

# Seagoe Parish Magazine.

AUGUST, 1934.

## CLERGY :

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

Rev. W. F. Hayes, B.A., The Bungalow, Lower Seagoe, Portadown.

## CHURCHWARDENS :

Rector's—Mr. John Harrison Twinem.

People's—Mr. Robert M'Clements.

## Consecration of Graveyard.

On Wednesday, July 11th, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese (Rt. Rev. C. T. P. Grierson, D.D.) consecrated the new burial ground beside the Parish Church. The service began at 4 p.m. The Rector acted as Bishop's Chaplain, and the Rev. J. W. Millington, Rector of St. Mark's, Portadown, carried the Pastoral Staff. The Rev. J. C. Butler, Curate-Assistant of St. James's Church, Belfast, acted as Pro-Registrar in the absence of the Diocesan Registrar, the Ven. P. W. N. Shirley, B.D., Archdeacon of Connor. The Churchwardens, Mr. J. H. Twinem and Mr. Robert M'Clements were also present. Those present assembled inside the gates of the new ground, and the Rector requested the Lord Bishop to consecrate the ground. The Rector then read the Formal Invitation to Consecrate, signed by himself and two Churchwardens and several of the Parishioners. The Lord Bishop then began the service and Psalms 16 and 31 were read, verse about, as the procession passed round the outer paths of the ground. The Collects were then said as the procession reached the gates and the service concluded. The Deed of Consecration was then read by the Pro-Registrar and signed by the Lord Bishop. The Lord Bishop then addressed some kind words of congratulation to the Rector, Churchwardens and members of the Select Vestry, expressing his pleasure at consecrating the ground as a sacred resting-place for the departed to be kept for ever for its solemn purpose.

## The W.F.O. Envelopes.

It is very important that all those who have taken sets of W.F.O. Envelopes should bring them in regularly. Money is always required to meet the current expenses of the Parish, and unless the envelopes are brought in each week the Bank Account is overdrawn and, of course, interest on the overdraft has to be paid to the Bank. At the July meeting of the Select Vestry it was decided to appoint a suitable person to supervise the Weekly Freewill Envelopes. It will be a great help to the Parish if the

younger members of families who are working will take sets of envelopes as well as their parents. The Church needs the help and sympathy of all its members, young as well as old.

## Confirmation Cards.

The Confirmation Cards for those who have been recently Confirmed are now ready. The Lord Bishop has signed each card. They can be had after any service in the Parish Church. A little book of Preparation for Holy Communion was given to each of those who were Confirmed. It is called "Stretching Forward," and has been compiled by the Archdeacon of Connor (Very Rev. P. W. N. Shirley, B.D.) It contains very helpful Prayers and Meditations.

## The Anniversary Service.

The Service held on Sunday, July 8th, at 7 p.m. in the Parish Church, was attended by large numbers. The Church was crowded and over 200 members of Lodges were present. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Canon M'Garvey, Rector of Dromore. The collection for the Lord Enniskillen Fund amounted to £7.

## Edenderry Sewing Class.

A very pleasant afternoon was spent in the grounds and garden at Eden Villa by the members and friends of the Edenderry Sewing Class on Wednesday, July 18th. Mrs. Atkinson and the Misses Atkinson had most kindly put their beautiful grounds at the disposal of the Sewing Class for the occasion. Tea was laid out in the orchard, and some fifty visitors sat down at the tables. The object of the Sewing Class was to raise money towards the repair of the Parochial Hall in Edenderry. The sums contributed by those present amounted to £7 10s.

## The Parochial Hall.

The Parochial Hall has been greatly improved by the repairs recently executed. The windows and spouts have been painted and repaired and the outside of the building has been cement-washed. The Parochial Hall Committee arranged for the painting, and the Edenderry Sewing Class most kindly contributed a sum sufficient for the cement-washing of the outside. The fine iron railings surrounding the Hall have also been painted. The Hall has also been brightened by the flowers planted in front and at the side of the hall by Mr. Edward Vennard, the caretaker. We are glad to know that Mr. Vennard has got quite strong again after his recent illness. A further improvement recently made in the Hall was the erection on the gallery of a roomy lock-up press for the use of the Church Lads' Brigade.



### ***Our Sunday Schools.***

Several of our Sunday Schools, at the wish of the Superintendents and Teachers, have been closed for the holidays. Hacknahay and Carne, however, remained open each Sunday. Seagoe Sunday School, Morning and Afternoon, was closed for two Sundays but has now re-opened. In recent years the holiday habit has developed so much and so many now go away even for a prolonged holiday that it has been found difficult to carry on the Sunday Schools during July owing to the absence of the Teachers. Edenderry Sunday Schools will re-open on Sunday, August 19th.

### ***Seagoe P.E. School.***

The School will re-open (D.V.) after the holidays on Monday, August 20th, at 9.15 a.m. sharp. A punctual attendance of all the pupils is requested. At the closing of the School for the holidays on July 6th the children met in the Boys' Schoolroom. The Rector (Manager of Seagoe School) presided, and after a hymn and prayer, cheers were given for the teachers and the Rector wished all a very happy holiday. Some days before the "break-up" the children at play hour had a very keenly contested marble competition, and Bob Ruddell was acknowledged to be the champion "killer." During the holidays the School has been very thoroughly cleaned and washed by the School caretaker. Mrs. Porter, who takes a great interest in the welfare of the School and the children. We wish to thank Mrs. Vance and the members of the Edenderry Sewing Class for kindly contributing a further donation of £2 towards the small debt which still remains on the Seagoe School Repair Fund.

### ***Strangford C.L.B. Camp.***

On Saturday, 21st July, an empty farm-house and two adjoining fields, situated on a height, overlooking Strangford Lough, became a centre of life, interest and activity. There, over ninety members, from various companies of the Down and Connor and Dromore Battalion of the Church Lads' Brigade, assembled for their annual camp. This year it was a combined camp for Cadets and Training Corps. The site of the camp was ideal. It commanded a good view of the Lough and of the surrounding countryside, studded with many historic landmarks. On arrival the spirited party found the camp cooks installed in the house and busy at work over a huge fire. The tents had already been erected by an advance squad. After a busy hour, during which the Quarter-Master assigned tents to the different companies and issued blankets and other equipment, all were ready for their first meal. That evening the camp was honoured by a visit

from the Chief Staff Officer, from London, Colonel Commandant Ffoulkes, accompanied by Colonel Torrens, Commandant of the Battalion of the United Dioceses. Colonel Ffoulkes, who stayed over-night, received a cordial welcome. He spoke of the camp in high terms of appreciation.

Sunday was fittingly observed. A drum-head service was held in the camp at 10 a.m. The service was conducted by the Rev. W. F. Hayes, and an appropriate address on Christian Warfare was given by Col. Ffoulkes. In the afternoon a Parade Service took place in the picturesque Church of Oldcourt, situated in the beautiful demesne of Lady Una Ross. The preacher was the Rev. E. H. Blackwood-Price, M.A.

Each succeeding day was fully occupied. Morning and evening a short service was taken by the chaplains present. The untiring St. Michael's Pipe Band delighted both the campers and the residents of the district with stirring tunes. The meal bell, which was heard four times each day, was a most welcome sound. In answer to it, almost as it were by magic, a long queue, equipped with a plate, a mug and the necessary cutlery, lined up. The food was good and well cooked. While it was liberally served, there were many, who, like a well-known character of Dickens, licked their plates and came back for more. The daily bathing parade was equally popular. It brought many spectators to the beach. Visits to the village were frequent. The confectioners and ice-cream sellers did a brisk business. The Post Office, which is also a stationery shop, was frequently congested. Penny stamps sold rapidly and there was a heavy demand for picture post-cards. These were bought almost without discretion and hastily despatched to relatives and friends.

Among the many interesting events of the week were a long evening cruise on the Lough, rambles along the shores and excursions to Rasperry Island. The Castleward cricketers challenged the Brigade to a match. A very keen, close game was played, the camp team winning by a narrow margin. Visitors' day brought many parents and friends to Strangford, for whom tea was provided. The sports of the afternoon were well supported and several prizes were carried off by the Seagoe representatives. On the last night of camp an interesting variety camp concert was given. This was attended by the villagers, who greatly appreciated the entertainment.

The camp broke up on the 28th inst. It was a great success and thoroughly enjoyed by all. Great credit is due to the organisers, to the Commanding Officer—Captain E. Mitchell, and to the good-will and kindness of the people of Strangford.



**C.L.B. Sports.**

On Thursday, July 5th, a very enjoyable afternoon and evening were spent in a field most kindly lent for the C.L.B. sports by Mrs. William Best, off Church Lane. The weather was perfect and the attendance was large. There were several open events and all were very keenly contested. The jumping was especially good and a height of over 5 feet was reached in the high jump, and of over 19 feet in the long jump. A bicycle race was a source of much interest, also an amusing obstacle race and a three-legged race. The last was won in fine style by Willie O'Loughlin and Sam Donaldson. An ice-cream stall did good trade. At the close the prizes were distributed to the winners by Mrs. Dunlop and Captain Fanning. Captain Fanning congratulated the Brigade on their efficiency in athletics. The Rector expressed his thanks to all who had helped, and especially to Mrs. Best for lending the field, and to Captain Mitchell for his care and attention he had given in organising the entertainment. Clifford Mitchell as a little Red Indian greatly amused the crowd as he rode round on his bicycle. The proceeds of the entertainment were given to the C.L.B. funds.

**Congratulations.**

We very heartily congratulate Mrs. Sloan (formerly Miss Cissy Price) on her recent marriage, which took place in the Parish Church on Wednesday, July 18th, at 11.30 a.m. The church was filled by a large congregation and many were the good wishes expressed for the bride and bridegroom by their many friends. The Rector performed the ceremony. The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. Gilbert Price. Mrs. Sloan received a very large number of beautiful presents. She has been a great help in Seagoe Parish as a Sunday School teacher in Carne Sunday School, also a Magazine Distributor, and has also been a moving spirit at all our parish gatherings. We will miss her greatly but often hope to see her in the old parish. We offer her and Mr. Sloan our heartiest good wishes for their future prosperity and happiness. Mrs. Sloan will be residing in the townland of Ballinagone, in Drumcree Parish. This townland (it is interesting to note) although across the river is called after Seagoe, Ballinagone meaning the Town of Gowan or Gobhan.

**Protestant Orphan Society.**

Special collections were made for this Society in the Parish Church at the Somme Memorial Services held on Sunday, July 1st. The total amount contributed was £7 17s. After the Evening Service a wreath was placed at the base of the Memorial Pillars by the Seagoe Company of the C.L.B., who paraded under Captain

Mitchell and Lieut. W. Currie. The "Last Post" was impressively sounded by Cadet Jim Courtney.

**Correction.**

In last month's account of the recent Jumble Sale, the disposal of the proceeds should have read—"£6 is given to Seagoe School Fund and £3 9s 8d to Edenderry S. Sch. Prize Fund."

**Parish Register for July.****Baptisms.**

The following were Baptized on July 7th, 1934, in Seagoe Parish Church:—

**Thornbury**—Robert Charles, son of William (the late) and Elizabeth Thornbury, of Kernan.

*Sponsors*—Margaret Metcalfe, Elizabeth Thornbury.

**M'Minn**—Hilda, daughter of John and Charlotte M'Minn, of Edenderry.

*Sponsors*—Elizabeth Rainey, Charlotte M'Minn.

**Liggett**—Marion Bernice, daughter of Thomas and Sarah Jane Liggett, of Edenderry.

*Sponsors*—Sarah Anne Best, Sarah Jane Liggett.

**Simpson**—Sarah Sylvia Gwendoline, daughter of William and Deborah Maria Simpson, of Kilvergan.

*Sponsors*—Hannah Russell, Deborah Maria Simpson.

**Jennett**—John, son of William and Evelyn Jennett, of Edenderry.

*Sponsors*—Margaret Metcalfe, Evelyn Jennett.

**Marriages.**

**Harland and Guy**—July 5th, 1934, Albert Harland, of Tegnavin, Parish of Shankill, to Caroline Guy, of Derryvore.

**Norton and Liggett**—July 14th, 1934, John Norton, of Portadown, to Sarah Jane Liggett, of Edenderry.

**Sloan and Price**—July 18th, 1934, Henry Sloan, of Ballinagone, Parish of Drumcree, to Sarah Jane Price, of Ballinacor.

**Cunningham and M'Clelland**—August 1st, 1934, William John Cunningham, of Drumgask, Parish of Knocknamuckley, to Ethel M'Clelland, of Knockmena.

**ITEMS.**

We welcome to Seagoe Mrs. Johnston and her son, who are on a holiday from Thompsonville, Connecticut, U.S.A. Mrs. Johnston and all the members of her family have ever been good friends of Seagoe Parish.

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Peggy Brownlee, of Seagoe P.E. School, obtained 60 per cent. in the recent examination, for scholarships in Skerry's Academy, Belfast.

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Seagoe Company of the C.L.B., has been hon-



oured in the fact that their Captain—Captain Ernest Mitchell, was chosen as Camp Commandant at the Strangford Camp this year.

Rain has fallen heavily but there is need of more and many wells are still dry.

Mr. J. G. Sandford, B.A., T.C.D., kindly helped at the Services recently in the Parish 22nd.

Church and preached on Sunday evening, July Seagoe Mothers' Union spent a very pleasant evening last month in Bocombra New Hall. After a splendid tea, games were enjoyed. Various articles made by the Bocombra Sewing Class were on sale and found ready purchasers.

Jack Killow has been on a visit to Seagoe. He is a deck-hand on the P. and O. Liner "Ballarat," and has made two voyages to Brisbane, Australia.

Wesley Porter, of Lower Seagoe, has been promoted to be Bridge-hand on the Cunarder "Carinthia." He got this post because he knows the Morse system. He is now cruising in the Baltic after having paid a visit to New York.

Several gardens have recently been robbed in Lower Seagoe. We are glad to know that the police have the cases in hand and we hope that before long the culprits will be arrested and lodged in Armagh Gaol. Much wanton mischief has been done.

## Twenty-five Years Ago.

JUNE, 1909.

The issue of the Magazine for the above month

contains a notice of the forthcoming excursion to Warrenpoint on June 22nd. Seven Baptisms are recorded, one Marriage and four Burials. A Summer Fete is announced in Hacknahay School for Thursday, Aug. 26th. Country Produce Stall—Miss Calvert, Variety Stall—Miss Neill, Refreshment Stall—Miss Wilson. Seagoe Harriers had a Social Tea. 25 members were present and speeches were made by the Rector, the Rev. W. R. Crichton and Mr. T. J. Atkinson. Work is plentiful in all our local factories. The new stable at Seagoe School will accommodate four horses. The Wooden Hall in Edenderry is closed for a few weeks for repairs. Sympathy is expressed for Mr. and Mrs. Shanks, of Seagoe in the destruction of their house by fire. There are Old Seagoe Notes on Bann Pearls and Seagoe Hones.

JULY, 1909.

The Excursion to Warrenpoint was very successful, although the morning certainly looked very cloudy and a few drops of rain actually fell before the procession started, but after that splendid Seagoe weather prevailed. In Seagoe School, Thomas Johnston and Thos. H. Porter got prizes for the neatest exercise. Sam Magee got a silver medal for good attendance, and Jack Stoops got a prize. In Hacknahay School Helen Calvert got a prize for drawing. Among the Burials recorded are those of Margaret Hamilton, of Edenderry, aged 78 years, and of Mrs. Anne M'Collum, of Kilvergan, aged 90 years. An Old Seagoe Note on "Farming in Seagoe in 1814," says the price of pigs is very high. Scotch ploughs have been introduced. Onions are largely grown. Sheep were grazed only at Carrick and the Glebe.

## SERVICES—The PARISH CHURCH

**HOY 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**—Wedne days 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.