

# Seagoe Parish Magazine.

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## 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. James Twinem.

People's—Mr. Wm. White.

### *The Anniversary Service.*

On Sunday, July 9th, at 7 p.m., an Anniversary Service was held in the Parish Church. Unfortunately, the weather was inclement and rain was falling as the brethren were walking to the Church. Notwithstanding this, there was a large attendance of the lodges which almost filled the nave. The service was very hearty and the old familiar hymns were joined in by the whole congregation. The Rector and the Rev. W. F. Hayes officiated at the service, and the Rev. F. W. M'Cullagh, M.A., Rector of Aghalee, preached the sermon. Mr. M'Cullagh warned his hearers against the dangers which surrounded and exhorted them to be true to their faith and to hold fast the principles which they professed. The earnest tones of the preacher made a great impression on those present. The collection was on behalf of the Lord Enniskillen Memorial Orphan Fund. The Rev. Mr. M'Cullagh has held Rectories in the North as well as in the South. He was for some time Rector of Cloughjordan, a parish in the County of Tipperary.

### *Religious Inspection of Seagoe P.E. School.*

The annual visit of the Inspector of Religious Education in Seagoe School took place on Tuesday, July 4th. The Rev. J. Armstrong, Rector of Dromara, is the Inspector for the Diocese of Dromore. He is very popular with teachers and children and was at one time before ordination a member of the teaching profession. He thoroughly examined all the pupils and was well satisfied with the results attained. The infants were examined first and showed how carefully they had been taught by Miss Reid. The Junior School, under Miss Matchett, was next examined. The answering was very good and the Inspector expressed himself greatly pleased. He said it was the best examination he ever had held in the Junior School. The Seniors were examined next and made a splendid examination. The children showed great interest in their work and answered advanced questions with much intelligence.

The following are the names of pupils who answered over 80 per cent:—Boys—Junior School—

Wm. Johnston, Alfred Hall, George M'Clatchey, Jim Brownlee, Jim Clayton, Albert Hurlock, Robert Guy, Ernest Caddell, Tom M'Cabe, Jack Beatson, Edward Wetherall, Joe Liggett. Girls—Eileen Jackson, Iris Downey, Chrissy Fiddes, Edna Gray, Olive Vennard, Helen Johnston.

Senior School—Boys—Ernest Gibson, Wm. M'Keown, Roland Scott, Fred M'Knight, Frank Girvan, Wm. M'Loughlin. Girls—Ellie Nicholson, Emma Morrison, Amy Duke, Peggy Brownlee, Rachel Morrison, Caroline Guy, Myrtle Caddell, Peggy Caddell, Jean Finney.

The above names are not in the order of merit.

### *Seagoe Sports Fete.*

An attractive sports fete is to be held in the Grove Field, beside Seagoe School, on Thursday, August 31st, at 3.30 p.m. It is being arranged by a committee of ladies. There will be a well-furnished stall of all kinds of goods, also a refreshment stall. A great variety of outdoor sports for old and young, and games of various kinds will amuse and interest visitors. The charge for admission will be sixpence. Tickets are now on sale. The proceeds will be on behalf of Seagoe School Improvement Fund. Secure your ticket without delay. The fete will remain open until 10 p.m.

### *Seagoe Mothers' Union.*

The members spent a pleasant evening at the Rectory on Tuesday, July 18th. After tea in the Schoolhouse all adjourned to the Glebe. Having safely crossed the railway line, they went up the laurel path and through the gardens. The old mulberry tree in the inner garden, now over 100 years old, having been planted in 1826, was an object of much interest. It is in a very flourishing condition and is covered with abundant fruit. The "wishing chair" was in great request. After a walk round the garden the Rectory was visited, and the weird recesses of the old basement were explored. Much fun was caused by races and games on the lawn. After some further refreshments, a vote of thanks to the Rector was passed. The Rector replied, expressing his appreciation of the good work done in the Parish by the Mothers' Union. All joined in singing the Doxology, and after the Benediction the company separated, having enjoyed a very pleasant evening.

The next meeting of the Mothers' Union will be held (D.V.) on Tuesday, August 8th, at 7.30 p.m. It will be held in the new Church Hall at Bocombra, on the kind invitation of the President, Mr. James Twinem, of Lylo Villa. A 'bus which passes the Hall leaves Portadown and returns to Portadown at convenient hours.



**Seagoe P.E. School.**

The School broke up for the summer holidays on July 6th. The children gathered in the large schoolroom and sang the hymn "God is always near me." Prayer was then said by the Rector. Hearty cheers were given for the manager and teachers. Unfortunately, the sports which had been arranged had to be postponed owing to the break in the weather, but will be held when the School re-assembles. The School re-opens after the holidays on Monday, August 21st, at 9.15 a.m. A punctual attendance of all the pupils is requested.

**Seagoe in Nairobi.**

Many among us will still remember Captain J. J. Dobson, who was licensed Lay Reader in the Parish for some two years before the War. He lived with his mother in Goban Street. He took a keen and active interest in the Ulster Volunteers and when the War broke out he at once joined up and got a commission. He was severely wounded in 1916. Seven years ago he went with his wife and only son, Bobbie, to Nairobi, in Kenya Colony, Africa. His son, who is now 13 years of age, has just travelled from the heart of Africa to school in Somerset. He has written to the Rector the following interesting account of his long journey:—

I had a very nice voyage out and I was not sea-sick at all. Also all the people were kind to me, as I was going home alone to school. I am looking forward to the holidays very much as I have no idea of what Ireland is like, as I was very small when I left. And my Uncle Bertie, will, I hope, take me to see you, which would be great fun. My mother was very well when I left, and by what I have heard in their letters they are all well. It is very nice in Kenya, and it is always warm. I will write an account of my voyage to England, as you asked me to.

First of all we left Nairobi by train for Mombasa, which is a 320 miles journey. We had to sleep a night in the train, which was great fun, watching the game running away from the train as it passed them. About 8 o'clock in the morning my father and I saw the sea for the first time for 7 years. We soon got all my luggage on board and found my cabin. Soon the boat blew its hooter, and I began my voyage to England. We got to a port that is quite near Mombasa, which is called Tanga. We stayed there the night, getting cargo on board our ship, which was called the "Llandaff Castle." The next stop was Dar-es-salaam, which was not very interesting as it was so very hot. Then came Beira, which was quite interesting as it was the biggest port we called at since Mombasa. I went ashore there with some friends which I knew at

Mombasa. The following day we left Beira, and on the way out we saw a very big ship which was going into the harbour.

The next place we called at was Lourenco Marques. We got there early in the morning and left it about noon, so there was not much time to see the place. We then called at Durban, which is the biggest port we went to. As soon as we arrived I saw a boy who was at my last school in Kenya. His mother had said that she would look after me on the boat as they were going on with us to England. She said that it was not nice on the boat while it was coaling, so she took me ashore as the boat was not going for two days, to a place which was about 13 miles away from Durban. We had a very jolly time there as we bathed and fished and played golf on a course just next to where we were staying.

The next place we called at was East London. We only stayed there a few hours, so we did not have time to see much. We then called at Port Elizabeth, which was a very old town, and it was quite a big place. The chief thing that I enjoyed was the snake's park, which had so many things in it to see.

The next day we got to Capetown, which was very nice, except that it was winter and it was very cold and wet. Just before we got in to the docks we had to stay out because the pilot who brings the boats in would not let us in as it was too rough. We tossed and rolled for about five hours and at last we saw the pilot's boat coming.

Early the next day we all were playing games when all of a sudden someone shouted, "a whale!" We all ran to the side of the ship and saw a huge whale. Everyone was talking about it for a long time as it was very exciting.

The next place we called at was St. Helena, which was quite a big island, and the town was very small. We went to see Napoleon's tomb. To get to the tomb we had to go up Jacob's ladder, which had 720 steps, from the town.

We got to Ascension in two days' time. We were rather unfortunate as we got there at 1 o'clock in the night and left about 5 o'clock in the morning, so we did not see much.

We then had a week before we saw land. On the way we saw a lot of flying fish and porpoises which were very big.

We got to Teneriffe in the afternoon and left about 7 o'clock in the evening, so we had time to see the place.

We then got to Southampton, which was our journey's end. I then met my house master who was waiting for me, and he took me to my school which I was going to. I hope that this is all right and by the time you get this it will be very near the end of the term. I have more to say, so good-bye.

BOBBIE DOBSON.



### **Seagoe in Brisbane.**

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of interesting Queensland papers from Mrs. Nesbitt, "Naesby," Waterworks Road, Ashgrove, Brisbane, who has for many years been a recipient of the Magazine. Mrs. Nesbitt is related to parishioners of Seagoe who settled in Brisbane many years ago.

### **Mr. Seago Writes a Book.**

A very interesting book has just been written by Mr. Edward Seago. It is entitled "Circus Company," and is published by Messrs. Putnam, leading London publishers, at the price of 10/6. It is illustrated by the author himself. The introduction is written by the present Poet Laureate. Mr. Seago was originally an artist, but being specially interested in animals he joined a circus. He wanted to live in the circus in order to paint it. Mr. Seago is quite a distinguished painter and recently held an exhibition of his pictures in London. A critic says of him, "that he can write just as well as he can paint."

### **Our Sunday Schools.**

Edenderry, Drumgor, Carne, and Levaghery Sunday Schools were closed during the month of July and will re-open on Sunday, Aug. 6th. We hope all the teachers and children will be in their places. The efficiency of our Sunday Schools depends very much on the regular and punctual attendance of both teachers and children.

### **The Warrenpoint Excursion.**

The Sunday School excursion accounts have now been completed. The following is the result:—Expenses, £65 9s 6d; receipts, £56 6s 9d; balance, £9 2s 9d. It will thus be seen that notwithstanding our efforts to make receipts balance expenses a serious deficit remains. We could be glad if those who value our Sunday School work would send in a contribution to help cover this deficiency. The adverse balance is due to the fact that there was a smaller number of adult tickets sold. We depend on the profit received from the sale of adults' tickets to cover the loss necessarily incurred in the giving of tickets to the children at a greatly reduced rate. In every other respect the excursion was a splendid success.

### **C.L.B. Camp Notes.**

This year our C.L.B. had so many local events to attend to that they had hardly time to think about going to camp. We print here an interesting account of the Training Corps camp at Strangford, written by Lance-Corporal Victor McCaff. He is just 11 years of age:—  
On Saturday, 22nd July we arrived at Strangford at 4.15 p.m. We were shown to the tent

which had to be our home for the week. We first emptied out kit-bag to get our sack which had to be filled with straw to sleep on. Having finished this work we had to fall in for tea. Having enjoyed our tea we then washed our dishes and laid them ready for supper. Most of us went to the village to buy lemonade and sweets, as we thought we had plenty of money to spend. On Sunday afternoon we had a parade to the local Church, headed by St. Aiden's pipe band. Each morning of the week except Thursday and Friday we had a bathing parade. It was about 2 miles from camp, which we enjoyed very much. On Wednesday it was visitors' day and a lot of the boys' mothers from Belfast came down to the camp. We also had the Battalion C.O., Col. Torrens, inspecting us, and he was very well pleased with everything. We had also sports on that day. Cpl. Donaldson and myself won the three-leg race, and the prize for it 1/- each. As it was late in the afternoon we did not get finishing our sports. On Thursday it started to rain very heavy, most of the tents let in and they had to sleep in the dining hall. Our tent was waterproof, so we had not to move. On Friday morning we finished our sports, and in the evening we had a concert, which we enjoyed very much. On Saturday we began to pack for home, after a very enjoyable time, and each of us are looking forward to our camp week next year.

### **The Parish Social.**

The net receipts for the Parish Social amounted to £9 3s 6d, and the expenses to £1 14s 9d, leaving a net balance of £7 9s 6d, which goes towards the laying-out of the new plot beside the Church.

### **The New Plot.**

Further work at the new plot beside the Church ground will be taken in hand at once. Mr. M'Clements and Mr. Giffen have pegged out the ground. There will be a wide central path running the length of the plot from the gate. The main drain will run at a depth of 6 ft. 6 ins. below this path. Side paths and side drains will also be made. The gates and pillars will be erected without delay.

### **C.L.B. Camp at Morecambe.**

Seagoe C.L.B. was represented at the camp at Morecambe. Cadet Willie Leake says the camp was most enjoyable. There were 101 lads from Ireland who crossed on Thursday, July 6th. The camp was in Christie Park, Morecambe. On Friday a terrific thunderstorm broke over the camp. The hailstones were as large as eggs. Sports were held and every day there were bathing parades. In the evening they had concerts and sing-songs. The camp broke up on Saturday, July 15th.



**List of Subscriptions to Bocombra Church Hall.**

Already acknowledged	£218	8	1
Rt. Hon. Sir Wm. Moore, Lord Chief Justice, Northern Ireland ...	5	5	0
Collected at gate ...	3	7	6
Mr. Mitchell, Seafield ...	1	0	0
Mr. S. M'Cormick, Seafield ...	0	10	6
Miss Agnes Guy, Seagoe ...	0	7	6
Mrs. H. Pearson, Twinem Terrace—Card ...	0	6	0
Mrs. F. White, Killycomaine—Card	0	2	6
Mr. John Livingston, Killycomain ...	0	2	6
	£229	9	7

**Parish Register for July.**

**Baptism.**

**Hewitt**—July 1st, 1933, William James, son of William James and Charlotte Hewitt, of Edenderry.

*Sponsors*—Jemima Porter, Charlotte Hewitt.

**Marriage.**

**Bell and Neill**—July 28, 1933, Joseph Bell, of Moira, to Emily Neill, of Ballyme-crandle.

**Burials**

**Milligan**—July 14th, Mary Milligan, of Edenderry, aged 62 years.

**Guy**—August 2nd, Norman Guy, of Tarsan, aged 37 years.

**The Cairo Bookcase.**

We will be glad if anyone can give the name of the family referred to in our last issue whose gift was spent on the Cairo Book-case by Dr. Harpur, of the C.M.S.

**Old Seagoe Notes.**

**The Meaning of Townland Names in Seagoe.**

Some new light has been recently thrown on the meaning of the names of the townlands in Seagoe Parish. A study of the names of the townlands in the district of the Moyntiagh, now the Parish of Ardmore, suggests that owing to the frequency of the prefix "Derry," which means in Irish an Oak grove, it was apparently the custom to call a townland after the name of the trees which happened to grow in it. This extraordinary respect for trees was no doubt due to the worship of the Druids, who attached special sanctity to trees, especially the oak and its parasite the Mistletoe or the Golden Bough. Applying this principle of tree names to the townlands in Seagoe we get some interesting results. Clanrole becomes the Meadow of the Oak rather than the Hollow of the Swathe. Drumgor is the Ridge of the Woodland by the Stream rather than the Hill of the Goat. Among the townlands formerly in the Parish Silverwood or Kilnary means the Wood of the Silver Birches.

**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 each 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 thankoffering. (See Book of Common Prayer.)

**MORNING PRAYER**—Sundays and Chief Festivals, 11-30 a.m.

**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.**

**BIBLE CLASS FOR MEN** in Edenderry on Sundays at 10 a.m.

**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 at 7-30 p.m.

**CHURCH LADS' BRIGADE** in the Parochial Hall on Tuesdays and Fridays.

**GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY** in Seagoe School on Mondays at 8 p.m.

**SEAGOE P.E. SCHOOL**, 9-15 a.m. Principal—Mr. R. Scott.

**MARRIAGES** must be performed between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Licenses are issued by Rev Canon Hannan, 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 3/- per annum.