

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

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CLERGY :

Rev. Canon Archer, B.D., The Rectory, Seagoe,
Rev. W. F. Hayes, B.A., Edendale, CarrickBlacker
Road, Edenderry, Portadown.

CHURCHWARDENS :

Rector's—Wm. H. England.
People's—Gilbert Price.

The Season of Lent.

Once again Lent is with us. It is the season when the Church invites her faithful children to turn the searching eye into the heart and life, to note the easily-besetting sin, the growing habits of evil which when they develop may enslave the spiritual life. It is the season when by prayer both private and public our people may gain new views of life and new hopes of Eternity. We will mark the season by special Services in the Parish Church, and by special addresses on the hindrances of the spiritual life and how they may be overcome. We invite our people to a more frequent attendance in the House of Prayer and to a more regular participation in the Holy Communion.

Services on Ash Wednesday.

On Ash Wednesday, the First Day of Lent, which falls this year on February 18th, the following Services will be held:—

8.30 a.m.—Morning Prayer, Litany, and the Penitential Service from the Book of Common Prayer.

7 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon.

Temperance Sermons.

On Sunday, February 22nd, the First Sunday in Lent Special Sermons on "Temperance" will be preached at Morning and Evening Prayer and collections will be made on behalf of the Diocesan Temperance Society and the Irish Temperance Alliance. Although indulgence in strong drink lessened for some years after the war, it seems recently to have again increased. The agents of the Drink Traffic are always active and by the formation of clubs and competitions and by blatant advertisements they strive to get our young people into their clutches. There is a great deal of drinking in halls and clubs. Parents should warn their sons and daughters against in any way encouraging drinking at their social gatherings. Drink is destructive to body and soul.

Register of Vestrymen.

On Tuesday, Feb. 3rd, a meeting of the Select Vestry will be held in Seagoe School at 7.30 p.m., to revise the List of the General Vestry of the Parish. Those who wish to have their names placed on the List of the General Vestry can obtain from Mr. Moses

Gilpin, Drumnagoon, Secretary of the Vestry, a printed Form of Application. The List will remain open until Tuesday, February 24th, when a Meeting of the Select Vestry will be held to close the List. The General Vestry will (p.v.) meet on the Thursday in Easter Week (April 9th) to elect a new Churchwarden and Select Vestry for the ensuing year.

Service of Song.

A very attractive Service of Song will be given (p.v.) in Seagoe School on Thursday, February 12th. The title of the Service is "Won by a Song." The music is very pretty and a fine series of lantern pictures will illustrate the story. The tickets are 1/- each and a large number have been sold. The proceeds will go towards the Seagoe Sunday School Prize Fund.

"The River Singers."

"The River Singers" was the title of the Service of Song given in Edenderry Parochial Hall on Thursday, January 15th. It proved very successful. The Hall was quite full and the music and lantern slides were very good. Mr. Scott, Principal of Seagoe P.E. School, read the story splendidly. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to all who had helped. It was proposed by Mr. McClements, Superintendent of Seagoe Morning Sunday School, and seconded by Mr. R. Gracey. The proceeds were on behalf of Edenderry Sunday School Prize Fund. We heartily thank the Rector of Drumree Parish for kindly lending us the Parish lantern. Solos were sung by Miss N. Montgomery and Miss Louie Dermott.

Drumgor Sunday School.

A very pleasant evening was spent by the Sunday School Teachers and children of Drumgor on Tuesday, January 20th. There was a large gathering. After tea, games were engaged in with great heartiness. "The Farmer wants a wife" and "The Grand Old Duke of York" were the favourites. During a break in the programme gramophone selections were played and some songs were nicely sung. Towards the close of the evening a presentation of a tea-set was made to Miss Agnes Guy on her resignation of the Superintendence of Drumgor Sunday School. Mr. Dermott said how much they had appreciated the good work done by Miss Guy. The Rector, in making the presentation, thanked Miss Guy for her help in the Sunday School work of the Parish and expressed his sense of the loss sustained by her resignation of her post as Superintendent of Drumgor, where she had accomplished so much excellent work. Prizes were then distributed to the successful children by Mrs. Dermott, on the invitation of the Rector. Mr. and Mrs. Johnston Robinson were specially thanked for their kind interest in the School.

Seagoe in the States.

Miss Margaret Moffett, daughter of Mrs. Maria Moffett, of Portadown, Ireland, was married on Thanksgiving morning at 9.30 to William Ford, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Ford, 9 Joseph Street, Portadown. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. Stuart Neill at St. Mary Episcopal Church, South Manchester, U.S.A. The bride was attended by Miss Charlotte Dowd, of 35 Chestnut Street, cousin of the bridegroom. The best man was Mr. Arthur Ford. The bride wore a gown of cream coloured bridal satin and lace, made princess style, with hat and slippers of moire satin to match. She carried a bridal bouquet of large white chrysanthemums and pompoms. The bridesmaid was attired in a light blue satin princess style gown, with hat and pumps of moire satin to match. She carried an arm bouquet of large yellow chrysanthemums and pink and white pompoms. A reception for the bridal party and members of the immediate families living in town was held at the home of the bridegroom's aunt, Mrs. Anna Hopfner, of 35 Chestnut Street. The bride's gift to her bridesmaid was a large crystal and pearl necklace. The bridegroom's gift to his best man was a gold cigarette case. Mr. and Mrs. Ford will occupy their newly furnished home at 28½ Church Street, South Manchester, U.S.A.

[We heartily congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Ford and wish them much prosperity and blessing.]

Prize Distributions.

The following dates have been arranged for the Prize Distributions in our Sunday Schools:—

- Feb. 5th, Thursday—Bocombra, at 7.30 p.m.
- Feb. 6th, Friday—Hacknahay, at 7 p.m.
- Feb. 10th, Tuesday—Levaghery, at 7.30 p.m.
- Feb. 13th, Friday—Carne, at 7.30 p.m.
- Feb. 16th, Monday—Seagoe, at 7.30 p.m.
- Feb. 17th, Tuesday—Edenderry, at 7.30 p.m.

Our Magazine.

The January number had a great sale and many expressions of admiration have been heard at the attractiveness of the new cover. A good proof of the demand for the Magazine is that several of those who had got copies had to sell them over again to those who could not get a copy.

Confirmation.

We would remind Parishioners of the Confirmation which will be held (b.v.) in Seagoe Parish Church by the Lord Bishop of Down on Thursday, June 25th, at 8 p.m. The Rite of Confirmation existed in the days of the Apostles (see Acts viii., 17) and has ever since been practised by the Church. The Service of Confirmation is beautiful and most impressive. You will find the Office for Confirmation in your Prayer Book immediately after the Baptismal Services.

Our Advertisers.

We welcome to our advertising columns several new-comers. The Magazine is an excellent medium for helping sales. It circulates in all quarters and is never torn up as so many other advertising sheets are. The advertisements are always printed with care in clear type, and they are always limited in number. We have often been asked to give extra space for advertisements but have declined to do so because if advertisements increase beyond a due proportion they are not read. We ask our readers to study carefully our advertisement columns and purchase their goods from the firms which advertise. You will get the best of value. When you are giving your order it is well to say "I saw your interesting advertisement in Seagoe Parish Magazine, and made up my mind that I would purchase my goods here." Readers should remember that if it were not for the support which we get from those who advertise in our columns the Magazine could not be carried on. Every copy of the Magazine costs five pence to publish and it is only because of our advertisements that we can sell it for twopence.

A Bequest to Seagoe.

By a Trust Deed executed by the late Mr. Geo. Sherman Lennan, of Ballymore House, Tandragee, a most generous Bequest has been made to the five Parishes in this neighbourhood, of which one is the Parish of Seagoe. Mr. Lennan's intention was to have an Orphanage for ten girls, first preference being given to members of the Church of Ireland residing in the five Parishes of Seagoe, Portadown, Mullavilly, Drumcree and Tanderagee. He left for this object his beautiful house at Ballymore with lovely gardens and 22 acres of land. He also bequeathed for this object a magnificent collection of Venetian and Bohemian glass, also a French clock of most artistic design, and a grandfather clock which was exhibited at the great Glasgow Exhibition of 1887 and is certainly one of the finest clocks of the kind ever made. In addition to the above he left for the upkeep of the orphans a considerable sum of invested capital amounting to several thousand pounds. The property was left to the Diocesan Trustees for the Diocese of Armagh, and the Rectors of the five Parishes are to form the Board of Governors. Mr. Lennan was a man of cultured tastes and his house at Ballymore contains a splendid collection of pictures and works of art by leading artists. The furniture is mostly Sheraton and of great value. Mr. Lennan began life as a weaver at a local factory and migrating to Glasgow joined the shipyards at Whiteinch. In his later years he came back to his native country. He was of a most kind and generous disposition and seems to have been specially interested in this Parish of Seagoe. It is uncertain whether the amount bequeathed by Mr. Lennan will be sufficient for the upkeep of the Orphanage, but no doubt Mr. Lennan's charitable intentions will be carried out as far as possible.

Seagoe Parish Almanac.

This pretty Almanac is now sold out and we regret that some who wished to get it have been unable to secure a copy. We hope that those who have got it will read the nice verse for each day. It will be a help to you in your daily life.

New Houses in Seagoe.

Eighteen houses in groups of two each are in course of erection along Seagoe Road and the adjoining Lurgan Road. The whole appearance of the place is changed. The houses are two stories in height and of neat design. Many of them are already occupied.

Death of Mr. John Montgomery.

It is with feelings of deep regret that we announce the death of Mr. John Montgomery, which took place on January 16th at his residence in Levaghery. Mr. Montgomery had taken a leading place in our Parish life for more than half a century. He was Churchwarden on several occasions and was a member of the Vestry for forty years. His heart was in Seagoe, and the welfare of the Parish was his first consideration. He has passed to his Eternal Rest at a ripe old age. We express our sincere sympathy with his bereaved relatives, especially with Miss Sarah and Miss Dinah Montgomery. The funeral on Sunday, January 18th, was largely attended. The Rector conducted the Service and in an address in the Church referred to the loss sustained by the Parish. Members of the Select Vestry bore the coffin from the Church. A wreath from the Select Vestry was among the many wreaths sent.

Sympathy.

We desire to express our sympathy with the families of the late Mr. W. J. Kilpatrick and Mr. W. J. M'Murray and Miss M. J. Webb, who had resided for many years in the Parish and were well-known to many among us. The death of Mr. William Hamilton, of Upper Seagoe, removes one who though not connected with Seagoe Church was a near neighbour. His death removes a familiar figure from our neighbourhood and we offer his relatives our sympathy in their bereavement.

Death of Rev. W. J. Connor.

Many among us will regret to hear of the death on Dec. 6th, 1930, of the Rev. W. J. Connor, who had only recently retired from his life-long ministerial work in Canada. Mr. Connor spent some weeks in Portadown last year and preached twice in Edenderry Parochial Hall. He was a frequent visitor at Seagoe Rectory and we all enjoyed his pleasant friendship. His death occurred quite suddenly from a paralytic stroke in the street of Worthing, in Sussex, where he had been staying. Mr. Connor was

a native of Seagoe Parish and from a humble beginning worked his way through College and was eventually ordained. A strange coincidence was the equally sudden death of the Rev. D. Galway, of Glasgow, announced in our last issue, which took place just two days before Mr. Connor's death on Dec. 4th while visiting in his Parish.

Parish Register for January.

Marriage

Uprichard and Reid—January 7th, John Uprichard, of Ballynaghey, Parish of Knocknamuckley, to Emily Reid, of Edenderry.

Burials.

M'Knight—January 3rd, Joseph M'Knight, of Ballinacor.

Webb—January 7th, Mary Jane Webb, of Knockmena, aged 54.

Kilpatrick—January 14th, William John Kilpatrick, of Upper Seagoe, aged 76.

Montgomery—January 18th, John Montgomery, of Levaghery, aged 85.

M'Murray—January 25th, William James M'Murray, of Ballygargan, aged 62.

Chambers—Dec. 8th, 1930, Jane Chambers, of Belfast, formerly of Edenderry.

Seagoe Mothers' Union.

The members of the Mothers' Union will (d.v.) meet in Seagoe School on Tuesday, Feb. 10th, at 7.30 p.m. A most enjoyable social was held in Seagoe School on Tuesday, January 13th. The attendance was very large. After a splendid tea, the President, Mrs. Twinem, of Lylo, took the chair. Mrs. Scott had very kindly prepared a most attractive programme of action songs and recitations by the children attending Seagoe School. A very touching item was the Hymn "Jesus tender Shepherd, hear me," sung by the children as a prayer, kneeling. While the hymn was being sung all present remained standing.

Seagoe C.L.B.

Over 70 lads of the Seagoe C.L.B. and Training Corps attended Evening Prayer in St. Mark's Church, Armagh, on Sunday, January 11th. The Rev. F. M. Moeran preached. The Brigade travelled there in two special buses. The Bag-pipe band is progressing well and hopes soon to have a march out.

Seagoe G.F.S.

The G.F.S., which meets in Seagoe School each Monday at 7.30 has had a very successful month. Nurse Taylor continues her interesting and useful health talks. The Rector gave an address on "How we got our Bible" on Monday, January 4th. Thirty-three of the members journeyed by bus to Lurgan on Tuesday, January 27th, to attend a combined G.F.S. meeting addressed by Mrs. Shannon, of Dublin. Mrs. Shannon gave a fine address, which was much appreciated by the members.

The Parish Social

How can we describe the great Parish social which was held in Seagoe School on Thursday evening, January 29th. It was undoubtedly one of the greatest gatherings ever held in the Parish. There was seating accommodation for 450 at the tea-tables, as well as two counters for the overflow. The three rooms were packed with parishioners. 40 splendid teapots were to be seen on one side table. The tea was just like the home-made brew. It was made separately in each teapot. The cakes were beyond description for richness and variety. Everyone was in the best of humour. Ballinacor rubbed shoulders with Knock and Edenderry with Drumgor. The rooms were prettily decorated, and our kind friend, Mr. Hazelton, had fitted up a wonderful electric gramophone, which during tea-time discoursed sweet music in each room. After tea, the Rector took the chair, a hymn was sung (No. 424) and then a programme of music, kindly arranged by Mr. T. H. Wilson, our veteran organist, was performed. The following kindly assisted—Messrs. A. Wilson, D. Turkington, D. Murray, S. Robinson, Misses Anderson Mrs. Scott, Miss Kirby,

Miss M'Broom and Miss Montgomery. Mr. S. Robinson accompanied throughout with good effect. During a break in the programme the Rector called on the Rev. Canon Taylor, Rector of Lisburn Cathedral and a former Curate of Seagoe, to give his address. Canon Taylor was received with great applause. His stirring words found an echo in the hearts of the present when he told them to dig deep, to pull together and to press forward. At the end of the programme the Rev. W. F. Hayes, Curate of Seagoe, expressed his enjoyment of the evening and his interest in the parish. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to all who had helped, especially to Canon Taylor, Mr. Hazelton, Mr. T. H. Wilson, and a specially cordial reference was made to Mr. John Twinem, to whose untiring efforts the success of the evening was mainly due. The vote was proposed by the Rector's Churchwarden, Mr. W. J. England and seconded by Mr. Gilbert Price, People's Churchwarden. The vote was passed with acclamation. The meeting closed with the singing of the Dextology and with the Benediction, pronounced by Canon Taylor.

AN AIR-VIEW OF SEAGOE.

This view of Seagoe was taken from a height of 500 feet and includes both Old and New Seagoe. The present Church, built in 1816 with its square tower, is in the near foreground. The fine East Window of the Church shows out well. Opposite the Church are seen the School buildings, erected in 1859. Cattle are grazing in the field behind the Church, and some cocks of hay mark out the Grove Field. Old Seagoe Graveyard comes out very clearly. Here in that sacred acre lie the mortal remains of countless generations of Seagoe folk. The ruined walls of the Old Church can be distinctly traced as well as each separate grave. The recently-erected Lodge is seen at the entrance to the Graveyard. In the upper right-hand corner of the picture Seagoe Cottage is seen at the junction of Church Lane and Seagoe Road. In the top left-hand corner the G.N.R. line is seen as it passes between the Church and the Glebe. The deep shadows cast by the trees are noticeable. The photograph was taken on an autumn afternoon.

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.