

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

JULY, 1919.

**War Declared,
Armistice,
Peace Signed,**

**August 4th, 1914.
Nov. 11th, 1918.
June 28th, 1919.**

A Prayer of Thanksgiving.

(BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER.)

O ALMIGHTY GOD, who art a strong tower of defence unto Thy servants against the face of their enemies; We yield Thee praise and thanksgiving for our deliverance from those great and imminent dangers wherewith we were compassed: We acknowledge that it is of Thy goodness alone that we have been preserved, and are now in safety; and we beseech Thee still to continue such Thy mercies towards us, that all the world may know that Thou art our Saviour and mighty Deliverer; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The King's Message.

GEORGE R.I.

Whereas, a definite Treaty of Peace between us and the Associated Governments and the German Government was concluded at Versailles on the twenty-eighth day of June last, in conformity thereunto we have thought fit hereby to command that the same be published in due course throughout all our Dominions.

And we do declare to all our loving subjects our will and pleasure that upon the exchange of the ratifications thereto, the said Treaty of Peace be observed inviolably as well by sea as by land, and in all places whatsoever, strictly charging and commanding our loving subjects to take notice hereof, and to conform themselves thereunto accordingly.

Thanksgiving Service for Peace.

Thanksgiving Services shall be held throughout the country on Sunday, July 6th. So runs the Order of the King, and in accord with its special services of Thanksgiving will be held in Seagoe Parish Church on Sunday, July 6th. Let all come together to the House of Prayer in the spirit of true Thanksgiving for the Great Deliverance which God has wrought for us. Victory and Peace are ours by the Grace of God. There will be a Celebration of Holy Communion on Sunday, after Morning Prayer.

The Excursion.

Now that the war is over excursions, and all other pleasant parish experiences become natural and normal. So once again we had our Sunday School excursion as in pre-war days. Thursday, June 26th, was the day chosen. At 10 a.m. the scholars met in the Parish Church for a short service, after which, headed by the Levaghery Flute Band, they marched to Carrick Blacker, to which we were kindly invited by Colonel Blacker.

On arriving at the Field tea was ready, and in a brief space all were seated on the green grass drinking Gold Medal Tea and consuming large numbers of Davison's Best Buns. The Swings were kept going all day. Races and Jumping were very popular. The Stall did famously. Fresh supplies of Minerals had to be got from the town by special messenger. Colonel and Mrs Blacker were on the ground to welcome their hundreds of juvenile guests. The weather was cool but bright, and pleasant until about 5-30 when there were some refreshing showers. Tea was distributed a second time about 5, and about 7 o'clock all gathered under a big tree, and the Rector, in the name of the Sunday Schools, thanked Colonel Blacker for his kindness in allowing them to have their excursion at Carrickblacker. Col. Blacker having replied the Band struck up the National Anthem, and amid cheers for the King, the excursionists started for home after a day of great enjoyment.

The Soldiers Reception.

Seagoe extended a hearty welcome to our returned heroes on Thursday, June 12th. A strong organising committee had been formed to make arrangements, and right well they did their work, under the guidance of their indefatigable secretary, Miss I. Atkinson. Seagoe School was bright with flags, and in a prominent place, in large letters, were the words—"Seagoe welcomes her returned Heroes." The tables to seat 350 looked very nice with their floral decorations. The guests began to arrive at seven, and by eight o'clock the spacious rooms were well filled. After tea the Rector took the chair and read a letter of apology from Colonel Blacker.

A concert party from Belfast gave a most amusing entertainment. The audience was at times convulsed with laughter. After the music games followed until a late hour. A very pleasant evening was brought to a close by the singing of the Doxology and the National Anthem.

PARISH REGISTER for JUNE, 1919.**Baptisms.**

The following were Baptized in Seagoe Parish Church on June 7th, 1919.

Lyness—Thomas, son of John and Alicia Lyness, of Carne.

Sponsors—John Lyness, Anne Kerr, Alicia Lyness
McLoughlin—William Nelson, son of Joseph and Florence Jane McLoughlin, of Drumnagoon.

Sponsors—Adelaide Gilpin, Florence Jane McLoughlin.

Hoy—William John, and Anna Elizabeth, children of John and Anne Hoy of Edenderry.

Sponsors Kathleen Frances McMullen, Julia Hoy, Anne Hoy.

Marriages.

Rainey and Mourné—4th June, 1919. Samuel Rainey, of Edenderry (late Lce.-Corp. R.Ir F., B.E.F., 1915-1919, twice wounded) to Elizabeth Mourné, of Edenderry, late of Belturbet, Co. Cavan.

Jennings and Holmes—16th June, 1919, Rowan Jennings of Portadown (late Private, Tank Corps, B.E.F., 1915-1919, twice wounded), to Myrtle Sylvia Holmes, of Killicomaine.

Black and Chambers—25th June, 1919, William John Black, of Breagh, to Edith Chambers, of Corcreaney, Parish of Donacloney.

Forde and Caddell—30th June, 1919, Alexander Forde, of Drumnagoon, Private, Seaforth Highlanders, Fort George, Scotland, to Catherine Caddell, of Portadown.

Milligan and Matchett—4th July, 1919, Isaac Milligan, of Edenderry, Rifleman, 2nd R.I.R., B.E.F., 1915-1919, to Elizabeth Matchett, of Portadown.

Burials.

McKeown—June 10th, James McKeown, of Tarsan. (Interred at Aghalee.)

Hadden—June 14th, Robert Evans Hadden, M.D., of Edenderry.

Lavery—June 14th, Margaret Lavery, of Kilvergan, aged 73.

Moffatt—June 29th, Joseph Moffatt, of Drumnagoon, aged 56.

Allen—July 3rd, Charlotte Allen, of Edenderry, aged 83.

ITEMS.

If you chance to have money you wish to invest, Buy "Victory" Bonds, they're the surest and best.

Mrs. Lavery, of Kilvergan, whose death we record in this month's issue had been ill for some months. Her bright and happy manner and her kind hospitality made her a general favourite. Her funeral to Seagoe was largely attended, and much sympathy is expressed with her family in the loss they have sustained.

The Stall at the S.S. Excursion realised a gross sum of over £35.

The Confirmation.

The Lord Bishop will (D.V.) hold a Confirmation in Seagoë Parish Church (to-morrow) Sunday, July 6th, at seven p.m.

Shortened Evening Prayer will be said before the Confirmation. The Candidates will attend at Seagoë School at 6 p.m., to receive instructions regarding the Service. Caps will be provided for the Girl Candidates.

On Sunday, July 20th, Special Celebrations of the Holy Communion will be held in Seagoë Church at 8 a.m., and 11-30 a.m. for those who have been Confirmed.

The Parents and Sponsors of the Candidates are specially asked to be present at the Confirmation Service, and on Sunday, July 20th, at Holy Communion.

Seagoë and the Navy.

[The following interesting letter comes from Nicholas Crawford who has done good service on His Majesty's Navy during the War. He has taken part in many engagements at sea and was wounded. He is one of our Edenderry boys.]

2 MESS, H.M.S. THISTLE,
c/o S.N.O.,
SIMONSTOWN, SOUTH AFRICA,
29/4/19.

DEAR MOTHER,

Just a few lines hoping it finds you in the pink, as for myself I am getting on O.K. at present and having a jolly time, as it is a very nice place to spend a holiday as there is

A VERY NICE BEACH.

It is over five miles in length without any rocks or stones, just very fine sand and so soft, and lovely surf coming in makes me very sorry to leave it. At night time it is so very nice you would never get anything like it at home, as the nights here are also very lovely without any clouds and full of stars which are very bright. It is very like a summer night at home only far grander. I only wish you could see it and the hills all in different kinds of

FLOWERS, ESPECIALLY GERANIUMS,

growing wild, and I am having a grand time here as I get a week-end every other week from 1 p.m. on Saturday till 7 a.m. on Monday morning, so I get plenty of time going to different places around here. I shall be very sorry to leave here, but we will come back again once a year while we are on this coast for two months for repairs, so we will not have to say good-bye to all the friends we have made since we came here, as we have got such a lot, and we have some good times together out at picnics and drives, and teas and games, and a lot of other things too many to mention, but the old home is never out of mind, as I am always longing for to see it once again and you all, as I am always thinking of you, and only

wish I could hear your voice once again and hear the funny way you speak, as

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to me. Well, give my love to all, and tell them I send my fondest regards to all, and hope they are having a nice time this summer as I shall be in German West Africa by the time this reaches you. So I will now draw to a close. With fondest love.

NICKY.

Death of Dr. R. E. Hadden.

Much regret was expressed in the Parish at the death of Dr. Robert Evans Hadden, which took place at his residence, "Ardralla," Stewart Avenue, Edenderry, on Wednesday, June 11th. Dr. Hadden had been in weak health since last January, but hope of his ultimate recovery was not abandoned until quite recently. Since his coming to the Parish with Mrs. Hadden some 16 years ago, Dr. Hadden had been a constant worshipper in the Parish Church, and had in a very practical way shown his sympathy with all the movements of Parish life. In his professional capacity as a medical man he was held by the people of Seagoë and Portadown in the highest esteem. "The Professor," as he was called, by the Edenderry people, was loved and trusted by his patients for the gentleness and sympathy of his nature. His passion for Natural History, for studying the life habits of plants and animals, was a notable feature in his character and up to the last as he sat in his window he loved to see the birds and flowers. A short space of two years and a half separated him from his wife, who passed to her rest in January, 1917. Dr. Hadden was laid to rest in a quiet corner of Old Seagoë Graveyard on Saturday, June 14th. The Rector officiated at the Funeral. His name will be long remembered in Seagoë, and in losing him, the Parish has lost a good friend. For many years he had been Dispensary Medical Officer in Skibbereen and a notable tribute to his memory was published in last week's "Portadown News" from a local Southern newspaper.

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During his visit to Seagoë for the Confirmation the Bishop will stay at Carrickblacker.

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Saturday, July 19th, is to be observed as Victory Day.

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The Bell of Seagoë Church was rung by the Rector when the news of the Signature of the Peace Treaty was announced at 6-45 p.m. on Saturday, June 28th. A Union Jack was flown from the Church Tower.

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Many interesting facts regarding Old Edenderry will appear in our next issue. They have been supplied to the Rector by Mr Thomas Dawson, of Corcraïn, the "father" of Portadown, now hale and hearty in his 91st year.

OLD SEAGOE NOTES.

Lt. Col. William Blacker and Portadown Church, 1826.—A close connection has always existed between the Parish of Seagoe and the Parish of Portadown. On the occasion of the consecration of the Church of St. Martin (as St. Mark's was then called) on November 14th, 1826, the following Special Hymn was composed by Lt.-Col. Blacker, and sung at the Consecration Service—

Lord of life and light and power
Be with us in this solemn hour :
High throned in heaven, with favouring ear,
Our humble supplications hear.

And tho' that boundless heaven may be
A temple too confined for Thee,
Oh, let this house Thy servants build
Be with Thy glorious presence filled.

Unless Thine aid the Pile sustain,
The artist's labour is but vain ;
Until Thy grace the fabric bless,
All human skill is valueless.

Grant from the walls we here prepare
For holy rites and praise and prayer
Our humble tribute still may rise—
An acceptable sacrifice.

And while unto Thy Name divine
We consecrate this earthly shrine,
Oh, let us from that hour agree
To dedicate ourselves to Thee.

Till in our minds Thy "Word of Grace"
And Spirit find a dwelling-place ;
And built in Faith and Hope and Love
Each Christian heart Thy Temple prove.

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Notes on Old Portadown.—Thomas Shillington was the first Chairman of Town Commissioners. He was elected in 1828. William Colgan was the first Town Clerk (1828.)

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The Parish of Portadown was created in 1824, the Church (of which the Old Tower still stands) was built in 1826.

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"Portadown" is probably a corruption of "Porta-na-dun—the Fort of the fortified eminence." A report on the District made by Wm. Brooke, dated November 26th, 1682 (Ulster Journal of Archaeology, July, 1898), says the name Portadown is derived from Port-aport, and Dunan—a place to land on. It would then mean "The Port of the landing place." i.e., on the River Bann. The same writer says of the Barony of O'Neiland, that it was "the Granary of the North, and a perfect Paradise of Pleasure, whose Churches were not so large, as decent and well situated, having this to make them renowned, that they are once a week filled with Loyall and Conformable Protestants."

A Saturday Market was held in Portadown as far back as the reign of Charles 1st.

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"The Peace of Portadown," as Froude the historian calls it, was signed in September, 1795, between the "Peep-o'-Day Boys" and the "Defenders"—three days before the Battle of the Diamond. This is probably the Peace which was signed at the residence of Mr. J. Atkinson, Crowhill.

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Seagoe in 1492.—From the year 1172 to 1549 the original independent Church of Ireland came under Roman influence. Roman customs and doctrines were introduced and the primitive Catholic Faith was overlaid by numerous accretions which at the Reformation in 1549 were discarded. In the year 1492 Pope Innocent VIII issued on July 11th a Bulla Provisionis Parochialis in which is mentioned as a Perpetual Vicarage the Parish Church of Taydagoba (House of Goban otherwise known as Seagoe).

In a M.S. of the Camera Apostolica containing notes of the Bulls brought there for Taxation from the Chancery there is the following entry dated 7th January, 1492, "*Bulla unionis pro Donaldo Megind, super par. ecclesia de Kilmilcon ac de Taydagoba, Dromorensis Dioc.*" [A Bulla of Union on behalf of Donald Maginn, concerning the Parish Church of Kilmilcon (near Lurgan) and of Taydagoba (Seagoe) in the Diocese of Dromore].

[We extract the above from a book—"De Annatis Hiberniæ"—by the Rev. M. A. Costello, published by Tempest, Dundalk, in 1909].

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Archdeacon Saurin and a Creditor.—An amusing story was told to the writer of this note by a Seagoe parishioner, some years ago. Archdeacon Saurin was a wealthy man, but kept up a large and expensive establishment at the Rectory, and never spared his pocket if he could further the interests of his parishioners. This lavish expenditure sometimes led him into financial difficulties, and it was an open secret that on occasions he sought relief by borrowing small sums from willing parishioners. On one such occasion he was accommodated to the extent of Fifty Pounds, by a thrifty parishioner, John ———. A short time after the transaction was arranged John appeared at the Rectory demanding his money, but the Archdeacon did not find it convenient to satisfy the demand. Half a dozen more visits were paid in rapid succession, until the vision of the persistent and irate John haunted the Archdeacon like a nightmare, and compelled him in self-defence to settle the account. Not long after these events the Archdeacon happened to visit Old Seagoe Graveyard, and saw the caretaker digging a grave. On asking who had died he was told that it was his old friend, John ———. He remained silent for a moment, and then apparently remembering John's frequent and oppressive visits, he said, with a solemn emphasis on each word—"Dig that grave broad and deep or John will rise again."