined us at the Parochial Hall. The procession, when passing through Railway St. reached the whole length of the street. There were many Union Jacks flying to welcome us and very many came out to see us off with all good wishes. When passing the Parochial Hall the bands were silent out of respect for the memory of poor wee Herbert McClatchey, of James St., who was killed by a lorry the previous evening. There was a very brisk sale of outsiders' tickets on the way to the station, and before the train started they were all sold out. The long train known as "the Seagoe Express" was crowded from end to end with a joyous multitude of children and parents. A speedy run brought us all to the Point. The two bands combined for a march round the sea-front to the Town Hall, where the first refreshment was ready. Full justice was done to the good things provided and then the multitude scattered in all directions. Some paddled and some bathed, others, many in number, went by 'bus or car to Rostrevor. The big stone at Cloughmore was as usual a popular objective but some of the older people could only get as far as "Fiddler's Green," where they lay on the nice short grass plots and sipped ginger ale. The second refreshment was at five o'clock, and a great company gathered at that hour at the Town Hall. Messrs. Davison had a plentiful supply of buns and most refreshing tea. The return train left Warrenpoint at nine and at 10 o'clock we were all back safe and sound in Portadown. The combined bands played stirring music as we marched to the Parish Church, where after hearty cheers and the singing of the National Anthem we all separated after a very happy day. The excursionists numbered just over 1,000. It was the largest excursion we have had for many years.

We thank the following for their kind subscrip-

tions towards the excursion:—Per Mr. H. Hynes—Miss Calvert, 10s; Miss McDowell, 2s; Mrs. Abraham, 2s 6d. Per Mr. Stanfield—Miss Monroe, 2s 6d; Miss Lewie, 2s 6d; Miss McKane, 1s; Miss D. Montgomery, 2s; Mrs. Jennett, 2s 6d.

In Camp at Blackpool.

The Seagoe C.L.B. had the best time of their life in camp this year at Blackpool. The lads, numbering 21, under Capt. Metcalf, left Portadown on Saturday, July 11th, at 9.20 p.m. The Rector and others were present at the station to see them off. The sea was calm for the crossing, and only two succeeded in "feeding the fishes." Arriving at Heysham in good time, they took train for Blackpool. The Battalion quarters were in Chambers' Holiday Camp, two miles outside the town. Besides other C.L.B. companies present in the All Ireland camp were lads from Cork, Sligo and Limerick. They were all a very happy crowd.

A 'bus was stationed at the camp and the lads could travel free as often as they liked to Blackpool. All kinds of amusements were available at Blackpool and the Seagoe lads enjoyed them all. The Waxworks were a great source of interest. Lieut. Walter Currie played a neat trick on the visitors. He took his stand near the entrance to the Waxworks, and in his uniform stood quite steady. As the people went into the show they thought Walter was a waxwork. Two ladies came up and looked at him very closely. Of course he didn't even smile, and then they felt the buttons on his coat. Then they passed on and he walked after them. This created great amusement among the onlookers, who cheered till they were hoarse. The Big Tower was also a great attraction; it is 520 feet high. "The Dipper" was much patronised. It imitated the rolling of the sea but this was too much for some of the Seagoe lads. The greatest attraction of all was the aeroplane. The fare was heavy, 5s for a five minutes' fly, but it was very exciting. Nearly all the Seagoe lads went up and flew over Blackpool and the camp.

A short service was held each morning in camp for the lads by the Battalion Chaplain. Photographs were taken of Seagoe Company and of the Battalion.

On Friday there was a great storm and at 3 in the morning some of the lads had to go out and peg down the tents. In the middle of it all the big marquee was blown down and some of the delph laid for breakfast was smashed. The bands of St. Michael's and St. Aidan's Companies from Belfast attended the camp and headed the campers as they marched on Saturday the 3½ miles to Talbot Road Station, where they took train for Heysham. As the lads went on board the steamer they sang popular

songs and created great interest among the crowd on board. Everybody who was at the camp says it was the best time they ever had. When they returned their faces were so brown from the sun and air that their friends hardly knew them.

Proposed Sale in November.

At their last meeting held on July 2nd the Select Vestry arranged for the holding of a Bazaar or Sale of Work on November 26th and 27th. A sub-committee was appointed to arrange a preliminary meeting of Parishioners, which was held in Seagoe School on Thursday, July 30th. The object of the Bazaar is to raise money for the repair of the Church and of the School and to help to clear off the deficit on the purchase of the Grove Field and also on the plot of ground next the Church which the Vestry have recently purchased from Mrs. Hamilton, of Upper Seagoe, for a sum of £90. The purchase of the Grove Field and of the plot were very necessary for the safeguarding of the Church and its surroundings. So much land in the neighbourhood has been taken for building that it became necessary when the opportunity offered to purchase these plots of ground. We hope every parishioner will give a helping hand in the coming Bazaar. Every townland will be represented. Mr. John H. Twinem, who organised the successful Parochial Tea and the games gymkhana, is kindly acting as secretary for the Bazaar. A circular will shortly be sent round to each household in the Parish.

"The Study of Shakespeare."

Chancellor Todd, the Rector of Bessbrook, well known as one of the ablest men in the Church of Ireland, has kindly consented to deliver a Public Lecture on "The Study of Shakespeare" at the end of October. The exact date is not yet fixed but will be announced in our next issue. Chancellor Todd has made a special study of Shakespeare and everyone who is interested in the masterpieces of English literature should be present. The proceeds will go towards the Bazaar Fund.

Special Prizes.

Special prizes in Scripture Knowledge in the Senior Classes of Seagoe P.E. School have been awarded as follows:—Boys—1st, Robert Nicholson; 2nd, Holmes White; 3rd, Roland Scott. Girls—1st, Patricia Scott; 2nd, May Ruddell; 3rd, Molly Jennings.

A Gift from Ancaster.

Dr. T. D. J. Farmer, D.C.L., has, on the kind suggestion of Mr. T. A. Reed, of Ancaster, Ontario, sent to the Rector a copy of the History of the Parish of St. John's Church, Ancaster. The book is of special interest to Seagoe people as it gives a very full account of the life and work of Archdeacon William M'Murray, D.C.L., a native of Seagoe Parish, who was Rector of St. John's from 1841 to 1857.

Mothers at Breezehill.

"Breezehill" is a lovely bracing place in Knockmena townland. It is owned by Mr. James Twinem, of Lylo. Mrs. Twinem, who is President of the Seagoe Mothers' Union, kindly arranged for the members to meet there for an outing on Tuesday, July 28th, at 4 p.m. The members drove out in their buses, a goodly company. A splendid tea was laid out for them at Breezehill which they thoroughly enjoyed. The afternoon was spent in wandering about the meadows of Knockmena and in the orchard at Breezehill. Mr. and Mrs. McAdam, who are now residing there were most kind and hospitable, and the committee and Miss Twinem did everything they could to bring enjoyment to the members. Mr. James Twinem was also present and helped much to the success of the afternoon. During the evening the Rector proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mrs. Twinem and all who had helped, which was passed by acclamation.

Parish Register for July. Baptisms.

The following were Baptized in Seagoe Parish Church on 4th July, 1931:—

Thornbury—Heather, daughter of William and Elizabeth Thornbury, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Margaret Sharpe, Elizabeth Thornbury.

Simpson—Margaret Violet Isobel, daughter of William and Deborah Maria Simpson, of Kilvergan.

Sponsors—Hannah Russell, Deborah Maria Simpson.

Marriages.

Baxter and M'Keag—July 8th, Joseph Baxter, Corporal, Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, Holywood, to Martha M'Keag, of Drummer.

Gracey and Whiteside—July 15th, Samuel George Gracey, of Portadown, to Elizabeth Jane Whiteside, of Edenderry.

Cordy and M'Kinney—July 29th, David Cordy, of Carne, to Elizabeth M'Kinney, of Ballinacorney.

Death of Mr. Waugh.

We deeply regret to record the death of Mr. John Waugh, which took place after a long illness, on July 25th. Mr. Waugh held a unique place in Portadown. He knew everybody and everything. It was always a pleasure to see him amongst his books and papers and to enjoy his pleasant and always kindly talk on men and things. The smile in his voice was always kindly and put everyone in good humour. Portadown has lost a great citizen, and Seagoe has lost one who was always keenly interested in the old Parish. We extend our sincere sympathy to his sisters in their sad loss.

Seagoe School Sports.

In a field in Upper Seagoe very kindly lent by Mr. Isaac Walker, of Seagoe Farm, the pupils attending Seagoe P.E. School held their annual sports on Thursday, July 9th, at 3.30 p.m. Prior to the gathering in the field the children were entertained in the School to a hearty repast of tea and pastry. After tea, they marched in procession, headed by a Union Jack, to the field. Mr. Scott, Principal of the School, had arranged a most interesting programme of races for Seniors, Juniors and Infants. A course had been measured and marked out and every race was contested with great keenness. Chief interest seemed to settle in the high jump. Every competitor jumped well. Wm. McLoughlin and Jack Montgomery specially distinguished themselves. The seniors won at 3 ft. 8 inches, and the juniors at 3 ft. 5 inches. At the close of the meeting the Rector asked Mrs. Scott to give out the prizes to the successful competitors.

Acknowledgment.

We acknowledge with many thanks the receipt of copies of Parish Magazines issued in connection with Christ Church Parish, Clifton, Bristol, sent us by Miss Sarah McMullan. They are a very interesting record of work being done in that great Parish. A picture of the magnificent Parish Church adorns the cover.

Choir Excursion.

On Saturday, July 25th, Seagoe Choir enjoyed a very pleasant excursion to Donaghadee. The morning was cloudy but as the day advanced the sun shone out and with the exception of a heavy shower in the evening the weather was all that could be desired. The excursion was by charabanc, which left the Church at 8.30. The drive to Donaghadee was very enjoyable. The hilly country of Down presents visitors with many very pretty views. At Donaghadee the members of the party had dinner at the Imperial Hotel. During the day the excursionists enjoyed to the full the bracing sea air on the pier and the front. A start for home was made about 8 p.m., and the return drive was made in good time, all arriving safe at the Church at 10 p.m. Mr. T. H. Wilson, Organist of Seagoe, accompanied the party and made all the arrangements with his usual efficiency.

Visitors.

We welcome once again to our midst Mr. James McDowell and Miss Helen McDowell from the States. We hope they will have a very pleasant stay among us in the old Parish.

Prime Minister of Ontario.

The Hon. George Henry, formerly Minister of Roads and Transport in the Government of Ontario, has recently been made Prime Minister of that Province. This is a very high and responsible position, and

we congratulate Mr. Henry in the name of his ancestral Parish of Seagoe on this fresh honour conferred on him. Some three years ago, in September, 1928, Mr. Henry visited Seagoe and was greatly interested in tracing the localities where his family formerly resided. The Henry family came from Bocombra and lived in the house now occupied by Mr. Wolsey White. Mr. Henry is a grandson of Mr. George Henry, who married Miss Ann Holmes, of Bocombra. In the year of the Famine, 1847, George Henry emigrated to Canada, bringing with him his son, the father of the present Prime Minister. A note on the visit of Mr. and Mrs. Henry to Seagoe was published in Seagoe Magazine for October, 1928. A fortnight ago the two Misses Henry, daughters of the Prime Minister paid a brief visit to Seagoe. Mr. T. A. Reid, of Eden Villa, Ancaster, Ontario, Canada, in writing to the Rector under date 1st July, 1931, says—"I am glad to know that Portadown is Premier Henry's native place. He is a splendid man in every way and one for whom all political parties have a very high regard."

Examination.

On Wednesday, July 8th, the annual examination of the pupils attending Seagoe P.E. School was held by the Rev. James Armstrong, Diocesan Inspector. His reports were very favourable and certificates of Proficiency were awarded to the following:—Patricia Scott, Sarah Macauley, Molly Jennings, Caroline Guy, Peggy Caddell, May Ruddell, Holmes White, Wesley Porter, Ernest Gibson, Robert Nicholson, Frank Girvan, Fred McKnight, Roland Scott, and Harry McClatchey.

Old Seagoe Notes.

The Romantic Story of Archdeacon M'Murray, D.C..L.

[We extract the following from Dr. Farmer's History of St. John's, Ancaster, where William M'Murray, the Ballygargan boy who helped to found Toronto University, laboured for many years.]

The next and third rector of Ancaster and Dundas was William (afterwards Archdeacon) M'Murray, who became curate to Mr. Miller in 1838, owing no doubt to the latter's failing health, and succeeded on his death to the rectory.

William M'Murray was born at Portadown, in Ireland, on the 19th September, 1810. The following year he came with his parents to Upper Canada, where they settled at York, now Toronto. When 8 years old he became a pupil of Dr. Strachan's in Toronto, the school being carried on in a little frame building on King Street, just east of Yonge. On leaving school Mr. M'Murray took private pupils among whom were G. W. (afterwards the Hon. G. W.) Allan, Chancellor of Trinity College, and some of the well-known and influential Jarvis family. In 1830 young

M'Murray was received as a student in Divinity by the Hon. and Right Rev. Charles James Stewart, Bishop of Quebec, and placed under Dr. Strachan, with whom he continued until the time of his ordination in 1832. On 2nd August, 1832, he was sent by Sir John Colborne, the Lieutenant-Governor, as a Missionary to Sault Ste. Marie. At that time it was a "terra Incognita." Unable to reach his destination young M'Murray returned and told the Governor that the place could not be found on the map. His Excellency replied that by going by way of Buffalo and Lake Erie to Detroit, he might obtain the necessary information. He left Toronto on the 30th September and did not reach his mission till the 20th of October. At this time the population on the Canadian side of the Sault was very small, the south or American side was the only trading post of John Johnston, a large storekeeper and trader with the Indians, who had formerly been a young Irish sportsman attached to the staff of Lord Dorchester, and the United States settlement amounted to about 200. On both sides of the river the population was chiefly Indian and half breed. Mr. M'Murray called a council of Indians and stated to them that he had been sent by the Church and by their "Great Father at Toronto" as their teacher. Echo, their chief speaker, arose and asked "How they were to know that he was sent by their Great Father at Toronto?" On examining the stamp on Mr. M'Murray's letter

and finding it the same as on his medal, the chief said, "I am no longer in the dark. Black coat shall be our teacher. I give him my hand, and shall open my ears willingly to him."

In June 1833 Mr. M'Murray left for York to receive Priest's Orders. Upon his arrival he found the Bishop had left for Kingston, and from there he followed him to the Eastern Townships, where he was raised to the priesthood on 11th August, 1833. He returned to the Sault towards the end of September and there he married Charlotte, the half-breed daughter of John Johnston on the 26th of that month. Mr. Johnston had been very useful to him as an interpreter. Mr. M'Murray's bride was the third daughter, her mother's Indian name was Ozah-gushogahs, "The Wild Rose," and her own O-ge-bu-Naqua, "The lovely maiden of the Sault." Her father had married Susan Waubojeeg, daughter of Indian Chief Waubojeeg of the Ojibway Tribe, and their children's names were: Louis, Jane, George, Elizabeth, William, Charlotte (who married Dr. M'Murray), John and Anna Maria. Mrs. M'Murray accompanied her husband on his mission tours, acting as his interpreter and teaching the Indians to sing and chant. Louis Johnston served as midshipman in the British Navy in the war of 1812, on the Upper Lakes, and was seriously wounded on the Flagship Queen Charlotte on Lake Erie on the 12th September, 1813.

(To be continued.)

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, Bocombra.

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.