

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

JULY, 1930.

THURSDAY, JULY 17th, 1930.

Seagoe Sunday School Excursion to Warrenpoint.

*Two Shillings Return Ticket for Adults. One Shilling
extra for Refreshments.*

The Refreshment Tickets must be purchased before the day of Excursion.

Train leaves Portadown 9-30 a.m.

Train leaves Warrenpoint 8-30 p.m.

RECTOR :

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CHURCHWARDENS :

Rector's—Wm. H. England.

People's—Gilbert Price.

Memorial Service.

On Sunday, June 29th, special Memorial Services in remembrance of those who fell in the Great War will be held (p.v.) in the Parish Church at 11.30 a.m. and 7 p.m. At Morning Prayer the Seagoe C.L.B. will parade, and during the Service the Band will accompany the Hymns. The collections at both Services will be on behalf of the Co. Armagh Protestant Orphan Society. The names of those from Seagoe Parish who fell in the Great War will be read during the Service. Wreaths will be laid at the Memorial Pillars.

Anniversary Service.

On Sunday, July 6th, a July Anniversary Service will be held in Seagoe Parish Church at 7 p.m. Places will be reserved for the Lodges attending, and the collection will be given to the Lord Enniskillen Orphan Fund. The preacher will be the Rev. J. R. MacDoald, M.A., Rector of Donaghony.

Sunday School Excursion.

Thursday, July 17th, 1930, is the day fixed for our annual excursion this year to Warrenpoint. It is being looked forward to with keen expectation. One thousand tickets have been issued, but we would advise all who wish to accompany the excursion to secure their tickets without delay. By paying an extra 1/- adults can get a ticket entitling to two re-

freshments, but these refreshment tickets must be bought before July 15th. The tickets are now on sale. Tickets for Sunday School children whose names are on the roll of any of our seven Sunday Schools can obtain their tickets at the following rates:—8 years old and under, 6d; 12 and under, 9d; 15 and under, 1/-; Bible Class and Teachers, 1/6. These tickets include two refreshments. The Tamnificarbet and Ballyhannon Bands will accompany the excursion. The children will meet at the Parish Church at 8.15 a.m., and after a short service will march in procession to the station. The train will leave for Warrenpoint at 9.30 a.m., and the return train will leave Warrenpoint at 8.30 p.m.

The Lurgan Road.

The cementing of the Lurgan Road with ferro-concrete, is now in progress where Church Lane cuts the Lurgan Road. The surface of the road is being raised by some six inches. Through traffic has been considerably interfered with recently between Portadown and Lurgan by these improvements, but when the work is complete the advantages will be great.

Edenderry Up.

The making of the new sewage works has caused the streets in Edenderry to be torn up in a marvellous way. A tunnel five feet high and four feet wide has been hollowed out under Foundry St., and another from Bridge St. under Portadown College to Robb's Factory. In making a tunnel from Francis St. the workmen have come across the foundations of the old bridge at Portadown. It was made of timber resting on a stone foundation and consisted of six spans. Portions of the timber are being dug out by the workmen.

Mothers' Union Excursion.

On Thursday, June 19th, Seagoe Mothers' Union had a most enjoyable excursion to Warrenpoint. The excursionists numbered fifty-nine. They left Portadown Station by the ordinary express train at 10.49 a.m. and had a quick run via Goragwood to Warrenpoint. The country looked beautiful and the heat was not oppressive as a pleasant cool breeze was blowing up from the sea. Refreshments were partaken of at the Shelbourne Cafe and then most of the members drove to Rostrevor. The Rector and Mr James Twinem were the only two who climbed up to the big stone 1,000 feet above the sea, at Cloughmore, but some others got as far as Fiddler's Green. Towards five o'clock a return was made to the Cafe, where a hearty tea was partaken of. The wind rose and the sea got quite rough in the evening. Mrs. Twinem, President of the Mothers' Union, and Mrs. Reid, Hon. Secretary, accompanied the excursionists and they are to be congratulated on the great success of the excursion. The return train left Warrenpoint at 8 p.m., and before long the party were back again in Portadown. Everyone was greatly pleased with the excursion.

St. Mark's Tower.

We had the pleasure of ascending St. Mark's splendid new Memorial Tower on June 17th. It has now reached its full height of over 100 feet, and on Friday last, June 20th, the first of the topmost pinnacles received its topstone. The impression one gets of the tower as we stand at its base is the great massiveness and space. The additions to the Church are also very fine and spacious. Stepping on to a small platform and holding a loop of rope above your head you are speedily carried up by an electric lift. As one ascends the massive walls are well seen, the upper half of the tower being of solid moulded stone. Arrived at the top you step out on the planks where the men are working. The height is dizzy, and as you look down on the citizens of Portadown who are walking their native streets they seem like flies. The view is magnificent. Of course we first looked at Seagoe. The old Church tower nestling in its grove of trees looked very picturesque. A corner of the Rectory was also visible. The Railway Station seemed very small. The fields around the town looked very fresh and green notwithstanding the recent dry weather. Away in the distance beyond Seagoe could be seen the spires of Lurgan and the factory chimneys. Drumree Church stood out very distinctly in the near distance. The spire of Ardmore Church, on Lough Neagh's shore, was also quite clear. The air was delightfully fresh and bracing. On a clear day it is possible to see objects 20 miles distant. We were loathe to leave the top of the tower and its kindly workmen, but stepping on the platform and gripping the rope overhead once again we slid down in a few moments back to earth and after thanking the genial lift-man we walked out into Market Street.

Seagoe School Sports.

On Wednesday afternoon, July 9th, Seagoe P.E. School will hold its sports in a field in Upper Seagoe which has been very kindly lent to us by Mr Isaac Walker. All kinds of contests will be engaged in and valuable prizes will be given to the winners. There will be running, skipping, jumping, tug-of-war, obstacle races, egg races, etc. The parents of the pupils are invited to be present. The sports will begin at 4.30. Already much preparation and training is going on among our budding athletes. At one time Seagoe was famous for its athletes, especially for its jumpers, who could clear with ease a six-barred gate or jump with alacrity one of the broad cuts on the Bann. The School has had a very successful session.

Changing Seagoe.

If building continues at its present rate Seagoe will soon present a changed appearance. At the last meeting of the Rural Council permission was obtained by Miss Alcock for the erection of 24 houses in Upper Seagoe, and six other houses are at present in course of erection near the Church. Several houses are being built along the Lurgan Road.

Parish Register for June.**Baptism**

Ruddell—June 7th, 1930, Edna Cynthia, daughter of Frederick William and Mary Elizabeth Ruddell, of Lisnisky.

Sponsors—Elizabeth Alice Porter, Mary Elizabeth Ruddell.

Marriage

Cassidy and Corder—June 25th, 1930, Thomas John Cassidy, of Edenderry, to Elizabeth Corder, of Portadown.

Burials.

Rehill—June 7th, Samuel Joseph Rehill, of Edenderry, aged 19 years.

Morton—June 8th, William Morton, of Edenderry, aged 76 years. Interred in Ahorey burying ground.

Neill—June 22nd, Caroline Neill, of Glasgow, formerly of Levaghery.

Obituary.

We record this month with much regret the loss of several of the parishioners who were known and loved amongst us. The death of Joe Rehill came after years of great suffering bravely borne. William Morton passed away at an advanced age. He had been for many years a faithful employe of the Forde family at Raughlin. In his last illness he was most carefully tended by his daughter, Caroline Neill, better known among us as Caroline Montgomery, of Levaghery, died at her residence in Glasgow, after a brief illness. Her remains were brought over for interment in Seagoe. With all those who have been bereaved we express our deep sympathy.

Dangerous Corners.

Just now with the growth of the hedges there are many dangerous corners along the roads in the parish, and if they are not cut there will be more serious motor accidents. We have had enough terrible accidents to warn us. There seems to be somewhere a want of responsibility on the part of our Rural Council otherwise these dangers would be corrected and not allowed to recur.

Jumble Sale.

It has been decided to postpone the Jumble Sale announced in our last issue until a date at the end of September, which will be announced in a later issue of the Magazine. We ask helpers to kindly lay aside any old clothing or articles of furniture which they do not need. Such things find ready purchasers at a jumble sale.

Seagoe P.E. School

On Tuesday, June 10th, the annual examination in Religious Knowledge was held in Seagoe P.E. School by the Diocesan Inspector, the Rev. J. Armstrong, Rector of Dromara. The results were very satisfactory and the following children won certificates:—

Senior Division:—First-class certificates—Doris Livingston, John Fiddes, Beamish Kingston, Bertha McLoughlin, James McCabe, Mollie Jennings, Robert Nicholson. Second-class certificates—Alick Ruddell, Patricia Scott, Robert Magee. Third-class certificates—David Guy, Sarah Macauley, Ernest Gibson, Victor Porter.

Junior Division:—First-class certificates—Amy Duke, William M'Shannock, Peggy Brownlee, Roland Scott. Second-class certificates—May Simpson, Myrtle Caddell, Lizzie McClatchey, Ellie Nicholson, Walter Caddell, Tom M'Shannock, William M'Loughlin, Herbert Magowan, Edward Vennard.

Purchase of Grove Field

If you have not yet sent in your subscription to the Grove Field Purchase Fund please do so without delay to the Hon. Treas., Mr. Hugh Stoops, Killicomaine Road, Portadown.

Death of Mrs. Jennings.

Many of our parishioners are bereaved through the very sad and sudden death of Mrs. Rowan Jennings, of Portadown, a daughter of the late Mr. David Holmes, of Killicomaine. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to her husband and family and to her mother and sisters in their great sorrow.

Sunday School Conference.

On Thursday, June 26th, a Conference of the Superintendents and Teachers of our Sunday Schools was held in Seagoe Church and School. The Conference opened with a Service of Intercession in the Parish Church at 4 p.m. Those present then went to the School, where the first session of the Conference met at 4.45 p.m. A paper was read by Mr. Robert Scott, Principal of Seagoe P.E. School, on "The Teacher in the Class." The Conference adjourned at 5.30, and tea was provided at 6. After tea there

was an interval until 7.30, when the Conference resumed its sessions and a paper was read by the Rev. Thomas Martin, Rector of Aghaderg, on "The Organisation of the Sunday School." Each paper was followed by a discussion, in which the members present took part. Cards of invitation were issued to all the Superintendents and Teachers of our Sunday Schools.

We give here an outline of the contents of the papers read at the Conference. Mr. Robert Scott, Principal of Seagoe P.E. School, in his paper on "The Teacher in the Class," divided his subject under three heads—Discipline, Preparation, Presentation. He would base Discipline on reverence in the teacher for his sacred work. In preparation he would not attempt to teach too much. The lesson should be read in the Revised Version as well as in the Authorised Version. In the matter of presentation questions should be addressed to the whole class and the child who is to answer should be chosen by the teacher. Each question should be capable of one clear answer. The Rev. T. Martin in his paper on "The Organisation of the Sunday School," advocated the introduction of the Cradle Roll and Enrolment cards. Grading was an essential of a good Sunday School. The ages of grading suggested were 4 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and 12 upwards. He also referred to the importance of the children being placed rightly in the class in front of the teacher. Interesting and animated discussions followed the reading of both papers. It was suggested that the Mothers' Union should take up the work of the Cradle Roll in the Parish and encourage mothers to enrol the names of their children. The question of discipline also received much attention. The Conference proved very helpful. During the interval before the evening session the members enjoyed a visit to the Rectory and gardens.

Old Seage Notes

The Portadown Volunteers in 1779.—The following extract from the Belfast "News-Letter" for November 9th, 1779, is of interest:—

"Belfast, 9th November.—On Thursday last, the 4th November (being the anniversary of the glorious King William) the True Blue Volunteers of Lisburn, to the amount of 110 men, completely armed and accoutred, paraded—and after performing the ordinary evolutions, marched from thence with colours flying, to a public part of the town, where they fired three rounds in honour of that monarch, whose heroic spirit led him almost from his birth to become a volunteer in the service of mankind, and to whom this country in particular is indebted for its liberty, and everything it holds dear.

"On Thursday last, the Portadown Volunteers paraded in their uniforms in the town of Portadown, commanded by their captain, Hamlet Obins, Esq., from whence they marched to the demesne of Castle Obins, and went through their manoeuvres and firing to the entire satisfaction of a number of

spectators; after which they were elegantly entertained at dinner at Castle Obins by their Commander, where a number of loyal constitutional toasts were drunk, and the evening concluded with three volleys in commemoration of the day, and a ball given at night by the Volunteers."

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Interesting Extracts from the Seagoe Baptismal Registers of 1680—1700.—The care with which Baptism was administered in the 17th century is exemplified in the following entry—"John the son of Mr. William and Mrs. Elizabeth Mathers, baptized about the 14th of December, 1688; godfathers Mr. John Campbell and Mr. John Mathers; godmother Mrs. Judeth Mathers." Another entry occurs on the same page—"Francis the son of the said William and Elizabeth Mathers, baptized the 10th of May, 1693, being six days old."

1679—Woolsey, son of Richard Smurphett and Mary his wife, Baptized February ye 14th, 1679." On the same page the marriage of Woolsey Smurphett, of ye Parish of Seago and Mary Slone, of ye Parish of Donaghcloney were married in ye Parish Church of Donaghcloney, February the 14th in the 1709th year of Christ." (He was married on his birthday).

Under the date 1680 the following entries occur:—"William, ye son of John Mathers borne ye 17th day of August, 1680, and baptized within 8 days thereafter."—"Judeth the daughter of John Mathers borne ye 17th day of November, 1682, and baptized 8 days thereafter."

The first mention of the name Robb occurs in the following entry—"William the sone of William Robb baptized ye 5th Sepr., 1686."

An interesting entry occurs in a clear hand under date 1694—"James, son of Leonard Gage and Isabel his wife was Baptized in the Parish Church of Seagoe Sunday the 29th July, 1694. Two other entries on the same page contain the name Seagoe in its modern form. Under date April 24th, 1690, Mrs. Rose Obbins is mentioned as a godmother to William, son of Mr. Rich. Workman.

Mary Campbell is a godmother to Margaret Mulhallan (Mulholland) on May 25th, 1690.

George, ye son of Ed. Calvert, was baptized ye 5th of Sber (October) 1690.

Jane Calvert was baptized on September 28th 1690. John Russel, a sick child, baptized with Private Baptism January 17th 1690.

Margaret Gill is entered as godmother for Elizabeth Potts on 30th March, 1692.

Some interesting names occur among the Baptisms in 1692—Newer Glassels, Prudens Berry, Elizabeth Rye, Armonell, daughter of Thomas Bethel, was baptized June 10th, 1692, of Drumcree Parish. Jane Medcolph, Ann Scofield, of Cranagh.

Two twins, children of Robert and Jane Friar, baptized privately December the 3rd, 1692, a third having died the night before.

Mary, daughter of Robert Magill, "who lives yond Armagh," was baptized 25th January, 1693.

David, son of Thomas and Jane Macgnab, baptized 25th March, 1694.

James, sick child of James and Agnes Campbell, strangers, of the Parish of Moorkirk, in Scotland was baptized privately Saturday, 28th day of April 1694.

William, son of William Dixon and Martha his wife, baptized 10th day of June, 1694.

Seagoe C.L.B.

The Junior C.L.B. were photographed at the Church gates on Tuesday evening, June 17th. They looked very smart. The C.L.B. officers, with the Rector, were afterwards photographed. The Juniors then marched up Church Lane and home by Killycomaine. Many expressions of admiration for their smartness were overheard from passers-by.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

June, 1906.—In June, 25 years ago, arrangements were being made for a ten-days Mission to be conducted by the Rev. William Bryan-Brown, M.A., of the Church Parochial Mission Society, from Saturday, September 22, to Monday Oct. 1st. Helpers to assist in preparation for the Mission were asked. Seven Baptisms were recorded, also one marriage and five burials. The burials were those of Ann Sophia Wilson, of Drumnagoon, Jane Webb, of Lifford, James McCormick, of Lylo, Robert Major, of Seagoe, and Sarah Moore, of Edenderry. There is much C.L.B. news. A C.L.B. concert at Drumgor was given up by the Drumgor C.L.B. by themselves. The performers were Messrs. Binks, Brown, Currie and Wilson. In Edenderry on May 23rd, medals were presented to members of the Seagoe Harriers, Messrs. Steenson, Bleakley and Neill, for gaining respective first, second and third places in the seven mile cross-country race. A most interesting letter was printed from the Rev. W. T. Gray in Japan.

July, 1906.—A bazaar is announced to be held on Thursday, Nov. 15th, 1906, to pay for the introduction of gas into the Church to replace the paraffin lamps. The death of Mr. Johnston, late station master, is recorded. Major Blacker is welcomed coming to reside at Carrick-Blacker. The excursion to Newcastle on June 7th was a great success. The Carrick-Blacker Band headed the procession. The weather was perfect—Seagoe weather. There were two trains and 957 tickets were sold. A boy selling cockles found many purchasers. The Rev. W. Darley had held an examination in Religious Knowledge in Seagoe National School on May 31st. Silver medals were awarded by the Rector for the Boy and Girl in the School, and were won by James Johnston and Miriam Holmes. Hearty cheers were given for the winners. Seagoe C.L.B. were going to the Camp at Ballycastle on July 7th.