

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

JULY, 1926.

CLERGY :

Rev. Canon Archer, B.D., The Rectory, Seagoe, Portadown.

Rev. R. W. Johnston, L.Th., 21 Edward Street, Portadown.

CHURCHWARDENS :

Rector's—Mr. James Twinem, Lylo and Edenderry.
People's—Mr. Moses Gilpin, Drumnagoon.

Anniversary Service

An Anniversary Service will be held (r.v.) on Sunday evening, July 11th, at 7 p.m., in the Parish Church. Places will be reserved for the Brethren attending. The Preacher will be the Rev. J. R. MacDonald, M.A., Rector of Donaghcloney. The collection will be on behalf of the Lord Enniskillen Memorial Orphan Fund.

The Excursion.

Thursday, June 17th, was a nice bright morning, and at 7-30 the Superintendents, Teachers and children began to gather at the Parish Church. The boys had nice flowers in their buttonholes, and the girls looked very nice in their holiday frocks. Certainly the Seagoe parents do turn their little ones out very smart at these holiday times, and they deserve great credit. At 7-50 a short service conducted by the Rector, was held in the Church, and then the procession formed up and marched to the station. We would have liked to see more attention paid to keeping the line of the procession. Some of the boys were offenders in this respect. The train for Warrenpoint left sharp at 8-50. It was a very long train and was almost quite filled with the excursionists, who numbered no less than 600. The journey down to the sea was quickly made, and on arriving in Warrenpoint a move was made almost by instinct to the Town Hall, where

The First Refreshment

was ready at 10 o'clock. A plentiful supply of good tea and buns was provided, which the children and grown-ups heartily enjoyed. There was a sea mist which interfered with a view of the mountains, and a sharp but invigorating breeze blew from over the sea. The mist cleared away quickly, and the mountains and sea looked splendid. The excursionists quickly scattered, most of them going by boat or car to Rostrevor. We have not heard who was the first to reach Fiddler's Green or the Big Stone, but we know that during the day very many enjoyed this popular climb. Shortly after three there was

A Slight Misty Rainfall,

which we hoped would clear away, but it continued but did not seriously interfere with the day's plea-

sure. At 4-30 the second refreshment was given in the Town Hall and was much relished by all. Between this hour and the time of starting for home, the rain interfered to some extent, but the children and their parents enjoyed looking in at the shop windows, and did not seem to mind the raindrops. At 8 p.m. the return train left for home bearing a great crowd of well satisfied excursionists. All arrived safe and well at Portadown station at 9. Drumcree and the "Dobbin" also had their excursion the same day. They travelled down by a later train. A reduction in the price of tickets was thus made possible, but we believe there will be a deficit on the excursion of £3 or £4, largely owing to the reduction of the outsiders' tickets from 2s 6d to 2s.

Death of Mrs. M'Mullan.

We record with sincere regret the death of Mrs. M'Mullan, the founder of Drumgor Sunday School, and its faithful Superintendent for 30 years. Mrs. M'Mullan had reached the advanced age of 81 years, but had retained her active habits up to so recent a date that it was difficult to believe that she was so old. For the past two years she had been failing in health, but up to the last she displayed that interest in the Parish which she had shown ever since she came to reside among us. When Dean Dawson was Rector of Knocknamuckley Mrs. M'Mullan was one of his most faithful parishioners, and when she came to Seagoe Parish she was his great helper in Drumgor. The present Rector experienced just the same kindness and readiness to help. Her kind hospitality, her constant interest, and her steadfast loyalty will always be remembered. God, it has been said, buries His workers but carries on His work, and so we believe the good work begun by Mrs. M'Mullan will be faithfully carried on. The funeral, which was largely attended, took place to Seagoe Churchyard on Friday, June 25th. The Rector conducted the service and gave a short address emphasising the courage and faith of their departed friend. Some beautiful wreaths were sent, including one from Seagoe Mothers' Union. We desire, on behalf of the Parishioners, to express our sincere sympathy with all the members of Mrs. M'Mullan's family, especially with Mrs. R. Hoy, who has been her mother's faithful companion and helper for many years. We hope it may be possible in some way to commemorate Mrs. M'Mullan's work in Drumgor by a permanent memorial.

Death of Mr. James Best

Mr. James Best, of Ballyhannon, who had been ill for some time, has passed to his eternal rest. He was well known and highly esteemed in the Parish. We offer our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Best and the members of his family in their sad loss.

A Notable Seagoe Record.

On Wednesday, June 23rd. the Rector had a visit from Major George Gilpin, O.B.E., and Mrs. Gilpin. Major Gilpin is a member of the Gilpin family who reside at Low Mills, Tannifiglasson, in this Parish, and he has spent his life in the British Army, from which he recently retired, after a long and honourable service. Since his retirement he has resided at St. Agnes, Cornwall, Mrs. Gilpin being a member of a Cornish family. Major Gilpin served for 38½ years in the Royal Sussex Regiment. He joined up in the 2nd Batt. in July, 1881, and served continuously until October, 1901, when he entered the 1st Batt., and served with it until December, 1919. During that period he has served in many campaigns. 1882 found him in Egypt with the Nile Expedition. In 1885 he served with the Black Mountain Expedition. In 1888 he fought along the North-West Frontier of India. In 1897-8 he took part in the Tirah Expedition. In 1901 he was in the thick of the Boer War, and in 1914 to 1919, during the Great War he was on active service along the Afghan border and through the Frontier Provinces. He wears 11 medals, and the Egyptian Star, holds the Order of the British Empire, and is now a County Councillor for the County of Cornwall. He has had many hair-breadth escapes, but has never been wounded. He prides himself that he has always been a strict total abstainer and a non-smoker.

Major Gilpin has a family of four military sons, whose records are almost as distinguished as his own. His eldest son, Robert, was unfortunately killed in the Great War. He was, at the time of his death, Adjutant of the 10th Brigade Royal Field Artillery. He was twice mentioned in dispatches. He was killed on July 3rd, 1915, at Nasyeriah, Mesopotamia. His second son, Major William John Gilpin, is at present stationed at Hull with the Royal Artillery. During the Great War he raised the 211th Siege Battery and commanded it through the War. He was awarded the M.C. with bar. Since the War he was on General Harrington's Staff in Turkey. His third son, Captain George Ruddell Gilpin, is in the Royal Engineers, and is now with the Sappers and Miners at Bangalore, Madras, Southern India. During the Great War he served in Gallipoli and Palestine and was present at the entry into Jerusalem. He won the M.C. and bar for his services. The fourth son, Frank Edward Gilpin, is a Lieutenant in the Royal Artillery, and was on the Staff of General Harrington during the Great War. He was employed in the Secret Intelligence Department in the dangerous area of Chanak for three years. He is a great linguist and is proficient in French, Turkish, Russian and Arabic. He spent 5 months in the Flying Corps in France during the War. He is now at Gosport. We are sure our readers will join heartily with us in congratulating Major Gilpin and his sons on their great service to the Empire on many fields. Seagoe is very proud of such sons.

Jumble Sale.

This Sale came off on Friday, June 25th, at 7-30 p.m. It was organised to raise funds to pay the deficit on the Men's Recreation Room and to meet some current expenses connected with the upkeep of the Schoolhouse at Seagoe. The stalls were well stocked with a very varied collection of goods, and there was also a stall set apart for farm produce. The stalls were practically cleared at 8-30. The gross receipts up to closing time amounted to £13 7s 2d. The expenses are small. Our special thanks are due to Mr. James Ford, who organised the sale, and to the ladies who helped in many ways, also to all those who kindly gave gifts.

Mothers' Union Excursion.

The excursion to Newcastle on Tuesday, June 29th, was a great success. The weather was perfect, a hot sun, clear sky and an invigorating breeze from the sea. The excursionists, 53 in number, started at 10-45 from the Parochial Hall. They filled a large Pilot bus and a smaller char-a-banc. The route to Newcastle was by Scarva, Newry, Warrenpoint (where a brief halt was made), Kilkeel and Annalong to Newcastle. Tea was ready at the station, and then the members scattered, some along the shore, some to Maggie's Leap, and some to the Demesne. The sea and mountains were splendid, and the tide was full in. The start for home was made at 7-30, and we drove back by Castlewellan, Banbridge, Waringstown and Lurgan. The day was most enjoyable, and all the members expressed delight at its success. Mrs. Twinem acted as treasurer and carried out her difficult duties with satisfaction to all.

Disfigurements.

We have heard many objections lately to recent disfigurements in the neighbourhood of Seagoe. Two huge and ugly hoardings have been erected, one at the Red Row, and the other at the point where Seagoe road branches off from the Lurgan road. But the most objectionable disfigurement of all has been the turning of a picturesque thatched cottage at Seagoe Turns into a set of four stables for horses. At this point the road is very narrow, and there is constant obstruction from the drawing up of carts. On grounds of health, also, we object to this, and just now the stench from the stables is most unpleasant. The question arises who is responsible for allowing these things to be done. There is much slackness somewhere.

Protestant Orphan Society

The annual appeal on behalf of the Co. Armagh Protestant Orphan Society will be made in Seagoe Church on Sunday next, July 4th, at morning and evening prayer. The Society has been always most generous in helping the widows and orphans of Seagoe Parish and is deserving of the liberal support of all the parishioners.

£1,500 Adrift in Seagoe.

The Rector received the following letter two years ago from New Zealand :—

“ Public Trust Office, Christchurch, N.Z.

“ 7th August, 1924.

“ The Vicar, Church of Ireland, Parish of Seagoe, Drumnagoon, County Armagh, Ireland.

“ ANDREW M'DOWELL (DECEASED) :

“ Rev. Sir,—The Public Trustee is administering the estate of the above-named, who died at Cheviot, New Zealand, on the 19th May, 1923.

“ In order to determine the next-of-kin who are entitled to share the estate it will be necessary to obtain documentary evidence of the deceased's father's marriages, which I understand took place in your parish. His second marriage to Sarah M'Kinney took place about the year 1855. The date of his first marriage is unknown to me, but it would be some 20 years approximately before the above date.

“ Would you be good enough to search your Church records, and if you can trace any entries concerning these marriages will you please forward me the extracts from the Register. Any expenses incurred by you in this matter I am prepared to refund to you on your advising me of the amount.

“ Thanking you in anticipation.

“ I am, Rev. sir, your obedient servant,

“ A. R. FORDAN, District Public Trustee.”

The following advertisement was inserted in the Belfast “News-Letter” of June 15th, 1926 :—

£1,500 for M'Dowell Heirs.

“ About sixty years ago a family named M'Dowell resided in the Townland of Drumnagoon, Parish of Seagoe, County Armagh. We do not know the given name of either the father or mother, but we know that the father was married twice. By one marriage he had a son Andrew M'Dowell, and by the other marriage a daughter, Sarah M'Dowell. There may have been other children by both marriages.

“ The members of this family are entitled to estate valued at £1,500. They, or anyone having information concerning them, is requested to communicate with John J. Dwyer, 40, Wall Street, New York, N.Y.—Advt.”

We would recommend those who are in any way related to the late Andrew M'Dowell to send in their applications without delay to the authorities in New Zealand.

The Annual Report

The Annual Parish Report is now in print and will be circulated without delay. It contains a full and clear statement of all the amounts contributed to the

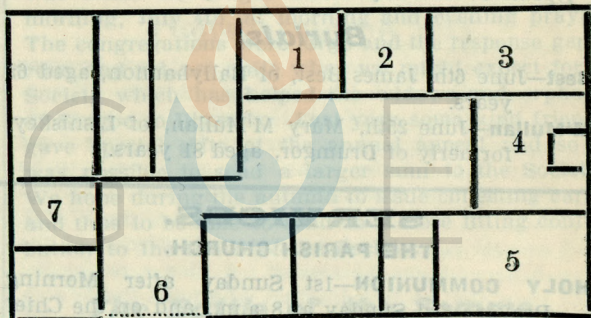
various Parish Funds from January 1st to December 31st, 1925. It reflects much credit on the painstaking work of Mr. Hugh Stoops, the Hon. Treasurer. If any mistakes should be noticed please communicate without delay with Mr. Hugh Stoops, Killicomaine Road, Portlawn.

At Last.

At last, after a series of accidents, imperilling human lives, the dangerous corner at Church Lane has been cut and an iron railing erected instead of the hedge, but we would like to point out that the danger, though modified, will still exist unless the hedge be cut down for a further distance. We would like to remind our Rural Councillors that while they are cutting Church Lane corner they have at the same time allowed a hoarding to be erected, blocking the corner at Seagoe Turns.

Old Seagoe Church

We give here a rough outline of the ground floor of old Seagoe Church as it was rebuilt by Valentine Blacker in 1666. It had been destroyed by fire during the Rebellion of 1641.



1, Pulpit ; 2, Rector's Pew ; 3, Sir Oliver St. John's Pew ; 4, Chancel ; 5, Blacker Pew ; 6, Door ; 7, Font. The Church was altered at a later date by the building of a Transept on the North side. This necessitated the removal of the Pulpit to the South side, and the Rector's pew took the place of Sir Oliver St. John's on the North side of the Chancel. The Transept appears to have measured 36 feet in depth by 18 feet in width.

A Narrow Escape.

While the Jumble Sale was in progress in Edenderry Hall and some children were playing on the road outside the Hall, a motor cycle and side-car was driven past at a furious pace, and catching a little girl by the clothing, flung her violently on the roadway. Fortunately, she escaped actual injury beyond a severe shock. The Automobile Association is deserving well of the community and has recently stationed its officers at Seagoe Turns and Church Lane, to regulate and control the motor traffic. Warning notices are also to be erected at Seagoe School.

Drumgor Orange Hall.

The new Hall at Drumgor was opened on Saturday, June 19th, at 4 p.m. There was a large gathering. The Hall was opened by Mrs. Waring, of Warings-town. The visitors were hospitably entertained. The Hall is a very fine two-storey building.

Parish Register for June.

The following were Baptized in Seagoe Parish Church on June 5th, 1926 :—

Baptisms.

Clayton—Georgina, daughter of George and Martha Clayton, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Margaret Glassey, Martha Clayton.

Clayton—Mary Jane, daughter of William and Mary Elizabeth Clayton, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Mary Jane Clayton, Mary Elizabeth Clayton.

Hynes—Esther, daughter of William James and Amelia Hynes, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Anne Hynes, Amelia Hynes.

Burials.

Best—June 6th, James Best, of Ballyhannon, aged 62 years.

M'Mullan—June 25th, Mary M'Mullan, of Lisniskey, formerly of Drumgor, aged 81 years.

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 6 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

A copy of the Magazine will be sent post free to any subscriber for 3s per annum.

ITEMS

Seagoe Choir took part in the Choral Festival at Banbridge. 450 choristers sang at the service. The conductor, Rev. J. Bentley, again congratulate Seagoe on the advance they had made above all the other choirs.

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The Rev. W. T. Grey is now living at 18 Harcourt St., Dublin.

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The sudden death is announced in Belfast of the Rev. Henry Gordon, M.A., brother-in-law of the Rev. Walter Crichton, now of Madras.

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Mrs. J. Buckby Atkinson has been on a visit to Eden Villa.

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William Freeburn and Mrs. Freeburn (formerly Miss Lizzie Stewart) have arrived in Portadown on visit from South Manchester. They speak in warm terms of the Rector of St. Mary's South Manchester the Rev. W. Neill, who is of Ulster descent and looks well after our Seagoe people.

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Dynes Atkinson, formerly sexton of Seagoe entered his 91st year last March. We are glad to record that he is in good health and his memory is as clear as ever.

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A pretty bungalow villa is being built in Upper Seagoe by Mr. Reid.

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.

Men's Recreation Room, Bridge St., open every night from 7 p.m.

Seagoe C.L. Brigade in Edenderry Parochial Hall on Tuesdays at 8 p.m.

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

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