

# Seagoe Parish Magazine.

JULY, 1914.

## The Missionary Week.

**D**URING the week beginning on Whitsunday, May 31st, a series of Missionary Services and Meetings were held in the Parish. Meetings were held at the following centres Hacknahay, Drumgor, Edenderry; and Tamnificarbet. The afternoon gathering took the form of a Social Meeting, Tea having been kindly provided by friends of the Missionary cause in the Parish. The special speakers were Rev. W. Williams, M.A., a Member of the Dublin University Mission in Fuh-Kien, China, Rev. W. R. Crichton, Assistant Deputation Secretary of the Jews' Society, Miss Greer, of Lurgan, formerly a Missionary in China, and Miss Armstrong who gave a stirring Missionary address at the Afternoon Meeting in Edenderry Parochial Hall. The meetings, especially in the afternoon, were well attended, and created much interest.

In connection with the meetings a special effort was made in the form of a house-to-house Missionary Collection. A band of distributors left a small envelope in every Church house in the Parish during the week previous to the meetings, and called for the envelope and contribution on the following Saturday. We print here a list of our Collectors and the sums handed in by each.

Upper Seagoe, Lily McKerr and Christina Cordy ... ..	s	d
Tarson, Wm. John and Hanna Caddell ... ..	4	6
Knock, Minnie England ... ..	5	7
Hacknahay, Ellen Noble ... ..	3	0
Ballymacrandle, Jenny England ... ..	3	6
Drumlisnagrilly, Grace Best ... ..	3	6
Killicomaine, Georgina Livingstone ... ..	3	10
James Street, Mrs. Stothers ... ..	3	7
Balteagh, Annie Quaille ... ..	7	3
Drumgor, Edith Anderson ... ..	6	0
Tamnifglasson, Minnie Dickson ... ..	5	3
Lylo, Annie White ... ..	7	0
Bright Street, Maggie Rainey ... ..	2	4
Levaghery, Miss Monro ... ..	14	6
Bridge Street and Lurgan Rd. S. Martin ... ..	5	5
Kernan, Priscilla Smartt ... ..	6	10
Bridge Street, Agnes Johnston ... ..	3	4
Carne, Maggie Simpson ... ..	4	1
Ballinacor, Pearl Grimshaw ... ..	5	6
Tamnificarbet & Kilvergan, Sarah J. Price ... ..	6	1
Drumnagoan, Teresa Ramsay ... ..	7	3
Bocombra, Minnie Watson ... ..	2	0
Breagh, Sophia Bradshaw ... ..	6	7
Drumnacanvey, Judith McNeill ... ..	6	9
Drumgor, K. McMullen ... ..	5	3½
Carrickblacker Road, B. Magee ... ..	5	1
Kernan, C. Shanks ... ..	3	7
Florence Court, M. Smith ... ..	1	8
Lower Seagoe, Mrs. Porter ... ..	6	7
Bridge Street, C. Flannigan ... ..	2	0
Clanrole, J. Hoy ... ..	4	3

Joseph Street, M. Allen ... ..	5	4
Ballyhannon, N. Best ... ..	4	2
Carrickblacker Avenue, Mrs. Stoops ... ..	7	8
Killicomaine Koad, Mrs. Stevenson ... ..	11	0
No Name ... ..	1	10
Bridge Street, M. Crawford ... ..	2	1½
Killicomaine, M. Holmes ... ..	6	2
In Offertory ... ..	2	0
Lisniskey, Ethel Ruddell ... ..	3	10
Foundry Street, C. Kirby ... ..	2	2
Railway Street, S. Coulter ... ..	7	6
Total	£10	15 5

## Summer Holidays.

The day schools (Seagoe and Hacknahay) broke up for the summer vacation on Thursday, July 2nd, and will (D.V.) open on Monday, August 10th. During the past session the new class room in Seagoe School has proved very useful. In the hot weather it was delightfully cool, and being so well lighted and ventilated it made an ideal place for educational class work. The health of the children attending the schools has been remarkably good during the past six months. There has been a total freedom from the epidemics which have in other years been prevalent such as measles or whooping cough and scarlatina. This is due no doubt partly to the improved lighting, heating, and ventilating, of the school buildings and partly to the Dental Clinic begun in April, 1913, and now more than 12 months in operation. Several of the parents of children attending the school have expressed to the manager their gratitude for the care bestowed on the children. Seagoe School was the first school in this district and almost the first in Ulster to establish a dental clinic, and for the trifling sum of sixpence paid annually parents can obtain the services of a skilled dentist for their children when attending Seagoe Day School.

## Offertories for June.

Sundays—Morning, ... ..	£4	6	0
Evening, ... ..	3	3	6
Week Evenings, ... ..	0	6	4
Total, ... ..	£7	15	10

A Collection for the Protestant Orphan Society, amounting to £1 16s 6d is included in above.

## Anniversary Service.

On Sunday, July 12th, an appeal will be made in the Parish Church at Morning Service on behalf of the Protestant Orphan Society, and at Evening Prayer, at 7 p.m., the usual Anniversary Service will be held, and the collection will be in aid of the Enniskillen Orphan Fund.

**Baptisms.**

Baptized on Saturday, 6th June, 1914.

**Stenson**—Edith, daughter of George and Mary Stenson, Meadow Lane.

*Sponsors*—Martha Marshall, Sarah Totten.

**Stanfield**—Olive, daughter of Thomas and Mary Jane Stanfield, Edenderry.

*Sponsors*—Mary Elizabeth Weir and Mary Jane Stanfield.

**Coulter**—Mary Frances, daughter of Robb and Mary Coulter, Carne.

*Sponsors*—Agnes Hickland, Mary Coulter.

**Ruddell**—Elizabeth Jane, daughter of Joseph and Mary Jane Ruddell, Seagoe.

*Sponsors*—Jane Ruddell, Mary Jane Ruddell.

**Wright**—Catherine Jane, daughter of John and Elizabeth Wright.

*Sponsors*—Henrietta Wright, Elizabeth Wright.

**Marriages.**

**Robinson and Parr**—On June 13th—Samuel Robinson, Balteagh, to Jane Parr, Lisniskey.

**McDowell and Carville**—On June 15th—Alexander McDowell, Edenderry, to Anne Carville, Edenderry.

**Porter and Allen**—On June 19th—Robert Henry Porter, Seagoe, to Jemima Allen, Edenderry.

**Burials.**

**Bradshaw**—June 3rd—Leonard Bradshaw, of Levaghery, aged 62 years.

**Holmes**—June 11th—At Capetown, James Holmes, of Killicomaine.

**Smith**—June 18th—Elizabeth Smith, Florence Court, aged 54 years.

We record with much regret the death of James Holmes, son of Mr. David Holmes, of Killicomaine. He had been in weak health for some time and in February last went to South Africa, in the hope that a change of climate would be beneficial. At first he seemed to benefit greatly, but after a few months his health again failed, and he passed peacefully away on June 10th in the Hospital at Somerset, Capetown. He was interred in Maitland Cemetery, Capetown on Wednesday, June 11th, the Rev. Oswald Hogarth, the Rector of St. John's Church, Capetown, who had attended him faithfully during his illness, officiated at the graveside. Much kindness was shown to him by Mr. Douglas, formerly of Belfast, who met him when he landed, and in every possible way assisted him to the end. We express our sincere sympathy with Mr. and Mrs. Holmes and family in their sad loss.

Another parishioner, Leonard Bradshaw, of Levaghery, was called away with startling suddenness on Monday, June 1st. He was present in Seagoe Church at evening Prayer on the evening before, and acted as one of the collectors, being sidesman for some years. While walking along the road at Levaghery School he staggered and fell and almost

at once expired without uttering a word. Immediately before the fatal seizure he seemed to be in his usual health and spirits. By such sad and sudden events we are sternly reminded of the uncertainty of all earthly things, and of the duty of preparing while we have time for an approaching Eternity.

**THE EXCURSION.**

Thursday, June 11th, 1914, was a very important day for Seagoe Parish. Our annual Sunday School Excursion is an event looked forward to for many a day by the children of the Parish. This year it was thought by the Committee that owing to the political crisis it would be better to have our excursion to a local rendezvous, and so it was decided to go to Carrickblacker, which Major Blacker had most kindly offered for that purpose. The children, teachers and superintendents assembled at the church at 9-30 a.m., when a short service was held. The children then formed into processional order, and at 10 o'clock started on the march of 2½ miles to Carrickblacker. Two of the schools, Hacknahay and Levaghery, joined in at Killicomaine turns and added greatly to the length of the procession. It was a glorious day—real Seagoe weather—and the bright banners and summer dresses of the children made up a very pretty picture. The head of the procession reached the field at a few minutes after 11 a.m., and before long the great field was crowded with a happy throng of holiday makers. A well stocked stall had been erected under a spreading chestnut tree, and before evening all the good things provided had been sold off. During the day the excursionists engaged in all kinds of amusements, swinging and round games being apparently the favourites, while many walked along the pretty banks of the Bann. In the afternoon a large number of visitors came out from Portadown, and there could not have been fewer than 1200 people on the field. At about 7 o'clock all gathered near Carrickblacker House, and in the name of the excursionists the Rector thanked Major Blacker for so kindly offering the use of his demesne. Major Blacker expressed the pleasure he felt at having the Sunday Schools of the Parish at Carrickblacker, and hoped they had enjoyed themselves thoroughly. The march home was uneventful, and all separated after a delightful days enjoyment. Messrs. Inglis & Co., Ltd., catered for the excursion, and their buns gave full satisfaction to the keen appetites of the excursionists. Mr. Moffett, of Bridge Street, took a series of splendid snapshots of the excursion. [Copies may be had, price 2d. each, at Mrs. Metcalf's, Bridge Street.] The weather was remarkably fine although the day before and the day after the excursion were dark and cloudy. We hear that the Ladies Chestnut Tree Stall realised over £10 net. This amount, by the decision of the Committee, has been invested in the bank and will form part of a reserve fund for future excursions.

**ITEMS.**

The new ground at Seagoe Graveyard has been levelled, and a substantial boundary wall is in course of erection.

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We are glad to notice that many of the Cottagers in Seagoe Parish have planted flowers round their cottages. Climbing roses and creepers of various kinds may now be seen trained up the front of many Cottages.

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The Select Vestry at a recent meeting decided to proceed at once with the recolouring of the interior of the Church. They have chosen a deep stone-colour as the most suitable tint.

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The Free Gardeners attended a special Service in Seagoe Church on Sunday evening, June 21st. The members looked very nice in their bright sashes and insignia. A large number of Juniors were also present. The Rector preached from the text, Gen. ii., 18, "The Lord God planted a garden."

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On Friday, June 12th, an Aeroplane and Hydroplane for the first time flew over Seagoe Parish. Mr. Salmel on the former, and Mr Raynham on the latter, passed above us at a height of 1,000 feet on their way from Lurgan to Warrenpoint. Mr. Raynham on his 80 horse-power Hydroplane passed directly over the Church. It was necessary for him to keep near the river as he could only alight on water. We wonder what Seagoe looked like from a height of 1,000 feet.

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Mrs. Money, formerly for many years House-keeper to the Rt. Rev. Dr. Holbech, Bishop of St. Helena, is on a visit to Seagoe Parish. She has kindly furnished us with a copy of St. Helena Parish Magazine, a most interesting little publication.

**Choir Excursion.**

The members of Seagoe Church Choir had their annual excursion this year to Dungannon, on Saturday, June 20th. Unfortunately the weather conditions were not propitious, and rain fell at intervals throughout the day. The members met at the Parish Church at 10 a.m., and journeyed in two brakes to their destination. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, the drive through the pretty country bordering on Lough Neagh was much enjoyed. Dinner was ready on arrival at Dungannon, after which a visit was paid to Lord Ranfurley's demesne, which had been kindly opened to the party by the noble owner. The beautiful park looked perfect in its summer verdure. Tea was then partaken of and a start made for home, which was reached in good time. The Rev. G. Bloomer accompanied the excursion.

**A Successful Seagoe Man.**

We are always glad to record the success of a Seagoe man at home or abroad. Former parishioners are to-day, in many parts of the world, filling important and responsible positions. From time to time we hope to give short notices of such successful careers in these columns. This month we desire to congratulate Mr. William James Bickett on the success he has achieved. Mr. Bickett is a son of the late Mr. James Bickett, of Drumnagoon, in this Parish, where he was born some 36 years ago. He emigrated to the States in early manhood and adopted an educational career. After occupying with distinction some minor posts, he was recently appointed Superintendent of the Public Schools of Rahway, New Jersey, a most important district, some 19 miles from New York. Mr. Bickett controls schools with 1700 children and 55 teachers, and is himself Principal of the High School, Rahway, a very fine educational institution, and the most important school in the city. Mr. Bickett has kindly supplied to the Rector a series of photographs of the schools under his superintendence, and also the card or prospectus issued by the Board of Education for the City of Rahway. The Parish of Seagoe may be justly proud of this son of Drumnagoon, and we anticipate for Mr. Bickett a still more influential position in the future.

**Examination in Religious Knowledge.**

The annual examinations in Religious Knowledge were held in Seagoe and Hacknahay Day Schools on Tuesday, June 2nd, by the Rev. T. G. Wilkinson, M.A., Diocesan Inspector. There was a full attendance of children in both schools, and a searching examination was given by the Inspector. Three children failed to pass in the senior class, one failed in the junior. 85 infants passed out of 112 examined. The Inspector awarded a "Very Good" to the Infant Division and a "Good" to the Senior Classes.

In Hacknahay School the children obtained a "Very Good" in Repetition and a "Good" in Answering.

**Local Enterprise.**

Many of our readers, especially those who live in Drumnagoon and also those who travel through Seagoe Parish by train, will have noticed a large and substantial building of two stories in course of erection at Drumnagoon. It is a Factory for Silk-Thread Linen Embroidery work which the enterprise of Mr. Moses Gilpin has introduced into the Parish. Mr. Gilpin has had a long experience of this work in the United States, and the Parish and District are to be congratulated on having in their midst a public Benefactor in the person of Mr. Gilpin, for no greater advantage can be conferred on a district from an industrial point of view than the erection of a new Factory. We desire here to express our gratitude and appreciation of Mr. Gilpin's enterprise, and our hope that his new venture may meet with lasting success.

**OLD SEAGOE NOTES.****The First Train on the Ulster Railway.—**

The first train on the Ulster Railway started from Belfast station at 7 a.m. on Monday, August 12th, 1839. It travelled at the rate of 30 miles an hour and was drawn by the engine "Express." The line at first was only opened as far as Lisburn. Great crowds watched the start of the first train, and 3,000 people were carried the first day. Unfortunately towards evening the engine ran off the line just outside Belfast, but a second one was soon obtained and continued the traffic. The line was opened to Lurgan on November 8th, 1841, and to Seagoe on January 31st, 1842. The opening of the line to Seagoe occurred just at the time when the great Roman Catholic Temperance orator, Father Matthew, was holding his Mission in Moira, and no less than 7,000 people travelled over the line on the day it was opened.

**An Interesting Find.**—During the levelling of the ground for the extension of Seagoe Graveyard last month, one of the workmen turned up six teeth of large size and curious shape. They were found about 4 feet below the surface level and some distance beneath the roots of a large tree on the highest part of the ground. Each tooth is three inches long, and 4 inches in circumference. The upper surface is worn evidently by grinding hard food. The sides are deeply grooved to fit firmly into the socket of the Jawbone. They are the grinder-teeth of an animal long since extinct termed by Naturalists *Equus Nomadicus*, "The Wild Horse," and similar remains have been found in almost every country, even as far as Illinois in the United States. The horse was smaller than the horse we are familiar with and it had a three-toed hoof. It does not seem ever to have been tamed by the natives, but was used for food as we know from the remains found in caves in some parts of Ireland. Its chief food was the wild heather which being very tough caused the surface of the grinder-teeth to be worn. A good collection of the bones and teeth of the Wild Horse may be seen in the Natural History Museum in Dublin. Such a find as this brings our minds back to a prehistoric time when wild animals roamed through dense forests and across wide plains on the site where Seagoe Parish now stands.

**The Recent Excavations at Seagoe Graveyard.**—The recent levelling at Seagoe Graveyard extension has revealed the fact that the mound at the north side of the old Church is not an artificial mound as some thought, but is of natural formation. The sections of the strata which were laid bare by the spades of the workmen showed it to be what is commonly called an "Esker," or a mound left after the subsidence of a flood. The layers of earth, sand, and gravel could be traced just as they were formed by the action of water. Geologists tell us that in the Ice age a great glacier or river of ice extended from the top of the Mourne Mountains to the shores of Lough Neagh, and no doubt many of the features of

the land surface in this Parish are due to the action of ice and water. It is possible that the hollow which the waters of Lough Neagh now fill up was caused by the drainage of water from the glacier.

**\* Churchwardens of Seagoe (continued.) \***

1826—Robert Watson.

Robert Mays.

1927—Mr. Robert Calvert, of Breagh.

Mr. John Watson, of Upper Seagoe.

1928—Mr. Samuel Ruddell jun., of Ballinacor.

Mr. James Jones, of Levaghery.

1829—Mr. Thomas Joyce, of Drumlin.

Samuel Ruddell, of Turmoyna.

1830—John McConn, of Mocraverty.

Wolsey Atkinson.

**The Jews Society.**

The Rev. W. R. Crichton on his recent visit stirred up much interest in the Society for Promoting Christianity among the Jews. He preached in the Parish Church twice on Sunday, May 10th, and also gave addresses to the members of Seagoe Men's Class and to the afternoon Sunday School in Edenderry. As a result of the visit a large number took Penny Collecting Books for the Society, and the following sums have been handed in:—

SEAGOE SUNDAY SCHOOL—B. McKerr, 3/1; M. McCormick, 2/8; C. Magee, E. Webb, H. Porter, W. Holland, E. Best, L. Harrison, M. Mathers, 2/6 each; E. Carson, 2/4; M. Best, 2/1; L. Webb, 1/8; N. Hamill, 1/7; R. Boyce, 1/-; J. Kelly, 1/2; M. J. Atkinson, 3d. Total, £1 13s. 4d.

EDENDERRY SUNDAY SCHOOL.—2/6 each, C. Allen, E. Cox, J. McKinstry, A. Allen, M. McCrory, S. Coulter, S. Martin, A. Graham, A. Cox; M. Ellis, 3/-; E. Webb, 3/3; L. Dawson, 1/6; T. Flannigan, 2/-; M. J. Best, 2/4; H. Johnston, 1/7; M. Rainey, 3/-; S. Halliday, 10/-; M. Forde, 1/2; M. Hynes, 1/10; E. Best, 1/3; L. Clench, 1/10. Total, £2 15s. 3d.—Full Total, £4 8s. 7d.

**Insurance**—Collections for June, £4 3s 1½d; total collections, £18 3s 6d; sum required, £21 0s 0d; balance to be raised, £2 16s 6d.

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