

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

AUGUST, 1932.

CLERGY :

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

Rev. W. F. Hayes, B.A., Edendale, Carrick-
Blacker Road, Edenderry, Portadown.

CHURCHWARDENS :

Rector's—Mr. Robert Scott.

People's—Mr. Isaac Dickson.

Seagoe at Camp.

The Seagoe C.L.B. was represented in the All-Ireland Camp at Southport this year. They had a splendid time. It was, they say, the best camp they ever had. They left Seagoe on Friday, July 8th, and had a good crossing. They were under the command of Captain Metcalf. Southport has a great pleasure beach, and there were all kinds of attractions. The lads marched to the Cenotaph in Lord Street and laid a wreath in memory of the fallen. Hundreds of holiday-makers stood round while the wreath was laid. After laying the wreath the Last Post and the Reveille were sounded, and the hymn "Abide with me" was sung by all. The weather was good except on Thursday, which was continuously wet. To pass the time a most enjoyable sing-song was organised by the Rev. J. C. Handley Vaughan, a camp Chaplain. On the night of July 11th wonderful scenes took place. On the stroke of midnight the lads emerged from their tents, and a glorious ten minutes followed. The entire camp resounded with the singing of all the loyal Ulster songs. After the singing all stood to attention and the National Anthem was enthusiastically sung. The last night in camp was the best of all. The lads of an English Company joined with the All-Ireland lads in a farewell sing-song. English and Irish songs were sung and at the conclusion the English lads said how happy they were in having the Irish lads with them once again. When the train was steaming out at the close of the camp on Saturday evening the St. Aidan's (Belfast) band struck up the hymn "Abide with me." There was a great crowd at the station to see the lads off. The camp was very popular with the people of Southport.

Choir Excursion.

On Thursday, July 14th, Seagoe Choir had a most enjoyable excursion to Donaghadee. They left the Church at 8.30 a.m. in one of the best buses of the B.O.C. They drove straight to

Donaghadee, arriving there in time for a splendid lunch in the hotel. They then walked about the town and along the shore and pier, while some went by motor boat to the Lighthouse on the Copeland Islands. The sea was somewhat choppy and a few became the victims of mal-de-mer. In the afternoon the drive was continued to Bangor, where the excursionists had tea, and then late in the evening the return journey was made to Seagoe, where all arrived about 10.30 o'clock, having had a delightful day. Mr. T. H. Wilson had made all arrangements and accompanied the excursion.

Death of Mr. James Campbell.

We deeply regret to record the death of Mr. James Campbell, of the "Portadown News," which took place with great suddenness on the night of Friday, July 1st. Mr. Campbell had spent the day as usual in the office, and the last bit of work he did was to correct the proofs of Seagoe Magazine. He was always greatly interested in Seagoe. He was a grandson of Arthur Atkinson, of Tarsan. He was discussing matters relating to Seagoe with the Rector on the afternoon of the day on which he passed away. Mr. Campbell was always kind, genial and sympathetic and always conducted his Press duties in a fair and impartial manner. He will be much missed by his many friends and we express our sympathy with his relatives.

From Canada.

Mrs. Greenhalgh, formerly Miss Margaret Dickson, of Drumnagoon, asks us to insert the following note regarding the recent death of her mother. She hopes that everything is going on well in "dear old Seagoe." :—

White peonies and fern were placed on the altar of St. James' Church on Sunday. Also a hymn sung by the choir, "Abide with me," in loving remembrance of dear mother, who passed away on May 17, at her home at Drumnagoon House, Portadown.

Hush, blessed are the dead
In Jesus's arms who rest,
And lean their weary head
For ever on His breast.

But soon, at break of day,
His Calm almighty voice,
Stronger than death, shall say,
Awake. Arise. Rejoice.

Inserted by her loving daughter, Margaret, in
Canada, at Neepawa, Manitoba.

Anniversary Service.

The July Anniversary Service was held in the Parish Church on Sunday, July 10th, at 7 p.m. There was a very large attendance of the Lodges, the members of whom filled the nave. Extra seats had to be placed in the aisle. The singing of the familiar hymns was very hearty. The preacher was the Rev. H. E. Hardy, M.A., Rector of Killyman and formerly Curate of St. Mark's, Portadown. The collection was on behalf of the Lord Enniskillen Memorial Orphan Fund and amounted to £7 15s.

Seagoe School Sports.

The School Sports, which were held on Friday, July 8th, at 4 p.m., are becoming an important annual event in connection with Seagoe P.E. School. This year, as for several years past, the sports were held in a field on Seagoe Farm very kindly lent to us by Mr. Isaac Walker. The various distances for the races had been carefully marked out by Mr. Scott, Principal of Seagoe School. The races created great interest and there was a considerable crowd of spectators present besides the children of the School. The weather was very fine and the grass in the field being quite short the children could run about to their hearts' content. The racing was very good and the timing showed that the average Seagoe boy or girl is fleet of foot. In the running races the girls seemed to have more speed than the boys. In the jumping competitions the boys excelled and some of the performances were very meritorious. The children were very keen and put their very best into each event. At the close of the programme the Rector congratulated all the competitors on the success of the afternoon. Cheers were given for the King and for all who had helped. The Rector specially thanked Mr. Scott for all the trouble he had taken in making the arrangements for the sports. The prizes were distributed to the successful competitors by Mrs. Scott. The following is a list of the various events with the prize-winners:—

50 yards, under 8 years—1, Alfred Magee; 2, Isobel Ruddell.

80 yards, under 12—1, Ida Guy; 2, Bob Fiddes.

100 yards, under 15—1, May Ruddell; 2, Sarah Macauley.

Tiny tots' race—1, Willie Ruddell; 2, Mervyn Simpson.

Throwing the cricket ball, boys under 12—1, Bob Fiddes; 2, Joe Liggett. Boys under 15—1, Jack Montgomery; 2, Fred M'Knight.

Long jump, girls under 12—1, Annie Macauley; 2, Ida Guy. Girls under 15—1, Rachel Morrison; 2, Florrie Sewell.

Long jump, boys under 12—1, Albert Hurlock; 2, Bob Fiddes. Boys under 15—1, Willie M'Keown; 2, Jack Montgomery.

High jump, girls under 15—1, Ida Guy; 2, Florrie Sewell. Boys under 12—1, Bob Fiddes; 2, Bob Ruddell. Boys under 15—1, Robert Magee; 2, Jack Montgomery.

Relay race with teams of 10 each (red and blue) was won by the blue team.

Religious Knowledge Inspection.

On Monday, July 4th, the Rev. J. Armstrong, Rector of Dromara and Diocesan Inspector in Religious Knowledge, examined the pupils of Seagoe P.E. School in their knowledge of Holy Scripture. The Church of Ireland pupils were also examined in the Church Catechism and in the Book of Common Prayer. There was a large attendance. Inspector Armstrong is very popular with teachers and children and the examination was very pleasant. The children answered very well and the Inspector was greatly pleased. The three grades, Infant, Middle and Senior all reached a high level of efficiency. Thirty-two certificates were awarded as follows.

Senior Grade—Ernest Gibson, Robert Nicholson, Irene Montgomery, Caroline Guy, Ellie Nicholson, Amy Duke.

Middle Grade—Fred Rehill, Robert Magee, Fred M'Knight, May Ruddell, Rachel Morrison, May Simpson, Myrtle Caddell.

Junior Grade—Frank Girvan, Roland Scott, Peggy Brownlee, Lily Beatson, George M'Clatchey, Alfred Hall, Joseph Liggett, Samuel M'Cube, Edward Vennard, Victor Magee, Irl Downey, Eileen Jackson, Edna Gray, Helen Johnston, Emma Morrison, Florrie Porter, Maggie Magee, Florence Sewell.

S.A.M. Society.

The following is a list of the amounts received for the South American Missionary Society:—Drumgor, Hacknahay, Levaghery and Seagoe Afternoon Sunday Schools, for support of Indian child, £3; Seagoe Mothers' Union, for support of Indian child, £3. Collection at Service at Hacknahay, 10/-; Boxes—Miss Calvert 15/-; Miss A. Guy, 4/3; Mrs. Gracey (Miss Jane Porter), 3/2; Mrs. Lewie, 7/-; Mrs. M'Dougall, 6/-; Miss S. Montgomery, 5/5; Miss S. Price, 4/-; Miss M. Reid, 10/-; Card—Miss Atkinson, £5 11s 6d. Total—£14 16s 4d.

Seagoe P.E. School.

The School will re-open after the holidays on Monday, August 22nd, at 9.15 a.m. A punctual attendance of all the pupils is requested. During the holidays extensive improvements are being carried out at the School on the lines suggested by the Ministry of Education.

Holiday Letters.

The Rector has received a card from Miss May Johnston, who is on a holiday in New York and Toronto. She is enjoying herself immensely. The card contains a pretty picture of one of the quaint old New York Churches.

The Rector has also received a card from Roland and Phyllis Scott, who are having a most beautiful holiday" in London. They have been much interested in Westminster Abbey, a picture of which is on the card.

Buried Townlands.

Here are some more "buried Townlands" out of the 29 Townlands in Seagoe Parish. Can you find the names?

1. He tried to Knock men away from him.
2. I saw him with the drum go round the townland.
3. I felt the old car rickety in the extreme.
4. Bring the car nearer to the house.

The following are the answers to last month's buried Townlands—1, Glasson (Tamnifglasson); 2, Lylo; 3, Carbet (Tamnificarbet); 4, Tarson.

Parish Register for August.

Baptism.

Gracey—July 2nd, 1932, Edith Jane, daughter of Samuel George and Elizabeth Jane Gracey, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Anne Whiteside, Elizabeth Jane Gracey.

Marriage.

Russell and Graham—July 13th, 1932, Thomas John Russell, of Knockmena, to Margaret Anne Graham, of Kinnego, Parish of Shankill.

Burials.

Moorcroft—July 8th, Thomas Moorcroft, of Killicomaine, aged 82 years.

Dickson—July 11th, Henrietta Dickson, of Drumnagoan.

Martin—July 19th, Hannah Elizabeth Martin, of Kilvergan, aged 18 years. Interred at Ardmore.

Warnock—July 25th, Samuel Warnock, of Edenderry, aged 61 years.

Clayton—July 27th, James Clayton, of Belfast, formerly of Levaghery, aged 39 years.

The Toll of Death.

Last month, as will be seen by our list of burials, has brought sorrow into many homes in the Parish. The death of Hetty Dickson just six weeks after her mother's death, was a great trouble. Thomas Moorcroft, who passed away at a ripe age, was a man of great character, upright and downright. He had been a Sergeant

in the London Police Force for many years and had many interesting stories to tell of his experiences. He was always very proud of his position as an official of the State. At the funeral his son, Harold, was present. He occupies a responsible position in the Royal Navy. His son Andrew was also present in Army uniform. Mr. Harold Moorcroft fought in the Battle of Jutland on board the "Princess Royal."

The death of Hannah Elizabeth Martin at the early age of 18 years is very sad and has caused deep grief to many in the Parish. She was a great favourite with everybody. It was hoped almost to the last that she would recover, and when news of her death at Purdysburn Hospital was announced it came as a great shock to all.

Samuel Warnock passed away after a brief illness of less than a week. Of a very quiet and retiring disposition, he yet had many friends, as was testified by the large attendance at his funeral. He had done faithful service for 32 years in Messrs. Clow's mill. Mr. Clow, although not very strong, attended the funeral of his old employe. James Clayton, although residing for some years in Belfast, was known to many in the Parish. He leaves a widow and young family to mourn his loss. To all those whose homes have been darkened by the shadow of Death we offer our sincere sympathy.

Vote of Sympathy.

The Select Vestry of Seagoe, at their meeting on Monday, July 18th, passed a resolution of sympathy with Mr. and Mrs. Martin on the death of their only daughter. The Teachers of Drumgor Sunday School sent a beautiful wreath to the funeral. **Hannah Martin had been for many years a member of Drumgor Sunday School.**

Sewage at Seagoe.

The sewage tanks at Seagoe are causing great dissatisfaction to the residents. The stench is sometimes appalling. Complaint has been made to the proper quarters, but there has been no improvement. We are glad to hear that legal action is impending. The present state of things constitutes a public nuisance.

Twenty-Five Years Ago.

AUGUST, 1907.

Seagoe Parish Magazine for August, 1907, gives a full account of the Confirmation which was held in the Parish Church on Saturday, July 6th, of that year. It was held by the Right Rev. C. F. d'Arcy, D.D., then Lord Bishop of Clogher and now Lord Primate. Dr. Welland, at that time Bishop of this Diocese, was seriously ill and died during the month. 32 men

and boys and 47 women and girls were confirmed. Morning Prayer was said by the Rector, and the Rev. J. Taylor read the Lesson, who came from Belfast to be present at the service. Four Baptisms are recorded, one marriage, and two burials. Bishop Welland's death on Monday, July 29th, is recorded. Tickets for the forthcoming excursion to Dublin on Saturday, August 24th, are reported on sale at 4/- each, including admission to the exhibition. A two-days Church Army Mission on Saturday, August 11th, and Sunday, August 12th, is announced. It is to be conducted by Captains M'Kendry and Atack. A note is added on Old Seagoe graveyard, and the Guardians are thanked for keeping the old ruins clear of ivy, which would soon destroy them. The prize-winners of the donkey and gold watch at the recent sale are announced. The donkey was won by Miss Minnie Hamilton, and the gold watch by Mr. John M'Connell. At the breaking up of Seagoe School for the holidays on July 5th a medal awarded by the Rector for the best child in the School was awarded to Thomas Ruddell. Twice lately open-air Services have been held in the Quarries at Bocombra and have been much appreciated by the men working there.

ITEMS

The Church Army Gazette is read by many in the Parish. It is splendid value, always interesting and helpful. Occasional references are made to the work in Seagoe Parish.

When every worshipper joins audibly in the responses in Church it gives wonderful life to the Service. Try it.

More of the Parishioners are on holiday this year than ever before notwithstanding hard times.

The War Memorial gates are being re-painted with special care and will be very handsome when finished.

We hope every one who wishes to receive a copy of the Magazine is getting it. There are distributors in all districts and it can always be had, unless sold out, at Mr. Vance's, in Bridge Street.

Are you reading our interesting advertisements? It will well repay you.

Many new families have recently come to reside in the Parish. If they happen to live near you invite them to the Parish Church.

The Rev. Albert Scott, M.A., Vicar of Gocar, Bradford, England, and brother of Mr. Scott, Principal of Seagoe P.E. School and Churchwarden of Seagoe, will (P.V.) preach the Parish Church on Sunday, July 31st, Evening Prayer.

Our statement of the Excursion Accounts will appear in our next issue.

Drumgor Sunday School will re-open on Sunday, July 31st, at 3 p.m.

The very wet weather has interfered with hay-making in many parts of the Parish.

Old Seagoe Notes.

The Rev. John Jones, Vicar of Seagoe 1660, distrains Francis Robson for non-payment of Tithe.

[Miss Isabel Grubb, a member of the Society of Friends, who has recently been in this neighbourhood searching for records of old Quaker families, sends us some interesting particulars regarding old times in Seagoe.] Much difficulty arose in the middle of the 17th century over the payment of Tithes. When George Fox founded the Society of Friends one of his leading principles was that neither he nor his followers would pay Tithes. This caused much friction which resulted in Distrain of goods. In 1660 the Rev. John Jones was Vicar of Seagoe. He had resided here for many years, having been appointed Vicar by King James 1st. He died during the Commonwealth which was not much to his credit. In the MS "Book of Suffering" of Dublin Yearly Meeting the Society of Friends, 1655, the following entry occurs—Francis Robson, of the Parish of Seagoe had taken from him by John Jones, Priest of the said Parish, for Tithe, one horse appraised by the sworn Prizers to three pounds, as the said Priest certified to the Constable with his own hand, desiring him to sell the horse. If he could get any more than three pounds for him, he might take it, if not he might take him on the apprizers hands, and seeing he could not make sale of him at the rate aforesaid the said Priest caused him to be appraised the second time by the said apprizers and then they appraised him at forty-six shillings and eightpence and then the said Priest kept the horse himself, the said Francis his title being valued according as his neighbours paid was worth not above ten shillings.

[Reading this at a distance of 300 years, poor Francis Robson seems to have got the worse of the bargain.]