

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

FEBRUARY, 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. James Twinem.

People's—Mr. Wm. White.

Confirmation.

The Lord Bishop has signified his intention of holding a Confirmation in the Parish Church on Saturday, June 30th, at 3.30 p.m. Candidates must be over 14 years of age or upwards. Classes of preparation will be held prior to the Confirmation. The dates and hours of the classes will be announced in a later issue.

The Season of Lent.

We are approaching the season of Lent, which will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 14th. Special Services will be held in the Parish Church and addresses will be given on subjects suitable to the season. The six weeks preceding Easter have for many centuries been set apart as a time for self-examination and special dealing with the sins that so easily beset us. Sin, as the Bible tells us, is the Transgression of God's Laws. With the Prodigal of the Parable, we must say, "Father, I have sinned and am no more worthy to be called Thy Son." Contact with the world, its allurements and pleasures has weakened our Faith and our hold on Eternal things. The season of Lent provides us with a special opportunity for taking stock of our progress or otherwise in the way of Righteousness. It is a time for breaking with sin and for seeking the Divine help to draw our heart and life into the following of our Lord Jesus Christ. The lessons of Holy Week, Good Friday, and Easter Day will come to us with new power if during these weeks of Lent we draw near to the Throne of Grace in Penitence and Faith. A special service will be held in the Parish Church on each Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. during Lent, beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 14th.

Ash Wednesday.

On Ash Wednesday, February 14th, the following Services will be held in the Parish Church:—

1.30 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Service of Penitence.

7 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon.

Mothers' Union.

On Tuesday (Shrove Tuesday) Feb. 13th, the mothers will hold a musical evening in Seagoe School at 7.30 p.m. This musical evening is an annual event and is most enjoyable. At the last meeting held on January 9th, the proceedings took the form of a business meeting. Mrs. James Twinem was unanimously re-elected President of the branch and also Hon. Treasurer. Mrs. John Reid was re-elected Hon. Secretary. Several new members were added to the committee. Although the weather was very inclement there was a large gathering of members. A collection was made for the South American Missionary Society and a large sum was raised.

American Guest Tea.

At a meeting of representatives of our Sunday Schools held in Seagoe School on Monday, January 29th, it was decided to hold an American Guest Tea in Seagoe School on March 1st, at 3.30 p.m. A ladies committee was formed and Mr. R. Scott was elected Hon. Sec., and Mr. R. McClements, Hon. Treasurer. The proceeds will go towards paying off a deficit of £9 on last year's Sunday School Excursion.

Social at Bocombra.

On Wednesday, January 31st, a pleasant social evening was spent in the new Hall at Bocombra by the members of the Sewing Class which meets in the Hall every Monday evening from 7.30 to 9.30. The members of the class do work which they sell on behalf of the Hall. There was a large attendance and a most enjoyable evening was spent. The Rev. W. F. Hayes presided.

Levaghery Concert.

The Edenderry Parochial Hall was crowded on the evening of Thursday, Jan. 25th, when a concert was given on behalf of Levaghery Sunday School Prize Fund. The Rector presided, and a very attractive programme was provided. Songs and sketches and recitations were loudly applauded. At the close the National Anthem was sung and the Benediction pronounced.

W. F. O.

The Weekly Freewill Offering envelope sets have been taken by many new subscribers this year. As far as we can judge we will have a record number of subscribers this year. If any of our people have not yet got their set of envelopes they should apply to the Hon. Sec., Mr. Moses Gilpin, Drumnagoon, for a set.

Our Prize Distributions.

We have had a busy time during last month with Distributions of Prizes in our various Sunday Schools. These pleasant occasions began at **Bocombra** Church Hall on Thursday, Jan. 18th, at 7.30 p.m. There was a large gathering and a very enjoyable evening was spent. The Rev. W. F. Hayes presided. After a programme of music the prizes were distributed to the successful pupils. The distribution of prizes won by the children attending the Morning and Afternoon Sunday Schools held in **Seagoe** School took place on Friday, January 26th, at 7 p.m. The School was crowded with an enthusiastic gathering of young people and their parents. After a splendid tea, laid out on the new Parish tables, an attractive programme of music and recitations was performed by the children. Each item was very good and very suitable for a Sunday School gathering. Mrs. Montgomery, of Lyncdale, Lower Seagoe, presented the prizes to the children attending the Morning Sunday School, and Mrs. Best, of Church Lane, to those attending the Afternoon School. 111 prizes in all were distributed. The Rector thanked all who had helped. Speeches were made by the Rev. W. F. Hayes and by Mr. Scott, Superintendent of the Morning Sunday School. As the children passed out after the meeting each child received an orange, the kind gift of Mrs. Walker, senr., of Seagoe Farm. **Drumgor** had its Distribution of Prizes on Tuesday, January 30th, at 7.30 p.m. There was a large attendance of children and teachers and also parents of the children. A hearty tea was partaken of and then some popular games were played. At an interval a programme of songs and recitations was performed by the children. It was much enjoyed by all present. Then after further games the prizes were distributed to the successful children by Mrs. Scott, of Seagoe. The Rev. W. F. Hayes spoke of the value of Sunday School teaching. The pleasant evening closed with the singing of the Doxology and the Benediction pronounced by the Rector.

Coming Distributions.

The following dates have been arranged for the Distribution of Prizes in the remaining Sunday Schools:—

Carne—Monday, Feb. 5th, at 7.30 p.m.

Levagherey—Tuesday, Feb. 6th, at 7.30 p.m.

Edenderry—Monday, Feb. 12th, at 7.30 p.m.

Hacknahay—Friday, Feb. 23rd, at 7 p.m.

Our Advertisements.

With this month's issue we publish our new sets of advertisements for the New Year. We are greatly obliged to those who kindly advertise

in our columns. It is through our advertisements that we are enabled to sell the Magazine at the price of 2d per copy. Each copy of the Magazine costs 4d to produce, and the extra sum is covered by the advertisements. Seagoe Magazine is one of the best of local publications for advertisements. Every copy is sold, and when read is passed on to someone else. It keeps circulating all the time. The printing and general get-up of the Magazine reflects great credit on the printers, "The Portadown News." The advertisements are limited in number and therefore each advertisement makes its appeal to readers. Please read our advertisements and patronise our advertisers.

Congratulations.

We offer our hearty congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Hall on the occasion of their Silver Wedding. Mr. and Mrs. Hall and Mr. Tom Hall are very much respected in Seagoe.

Electricity in Seagoe.

During the past fortnight workmen have been busy erecting poles along Seagoe Road for the electric cable which the Electricity Board of Northern Ireland are bringing into all parts of the country. The poles at present do not extend beyond Seagoe School ground, but have been continued along the lane as far as the Teacher's residence. We have heard that lights will be placed on the poles, and we hope this will be the case, as the portion of the road between Seagoe Turns and the Church is very dark. Electricity is, of course, the light and motive power of the near future. Its economy in use and its cleanliness are factors of primary importance. Seagoe is specially privileged in having the current brought to its doors.

**Parish Register for January.
Baptisms.**

Kirk—Jan. 6th, 1934, Emma Maureen Hampton, daughter of Alphonso Hampton and Mary Anne Kirk, of Ballinacor.

Sponsors—Alphonso Hampton Kirk, Mary Anne Kirk.

Forster—Jan. 6th, 1934, Sara Alexandra Randolph, daughter of Cecil Reginald Bertram and Jane Forster, of Soldiers-town, Parish of Aghalee.

Sponsors—Foster Shanks, Jane Forster.

Silver Wedding.

Hall and Collins—Nov. 9th, 1908, Samuel James Hall, Clones, to Emma Olivia Collins, of Kernan.

Burial.

Glassey—Jan. 24th, Evelyn Glassey, of Edenderry, aged 20 years.

Correction.

In the Annual Report recently circulated the following errors occur:—Sustentation Fund—Watson St., Joshua Whaley should read Joshua M'Nally. In the list for Drumnagooon, Miss E. M'Loughlin should be credited with 12s 11d. The name of Miss Anna M'Loughlin, who contributed 8s 9d, is omitted.

Regret.

We regret to hear that Mr. David Johnston, who is now residing in Springfield, U.S.A., but who was formerly resident in Edenderry, has sustained the loss of an eye. While engaged at his work a spark of metal entered the eye and totally destroyed the sight. We express our sympathy with Mr. and Mrs. Johnston.

ITEMS.

Much regret has been expressed at the death of Evelyn Glassey, of Bright St., who passed away after a long period of weakness. She was of a very bright and happy disposition and bore her trying illness with great patience. We sympathise sincerely with her bereaved relatives.

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Water is still scarce through the Parish and many wells are dry or almost dry. Care is necessary that drinking water should be pure, as typhoid and possibly diphtheria and scarlatina come through impure water. Boiling is the best remedy.

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We are sorry that several parishioners were unable to get copies of our January issue. It has sold out almost immediately. The best way to make sure of your copy is to become an annual subscriber to the Magazine.

Twenty-five Years Ago.

FEBRUARY, 1909.

This old copy of Seagoe Magazine records the distribution of Prizes in the Sunday Schools. Macknahay came first. The Misses Neill, Templeton, Robinson, and England helped in the interesting programme. In Seagoe Mr. and Mrs. Watson Walker most kindly entertained the children to tea. Mr. Smith, C.E., of Seagoe, brought his gramophone. At Drumgor tea was generously provided by Mr. Robert Gracey. Mr. Allen, of Lurgan, and Mrs. Porter of Portadown, kindly sent presents of fruit for the children. "The Town of Maralin" was sung by Master Livingston and caused much merriment. Four

Baptisms and two Burials are recorded. An account is given of a School Concert at which "Barney O'Hea" was capitally sung by Sarah Martin and David Gates. The Senior Boys sang "The Tall Top Hat." Minnie Birney sang very nicely "Won't you buy my pretty flowers." Mr. R. Chambers, Principal of the School, conducted.

Old Seagoe Notes.

The Clogh Bann.—The Clogh Bann, which appears on the cover of the Magazine, is a most interesting relic of ancient Ireland and is of special interest to us as having a close connection with the Parish of Seagoe. The name Clogh Bann has nothing to say to the river Bann. The word may mean either The Sacred Bell because of its connection with religious uses, or the White Bell because of the light-coloured metal of which it is made. In the photograph on the cover of the Magazine it is just possible to trace the inscription on the bell in Irish characters. The words are in three lines, deeply incised. Dr. Petrie, the famous Irish antiuarian translates it as—"Pray for Cumuscach the Son of Ailill." This Cumuscach was "Economist" of Armagh Cathedral in the year A.D. 914. Professor Wilson, in his Prehistoric Annals, p 657, translates it thus—"A prayer for him who shaped my frame to sound Alleluia." In the Newry Magazine for 1815 a Mr. John Dunn translates it—"Christ a King who shaped my frame to sing Alleluia." It used to be the custom when anyone was dangerously ill to place the Bell near their head. If the Bell sweated this was considered a very bad omen. It was termed the "heavy sweating" of the bell. It was regarded as a certain sign of the approaching death of the sick one. A woman in the Parish, the widow of a former sexton, told Dean Dawson, the Rector of Seagoe, in 1883, when she was in her 94th year that she had seen a coffin carried thrice round the old Church in Seagoe graveyard and being made to touch the four corners of the Church at each round while the Clogh Bann was rung, and the keeners chanted alternately.

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Seagoe, The House of Gobhan.—A peculiar fact connected with the history of Seagoe is that the Church was always up to the end of the 16th century known as the House of Gobhan. Tegdagobha is the form the name usually as-

sumes but about the 14th century it was familiarly known as Tydba, evidently a shortened form of Tegdagobha. When Gobhan had built his rude Teg or House on the site where the ruin of the old Church now stands he would gather the simple country folk together and teach them the sacred truths of the Gospel story. But a day came when the aged and faithful Gobhan passed away to his eternal rest. Reverent hands laid the body of the Saint in a grave under the shadow of the "House" where he lived and taught. His group of Christian converts would still assemble for prayer and worship where he had taught them. So by degrees the "House" became a place of public prayer and a centre of Christian influence among the neighbouring tribes, but the people did not call it a Church for they loved to think of it still as Tegdagobha, the House of Gobhan.

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Interesting Discovery at Drumlisnagrilly.—An interesting discovery of ancient weapons was made about 130 years ago in Drumlisnagrilly. The late Dean Dawson, Rector of Seagoe from 1879 to 1905 has written as follows regarding the

find of arms, under date January 6th, 1883, "The discoverer of these arms still survives at the age of 90 years. His name is Mr. James Munro, of the adjoining townland of Drumnacavey. Mr. Munro has a vivid recollection of the event. One bright afternoon he, at the time a boy of 12 or 14 years of age, was playing with a few other lads in Drumlisnagrilly. There was then there a large bog-hole about three yards square in which the boys were looking for pike. The sun shone into the hole and James Munro was the first to observe something glitter at the bottom. Curious to find out what it was he thrust his arm down into the water and drew up a short bronze sword. Eventually they raised two other swords and a spear head. The four weapons were given to the then landlord, Dean Blacker, on whose Estate they were found. Stuart in his History of Armagh, gives an engraving of the spear-head and of the Punie fashioned Bronze Sword. The spear-head which was of exquisite workmanship and one of the swords passed into the possession of the Earl of Charleville. Another of the swords was in the possession of the late Colonel Blacker some 70 years ago."

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 8-30 a.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, Rector, 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.