

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

JULY, 1925.

CLERGY :

- Rev. Canon Archer, B.D., The Rectory, Seagoe, Portadown.
Rev. William T. Wilson, M.A., 20 Edward Street, Portadown.
Rev. Robert W. Johnston, L.Th., 35 Church Street, Portadown.

CHURCHWARDENS :

- Mr. Robert Price (Rector's).
Mr. Thomas Martin (People's).

The Confirmation.

On Tuesday, June 30th, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese (Right Rev. Charles T. P. Grierson, D.D.) held a confirmation in the Parish Church. The candidates, 98 in number, assembled in the Parochial School and proceeded from there to the Church. The girls occupied the pews facing the Lectern, and the boys filled the space in front of the Pulpit. A large congregation of the parents and God-parents of the candidates was present. The Rector, the Rev. W. T. Wilson, and the Rev. R. W. Johnston were present. The service began with the hymn "Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire." The preface to the Order of Confirmation was read by the Rector. The Bishop then gave an address, seated in a chair at the Chancel steps. He spoke of the solemn nature of the service and of the gracious gift of the Divine Spirit which as in the days of the Apostles accompanied the Laying-on of Hands. He told the young people of the need of God's Grace and Blessing if they were to continue faithful servants of the Lord Jesus Christ. After his address the Bishop asked the candidates to stand while he put the four questions of the service to them. The candidates gave their answers clearly and strongly. The Rite was then administered. The boys were confirmed first, two at a time, kneeling in front of the Bishop, who was seated in his chair. When all had been confirmed the Confirmation Hymn, 235, "Thine for ever," was sung while all knelt. The Bishop then gave a second address to the candidates, especially emphasising four duties—1, Private Prayer; 2, Bible study; 3, Regular attendance at Church; 4, Regular attendance, at least once a month, at Holy Communion. The closing prayers were then said, and at the end of the service the Hymn, "O Jesus, I have promised" was sung.

The following are the names of those who were confirmed:—Boys—1, Gardiner Atkinson; 2, William Bell; 3, James Best; 4, Oliver Best; 5, Andrew Boyd; 6, Samuel Boyd; 7, Henry Boyce; 8, James Twinem Boyce; 9, Joseph Craig; 10, John Charles Drum; 11, David England; 12, Thomas James Fletcher; 13, Thomas Freeburn; 14, George Beattie Gracey; 15, John Gracey; 16, William Robert Gracey; 17, Norman Guy; 18, Thomas Henry Hall; 19, George Hamill; 20, John Harrison; 21, William John Hewitt (Florence Court); 22, William John Hewitt (Watson's Lane); 23, Albert

Hewitt; 24, John Nelson Hill; 25, Brownrigg Hobson; 26, Richard Hughes; 27, Robert Hynes; 28, James Jennett; 29, Herbert Kilpatrick; 30, James Henry Mayes; 31, George M'Clements; 32, Alfred M'Loughlin; 33, John M'Loughlin; 34, Samuel George M'Neill; 35, Graham Metcalfe; 36, William Neill, 37, John Reid; 38, Samuel Joseph Rehill; 39, Thomas George Robinson; 40, James Roney; 41, Henry Valentine Sands; 42, William Robert Sherman; 43, Henry Sinnamon; 44, Henry Steenson; 45, Douglas Ferguson Stoops; 46, Charles Twinem; 47, James Vennard; 48, John Vennard; 49, Isaac David Watson; 50, Wolsey James White. Total—50.

Girls—1, Elizabeth Allen; 2, Ethel May Bell; 3, Zena Pearl Best; 4, Sarah Eva Conolly; 5, Henrietta Maud Coulter; 6, Margaret Coulter; 7, Margaret Costello; 8, Margaretta Craig; 9, Anne Currie; 10, Mabel Dickson; 11, Gertrude Millar Drum; 12, Mary Evaleen Forde; 13, Gertrude Freeburn; 14, Mary Jane Freeburn; 15, Margaret Gilliland; 16, Mary Jane Girvan; 17, Olive Gracey; 18, Rebecca Jane Gracey; 19, Sarah Gracey; 20, Isabella Heyburn; 21, Elizabeth Hoy; 22, Sarah Hoy; 23, Anne Hynes; 24, Mary Loney; 25, Esther Jane Mayes; 26, Mary Sarah Mayes; 27, Sarah Elizabeth M'Dowell; 28, Jane M'Keown; 29, Susan M'Keown; 30, Eileen Juanita M'Loughlin; 31, Esther M'Nally; 32, Emily Neill; 33, Emily Johnston Neill; 34, Letitia Preston; 35, May Purdy; 36, Dinah Elizabeth Robinson; 37, Margaret Robinson; 38, Elizabeth Sinnamon; 39, Ethel Sinnamon; 40, Irene Doris Shields; 41, Mary Isabel Steenson; 42, Ethel Florence Turner; 43, Margaret Susan Twinem; 44, Hilda Hawthorne Wallace; 45, Rebecca Watters; 46, Agnes Webb; 47, Doreen Wightman; 48, Phyllis Wightman. Total—48.

Total:—Boys, 50; Girls, 48. Full Total—98.

Holy Communion.

There will be Celebrations of Holy Communion on Sunday, July 5th at 8-30 a.m. and after Morning Prayer.

Holidays.

Seagoe P.E. School broke up for the summer holidays on Thursday, July 2nd. The Rector was present and after hearty cheers were given by the children for their teachers, the Hymn "God is always near me" was sung. The School will (p.v.) re-open on Monday, August 10th.

Congratulations.

We offer our hearty congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. David Murray on their recent marriage. Mr. Murray has for many years past taken a most active part in our Parish life. He has filled many offices, having been Churchwarden, member of Select Vestry, Superintendent of Carne Sunday School, and has for long been a most useful member of the choir. We wish him and Mrs. Murray many long years of happiness in their future life.

The Excursion to Warrenpoint.

Thursday, June 25th, was the day chosen for our annual Sunday School Excursion, and a splendid day it was. We talk of "Seagoe Weather," but the weather this year surpassed even the best of other years. A large number of children gathered at the Parish Church at 8-30, and a short service was held. A procession was then formed and a start was made for the station. During the march along the Lurgan road some of the boys very appropriately sang the popular song "It ain't goin' to rain no more." We arrived at the station in good time and at 9-30 the long and crowded train steamed out of the station. Groups of people stood at many points as we passed and cheered the excursionists. A quick run was made to Warrenpoint, and the great crowd then marched up to Pedlow's field, where Messrs. Inglis's representative had prepared the tea and buns. Before many minutes the children and grown-ups were making short work of the good things provided. The field was very nice and everybody enjoyed the meal in the open air. The excursionists then scattered. Some went to Omeath, some to Carlingford, some to Rostrevor, many climbed up to the Big Stone, and one of the party made a record by climbing up twice during the day to the Big Stone. The sea and mountains were lovely, and the heat of the sun was tempered by a gentle breeze. The second refreshment was at 5, and after the strenuous day everyone had a keen appetite, with the result that an extra supply of buns had to be obtained. After all wants had been supplied the excursionists went again to the shore or wandered through the town. The return train left at 8, and all arrived in Portadown about 8-45 after a most enjoyable day. The number of Seagoe excursionists was 640. The Sunday Schools from the Parishes of Drumcree and St. Saviour's had their excursions to Warrenpoint on the same day.

Protestant Orphan Society.

The annual Sermons on behalf of the County Armagh Protestant Orphan Society will be preached in the Parish Church on Sunday, July 5th, at Morning and Evening Prayer. This Society deserves our liberal and hearty support. For nearly 60 years it has been giving generous help to the widows and orphans of the Parish of Seagoe. No deserving case has ever been refused. We ask for liberal offerings on its behalf.

Flower Service at Drumgor.

The Flower Service held at Drumgor Church Hall last month was well attended, and many beautiful flowers were brought and offered. Miss L. Gracey kindly assisted at the harmonium. The address on "God's Gift of the Flowers" was given by the Rector. The flowers were sent next day to Lurgan Infirmary to brighten the wards.

N.B.—The service usually held on the second Sunday of the month in Drumgor will not be held this month owing to the many Anniversary Services in the neighbourhood on July 12th.

Seagoe P.E. School.

The Rev. J. Armstrong, M.A., Inspector under the Diocesan Board of Religious Education, examined Seagoe School on Thursday, June, 18, and has issued the following Report:—Examined this School. The Junior Division was very good. The answering of their repetition was excellent. Answering in Holy Scripture good.

Middle Division—The answering of this Class was fair. They knew the Old Testament better than the New Testament.

The Senior Class was a very good one. The answering of the repetition was excellent, as was also the answering on the New Testament. The Old Testament was not quite so good. Certificates have been awarded to the following children:—

First Grade—Ernest Allen, Sam M'Reynolds, Maud Coulter, Sidney Robinson, Geo. Brownlee, Ernest Guy, Robt. Whyte, Annie Ruddell, Israel M'Creedy.

Second Grade—Samuel Ruddell, Jas. Allen, Wm. M'Reynolds, Moody Johnston, Elsie Dunlop, Lily Ruddell.

Third Grade—Olive Guy, Hannah Coulter, Agnes Graham, Wm. Best, Mary Coulter, Isa Walker, Margaret Costello.

Death of Miss Woolsey.

It is with great regret we announce the death of Miss Margaret Anne Woolsey, our oldest parishioner. She passed away in her sleep on the night of Tuesday, June 16th, at the Red Row, where she had resided for many years past. She had reached the great age of 94½ years, having been born on Christmas Day, 1830. According to the Registers of Seagoe she was baptized on January 9th, 1831. Throughout her long life Miss Woolsey had been closely identified with Seagoe Parish. She came of a family long and honourably associated with Seagoe. She had herself been a member of the Choir in days gone by, also a most regular worshipper in the Parish Church and a Communicant. She was interested to the very end in all that happened in the Parish, and always looked forward to getting each copy of the Parish Magazine, so that she might know all that was going on in the Parish. She had many stories to tell of the old days in Seagoe. She was greatly respected by everyone and will be greatly missed. Her remains were interred in the old Seagoe Graveyard on June 18th, the Rector officiating. "The memory of the just is blessed."

July Anniversary Service.

A special Anniversary Service will be held (D.V.) in Seagoe Parish Church on Sunday, July 12th, at 7 p.m. The preacher will be the Rev. Canon Moeran, M.A., Rector of St. Mark's, Portadown. The collection will be on behalf of the Lord Enniskillen Memorial Orphan Fund. Places will be reserved in the Church for the members of the Lodges.

Seagoe Mothers' Union.

A meeting of the Mothers' Union will be held in Seagoe School on Tuesday, July 7, at 4 p.m. Tea will be provided. The Rector will give a Bible reading, and afterwards a business meeting will be held to elect officers and a committee, and to draw up a programme for the ensuing session. A full attendance of members is requested.

Parochial Hall Services.

The Sunday evening services in the Edenderry Parochial Hall will be suspended during the months of July, August and September. A service will be held in the Hall on Sunday, evening, July 5th, at 7 p.m. The Thursday evening services will not be discontinued.

Parish Register for June Baptisms.

The following were Baptized in Seagoe Parish Church on June 6th, 1925:—

Carville—William Hazelton, son of Valentine and Amelia Anna Carville, of Killicomaine.

Sponsors—Margaret Tate, Amelia Anna Carville.

Metcalfe—Margaret Anne Costello, daughter of Thomas Henry and Margaret Metcalfe, of Lower Seagoe.

Sponsors—Margaret Anne Costello, Margaret Metcalfe.

Magee—David Joseph, son of Joseph William and Emma Elizabeth Magee, of Kernan.

Sponsors—Anne Jane Patton, Emma Elizabeth Magee.

Anderson—Susan, daughter of Francis and Susan Anderson, Drumgor.

Sponsors—Ellen Anderson, Susan Anderson.

M'Cormick—Thomas James, son of Thomas John and Elizabeth M'Cormick, of Upper Seagoe.

Sponsors—Gertrude Reid, Elizabeth M'Cormick.

PRIVATE BAPTISM.

Cassidy—June 14th, Eric Howard, son of Thomas and Elizabeth Cassidy, of Edenderry.

Marriage

Murray and Knipe June 3rd, 1925, in English Parish Church, by the Rev. A. J. Murray, M.A., David William Murray, of Ballynery, to Sarah A. Knipe, of English, Co. Armagh.

Burials

Woolsey—June 11th, Margaret Anne Woolsey, of Edenderry, aged 94 years.

Guy—June 12th, Annabella Guy, of Derryvore, aged 58 years.

The Curacy of Seagoe.

The Curacy of Seagoe vacant through the departure of the Rev. W. T. Wilson at the end of July, has not yet been filled. The Rector hopes that he may be able to make an appointment before long.

A Letter from the States.

The Rector has received the following letter from Miss Robinson, who left Tammifiglasson many years ago for the United States:—

15 Main St., Gilbertville,
Mass., U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Archer,—I thank you for your letter that you sent me, also for my papers to join the Church here in Gilbertville. I have joined it. I went to see the minister one night, so he was glad to get me to join his Church here. He asked me a long time ago to get my papers from you, but I did think I would go home to Ireland some time, but when my mother died I thought I would never be home again. She told me when she was sick in bed she would like I would join the Church here, so I done so after I got my paper from you, but I think of my one Church in Ireland and the Sunday School in Drumgor. Many a good time we all had, and the Lord blessed us all one by one in the class. Mrs. Martin was one good woman. I hope she will do well, also her children and husband, and her brothers. It is true we will see all our loving ones that are gone before us, as we used to sing in the Sunday School:—

A few more years shall roll,

A few more seasons come;

And we shall be with those that rest,

Asleep within the tomb.

The Lord bless your work in the Church, and all the sick people you go to call on.—Your loving old friend.
MAGGIE ROBINSON.

Bible Class Social.

On Thursday, July 2nd, a social was held in connection with Seagoe Girl's Bible Class to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Gordon, after their recent marriage. Mr. Gordon was a regular member of Edenderry Men's Bible Class, and Mrs. Gordon (Miss Major) was a regular attender at Seagoe Bible Class. After tea, the Rector congratulated Mr. and Mrs. Gordon in the name of all present, and wished them much prosperity and blessing. Mr. Rennix also spoke words of congratulation. Those present then, on the kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Rennix, adjourned to their lawn for games, which were much enjoyed.

Sunny June.

June, 1925, will stand out for a long time as a month of perfect weather. From observations made in Seagoe the barometer never once during the month fell below 30 inches, while in May it never rose above 30. It is remarkable that on July 1st it fell below 30 for the first time for a month.

The Rev. R. W. Johnston.

At the Ordination held by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese in Willowfield Church, Belfast, the Rev. R. W. Johnston, L.Th., was ordained to the Priesthood. Mr. Johnston has just gone for a holiday and hopes to be back at the end of the month.

A Bit of Old Seagoe.

Mr. Joseph Macoun, formerly of Tamniflglasson and now for many years resident in Belfast, paid a visit to Seagoe Rectory last month, accompanied by his daughter, Mrs. Reid, and Dr. Allworthy, of Belfast. Mr. Macoun is now in his 82nd year, but has still a vivid recollection of Seagoe as it was in the days of Archdeacon Saurin. He was appointed a Sidesman in Seagoe Church in 1860 at the early age of sixteen. He was 15 years old at the time of the Revival in 1859, and has many curious and interesting and even amusing stories to tell of that strange occurrence when so many were "stricken" under strong emotion. Mr. Macoun was an intimate friend of the late Major Blacker, and sometimes intervened between the Major and the Archdeacon when relations between them were somewhat strained. Mr. Macoun has a vivid recollection of the Rev. Capel Wolseley, the Rev. Annesley Beers, the Rev. Mr. Franks, curates of Seagoe. In the year 1870 Mr. Macoun was Churchwarden and filled at some time or other all offices in connection with the Parish. We hope Mr. Macoun will put into writing his recollections of old Seagoe. Many parishioners still remembered him. One of them in speaking to the Rector about him said, "I remember him well, he was a big man, he could hold a pound of oats in the hollow of his hand."

ITEMS.

Lt.-Col. S. W. Blacker has left France and is now residing in the South of England.

Some road-rolling has been done recently at Seagoe, and the surface of the roads is much improved, but we think the road authorities would be well advised not to empty tons of loose stones at the gates of a Public Elementary School. It is sometimes bad for the School windows.

The Rev. J. N. Mackenzie, from Nebraska, U.S.A., hopes to preach in Seagoe Church on a Sunday in August. Mr. Mackenzie is an old Edenderry boy and now occupies a leading place in the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Nebraska.

A splendid Choir Excursion took place by char-a-banc to Portrush on Saturday, June 27th. The party numbering over thirty started from the Church gates at 7 a.m. The weather was perfect. The route lay via Antrim, Ballymena and Ballymoney to that popular Northern seaside resort, Portrush. The excursion arrived there at 11-30, a wonderful run. There was not a single stop between Seagoe and Portrush. A most enjoyable day was spent along the sands and on the rocks, and at 7-30 a start was made for home, which was reached at 11 p.m. The Rev. W. T. Wilson and Mr. T. H. Wilson accompanied the excursion.

The recent fire in Edenderry was, fortunately, very kind to our Men's Recreation Room, which although next to the place where the fire was yet escaped injury.

**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 11.30 a.m.

EVENING PRAYER—Sundays 7 p.m., Wednesdays 8 p.m.

EDENDERRY PAROCHIAL HALL.

EVENING PRAYER—Sundays at 7 p.m., Thursdays at 8 p.m.

DISTRICT SERVICES.

Hacknahay—Last Sunday of Month at 3.30 p.m.
Drumgor—Second Sunday of Month at 4 p.m.

MARRIAGES must be performed between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Licenses are issued by Rev Canon Hannon, 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

CLASSES, &c.

ADULT CLASSES—Sundays at 10 a.m.
For Men—Edenderry and Seagoe. 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.

Girls' Friendly Society meets at Breagh (Miss Calvert's) on alternate Tuesdays at 7.

Seagoe Scouts in Seagoe School and in Edenderry Parochial Hall, on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7.30.

Seagoe Girl Guides meet in Seagoe School on Saturday at 3.

Mothers' Union, Edenderry 1st Tuesday, at 4 p.m.

DAY SCHOOL—Seagoe, 9.30 a.m. Principal—Mr. S. Rennix.