

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

JULY, 1931.

CLERGY :

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

Rev. W. F. Hayes, B.A., Edendale, CarrickBlacker Road, Edenderry, Portadown.

CHURCHWARDENS :

Rector's—Mr. Robert Scott.

People's—Mr. Isaac Dickson.

The Confirmation.

On Saturday, June 20th, the Right Rev. C. T. P. Grierson, D.D., Lord Bishop of Down and Connor and Dromore, held a Confirmation in the Parish Church at 3.30 p.m. There was a large congregation present. The candidates assembled in Seagoe School at 3 p.m., and after a short interval walked in procession to the Church. Besides the candidates, 75 in number from Seagoe, there were three from Holywood Parish, in the Co. Down, and one from the Parish of Ardmore. The Ven. W. Manning, M.C., Archdeacon of Down, acted as Bishop's Chaplain. After an opening Hymn the Rector read the Preface, and the Bishop from his chair at the Chancel steps spoke to the candidates and explained to them the solemn nature of the Rite of Confirmation. He then asked the candidates to stand while he put to them the four questions in the Service. The questions were clearly and reverently answered. The Versicles followed then while the Bishop stood, the congregation knelt and the Bishop offered the very ancient Collect which comes down to us from early in the third century, beginning with the words 'Almighty and everlasting God.' The Rite of Confirmation was then administered, two candidates at a time kneeling before the Bishop for the Laying on of Hands. When all the candidates had been confirmed the Hymn No. 235, "Thine for ever God of Love" was sung kneeling. The Bishop then gave an address to the newly Confirmed. He especially emphasised three things as very necessary for them to remember; first, the duty of Daily Private Prayer, secondly, the reading of a portion of Scripture each day, and thirdly the right observance of Sunday as a Day of Worship by attending the Public Services of the Church and partaking regularly of Holy Communion. The concluding prayers were then said by the Bishop and at the close of the Service the Hymn "Oh, Jesus, I have promised," No. 585 was sung. Besides the Bishop, the Archdeacon of Down and the Rector, the Rev. Jas. Smyth, Rector of Ardmore, and the Rev. W. F. Hayes, Curate of Seagoe, assisted at the Service.

The following is a list of those from the Parish of Seagoe who were confirmed—1, John Allen, 2, Francis Anderson, 3, Thomas Anderson, 4, William Henry Best, 5, Thomas David Courteney, 6, Ernest Gibson, 7, Henry John Gracey, 8, James Gracey, 9, Robert Gracey, 10, David William Guy, 11, James Hewitt,

12, James Alexander Heyburn, 13, William John Hoy, 14, Robert Jennett, 15, James Livingstone, 16, Robert John Lyness, 17, John Joseph Magee, 18, Henry Martin, 19, James Alexander McCabe, 20, Charles George McDonald, 21, James Neill, 22, William Neill, 23, John James Nixon, 24, William James Porter, 25, Victor Henry Porter, 26, William Victor Porter, 27, William Alexander Rehill, 28, Dawson Robinson, 29, Robert Robinson, 30, Charles Hubert Rock, 31, Alexander Ruddell, 32, David Sherman, 33, Thomas Edward Stanfield, 34, James Treanor, 35, John Walker, 36, Robert Watson, 37, William Holmes White. Total 37.

1, Elizabeth Anne Boyce, 2, Vera Clarke, 3, Elizabeth Myrtle Browne, 4, Olive Couther, 5, Mary Maude Cousins, 6, Eileen Dunlop, 7, Dorothy Ellis, 8, Mary Jane Ellis, 9, Margaret England, 10, Margaret Freeburn, 11, Olive Guy, 12, Florence Hewitt, 13, Violet Hoy, 14, Florence Hynes, 15, Anne Jane Magee, 16, Margaret Magee, 17, Elizabeth Major, 18, Mary Elizabeth Mayes, 19, Dinah McCabe, 20, Emily McKnight, 21, Martha Jane McLoughlin, 22, Dorothy Mulvina Montgomery, 23, Anne Jane Robinson, 24, Grace Robinson, 25, Myrtle Roney, 26, Elizabeth Jane Ruddell, 27, Margaret Ruddell, 28, Gertrude Simpson, 29, Sarah Sinnamon, 30, Olive Stanfield, 31, Alice Steenson, 32, Mary Eveline Treanor, 33, Anne Jane Twinem, 34, Edna May Vennard, 35, Emma Walker, 36, Mabel Watters, 37, Anne Maria Watson, 38, Anne Whiteside. Total 38. Full total 75.

A large number of those who had been Confirmed attended the early celebration of Holy Communion in the Parish Church on Sunday, June 21st, and some others were present at the later celebration. We hope that any who have not yet attended Holy Communion will be present at the celebration on Sunday, July 5th, after Morning Prayer. Each person Confirmed will receive a Confirmation card signed by the Bishop. A complete Register of all the Parishioners who have been confirmed is kept in the Rectory safe. It goes back to the year 1879, when Dean Dawson was appointed Rector of Seagoe.

Excursion to Warrenpoint.

Our annual Sunday School Excursion takes place (p.v.) on Thursday, July 16th. All arrangements have now been made, and the excursion promises to be a great success. The train to Warrenpoint will leave Portadown Station at 10.15 a.m., and the return will leave Warrenpoint at 9 p.m. The Sunday Schools will assemble in the Parish Church at 9 a.m. sharp, when a short Service will be held. The children, with their Superintendents and Teachers, will form in procession at the Church gates and will be accompanied by the Ballyhannon and Tamnifcarbet Bands. The price of tickets will be as follows:—Children whose names are on the Sunday

Seagoe Sunday Schools

Excursion to Warrenpoint, Thursday, July 16th

Train leaves Portadown 10-15 a.m. Train leaves Warrenpoint 9 p.m.

TICKETS 2/- each.

Refreshment Tickets 1/- each,

If purchased on or before JULY 14th.

School Rolls and who have attended at least eight Sundays since January 1st, 1931, 8 years old and under, 6d each; 8 years to 14, 9d; 14 to 16, 1/-. Members of Bible Class and G.F.S. members (over 16), 1/6. Superintendents and Teachers, 1/6. All these ticket holders are entitled to two Refreshments. Outsiders' tickets, 2/- each. Outsiders can have two Refreshments if they purchase a Refreshment Ticket at 1/-, but these tickets must be secured before July 14th.

July Anniversary Service.

On Sunday evening, July 12th, an Anniversary Service will be held in the Parish Church at 7 p.m. Places will be reserved for the members of the local Orange Lodges attending the Service. The collection will be on behalf of the Lord Enniskillen Memorial Orphan Fund. The Preacher will be the Rev. Francis Matchett, B.D., Rector of Hillsborough and Chaplain to the Governor of Northern Ireland.

C.L.B. Parade.

Seagoe C.L.B. and the Cadets will (p.v.) hold a combined Parade with St. Mark's Boys' Brigade at Seagoe Parish Church on Sunday, July 5th, at 7 p.m. The St. Mark's lads have always shown a very kindly feeling towards the Seagoe lads and have held several very happy combined parades. We will welcome them once again to Seagoe on Sunday, July 5th. Seagoe C.L.B. is in a very flourishing condition, and the new Bagpipe Band adds greatly to its efficiency. Captain Metcalfe and his officers are to be congratulated on having such a fine Brigade. A large number of the lads are going to the camp at Blackpool this month. The summer camp is always most enjoyable and Blackpool is a splendid place for it.

Ordination.

Our former Lay Reader, Mr. Robert Gracey, was ordained to the office of Deacon in St. Anne's Cathedral, Belfast, on Sunday, June 28th, by the Lord Bishop of Down. Over thirty of the Parishioners of Seagoe were present at the solemn Service. Mr. Gracey has been appointed Curate-assistant of St. Donard's Parish, Bloomfield, Belfast, by the Rector, the Rev. Canon Moore, M.A., M.C. His many friends in Seagoe Parish will wish the Rev. Robert Gracey much blessing and success in his new and responsible post. He has received a very hearty welcome from the people of St. Donard's.

The Somme Anniversary.

The Portadown Branch of the British Legion ex-Service men attended Morning Prayer in Seagoe Church on the anniversary of the Somme, Sunday June 28th. Seagoe C.L.B. and Cadets, with bands were also present. The Church was crowded. The Rector preached, and before the Sermon, while the congregation stood, read out the names of those from the Parish who fell in the Great War. The Service was very hearty and devotional. The Last Post and the Reveille were sounded in the Church after the Benediction had been pronounced, and after the Service wreaths were placed at the Memorial Pillar by the C.L.B. and the ex-Servicemen. The collection which was on behalf of the Co. Armagh Protestant Orphan Society, amounted to £4 8s 1d.

Parish Register for June.

Baptisms.

The following were Baptized in Seagoe Parish Church on June 6th, 1931:—

Lester—Samuel Oswald, son of Quinton and Adeline Lester, of Lisniskey.

Sponsors—Elizabeth Woodside Lester, Adeline Lester.

Tate—Eileen, daughter of Herbert and Letitia Tate of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Margaret Guy, Letitia Tate.

Best—Avice Winifred, daughter of William David and Sarah Anne Best, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Sarah Kane, Sarah Anne Best

Marriages.

Hewitt and M'Connell—June 11th, 1931, William John Hewitt, of Edenderry, to Mary Elizabeth M'Connell, of Portadown

Walker and Hamill—June 12th, 1931, Frederick Walker, of Tegnavin, Parish of Shankill, to Sarah Hamill, of Killicomaine.

Seagoe School Sports.

The sports for the pupils of Seagoe P.E. School will take place in a field very kindly lent by Mr. Isaac Walker, of Seagoe Farm, on Thursday, July 9th, at 3 p.m. Prizes will be given for running, walking, jumping, tug-of-war and all kinds of contests. The boys and girls have been practising for some time and we expect some records will be broken.

G.F.S. Excursion.

On Saturday, June 27th, Seagoe G.F.S. had a most enjoyable excursion to Dublin. They left Portadown, some 38 in number, by the 8.20 mail train and arrived in Dublin at 10.50 a.m. The Rector, who had been in Dublin, met them at Amiens St. The excursionists first made their way to Nelson's Pillar and from there proceeded to view the sights of the City. The first place visited was the Old Parliament House, now the Bank of Ireland. They saw the famous crystal chandelier and the Tapestries of Derry and the Boyne. Crossing College Green, they entered Trinity College and there visited the Chapel, Dining Hall, 3-century-old kitchen and the great Library, with its Book of Kells. Then going up Grafton St. and along St. Stephen's Green, they reached the famous G.F.S. Oak House. This house, which has been recently acquired by the G.F.S. as a Hostel and Headquarters, cost over £7,000. Mrs. Shannon met the party and a splendid dinner was in readiness. Everything was of the best and Associates of the Dublin Branch waited on us. The Grace before Meat was sung by the members. After dinner, the members adjourned to the pretty little Chapel of the Hostel, where Canon Archer conducted a short service. The excursionists went next to see the National Cathedral of St. Patrick and were shown over it by the attendant. They saw Swift's grave and Schomberg's tomb and each of them sat in the chair which King William had sat in at the Thanksgiving Service held in the Cathedral after the Battle of the Boyne. From St. Patrick's they journeyed to the Phoenix Park by tram and visited the Zoo. The lions and tigers and monkeys were very glad to see the Seagoe excursionists, and even the polar bears looked happy notwithstanding the heat. At 5 o'clock all returned to the Oak House for tea and again enjoyed the kind hospitality of the G.F.S. helpers. The return train left Dublin at 6.40, and all arrived back in Seagoe at 9 p.m. after a most enjoyable day. Mr. and Mrs. Scott accompanied the excursion, and we congratulate the secretary, Mrs. Scott, on the great success of the excursion which she organised.

Floods at Seagoe.

On Sunday, June 21st, a very heavy downpour of rain occurred just as the congregation were leaving the Church after Morning Prayer. Both Upper Seagoe Road and also Church Lane were flooded. At one part the water was 2 or 3 feet in depth. The people could not get across but one or two courageously walked through the flood. One kindly parishioner took off his boots and stockings and carried a more elderly parishioner across the waters on his back. There was quite a river of water flowing past the Church gate. A motor car bringing people from the Church stopped in the middle of the flood in Upper Seagoe and could not be got to move until the flood subsided.

Seagoe Mothers' Union.

The members of the Mothers' Union are having an afternoon Pic-nic to Breeze-hill, in Knockmena, opposite Twinem Terrace, Lurgan Road, on Tuesday, July 28th, at 4 p.m. Breeze-hill is a fine bracing place. Mrs. Twinem, of Lylo, who is President of the Union, is very kindly entertaining the members on this occasion. The members of the Committee of the Mothers' Union had an enjoyable excursion to Warrenpoint on Wednesday, June 24th.

The Grove Field.

A large iron gate has been erected at the entrance to the Grove Field. Mr. Isaac Dickson, People's Churchwarden, very kindly erected the gate, no easy job, and got good help from Mr. Gilbert Price. Mr. Henry Dickson also assisted.

Wednesday Services.

The Services usually held on Wednesday evening in Edenderry Parochial Hall will be discontinued during July and August.

Men's Bible Class.

The Men's Bible Class held on Sunday mornings in the Orange Hall, Edenderry, will not be held during July and August.

Old Seagoe Notes.

Making the Railway through Seagoe in 1838.—The construction of the Ulster Railway (now known as the Great Northern Railway) through the centre of Seagoe Parish in the years 1836-1839 created great interest and was also the cause of a certain amount of rearrangement among land-holders in the Parish. Legal powers were obtained by the Railway promoters and anyone whose land happened to lie in the path of the proposed Railway line was compelled to give it up. The actual width of ground which the Railway Company could legally take was 22 yards, but in many cases a larger amount had to be acquired. The Act of Parliament sanctioning the construction of the Ulster Railway from Belfast to Armagh is of course still in existence and can be consulted in any of our older Libraries. The names of those who held land required for the making of the Railway are published at the end of the Act of Parliament, with details as to the character of the land and its extent. Here are the facts as far as the Parish of Seagoe is concerned. Three townlands only are referred to, Tarsan, Kearnan and Seagoe Lower. The landlord in Tarsan whose land was affected was Lord Mandeville, and the three tenants whose holdings were taken were a house and garden belonging to Henry M'Ginnis, also land occupied by Mary Blac (Black) and by William Galway. In the townland of "Kearnan" the landlords were Mr. Moore and Lord Mandeville. In Mr. Moore's property a house and garden belonging to William M'Kee were taken, and in Lord Mandeville's property a garden occupied by Widow Ramsey, and also a gar-

den occupied by Hugh M'Ilroy were taken. In the townland of Lower Seagoe the owner is stated to be the Venerable Archdeacon Saurin. It is described as Bishop's land, occupied by Archdeacon Saurin, and consisted of plantings and part of the walk to the Church. In the same townland the holding of John Walker is named, and he is compensated for the taking of part of the road to his house.

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Portrait of the Venerable William M'Murray, D.C.L., the Canadian Pioneer Missionary.—We have received from Mr. T. A. Reid, of Hart House, Toronto, Canada, a very fine photograph of the Ven. Archdeacon M'Murray, D.C.L., one of the founders of Trinity College, Toronto, and who left Ballygargan, then in the Parish of Seagoe (now in Knocknamuckley), about the year 1818, when as a child of eight his father emigrated to Canada. In a recent issue we gave particulars regarding the career of Archdeacon M'Murray, and we hope shortly to publish his portrait in the Magazine. The portrait from which the photograph sent by Mr. Reid is taken hangs in an honoured place on the walls of Trinity College, Toronto, which the Archdeacon was largely instrumental in founding. It was painted by the artist Wyley Grier, and represents the Archdeacon seated in an armchair. His quiet, resolute expression and strong tall frame illustrate the typical Canadian Pioneer and Missionary.

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Nightingales in Seagoe Parish.—Dr. Rowlett, of Portadown, tells us that over thirty years ago when he was resident in Ardmore, he heard the song of the Nightingale frequently in the neighbourhood of Raughlin, on the shores of Lough Neagh. There has always been an uncertainty as to whether the Nightingale visits Ireland, but in the Museum of Queen's College, Cork, there is preserved one specimen that was caught at Kinsale, in the County Cork. It has never been found north of Scarborough, in England, but Scarborough is exactly in the the same latitude

as Raughlin. It has also been said that it never passes west of three degrees of West latitude, which would exclude North Wales and Ireland. Dr. Rowlett used to hear its song in the early hours before dawn when driving on professional duty along the quays and shores of the Lough. There is an Irish song whose habits so closely resemble those of the Nightingale as to be sometimes mistaken for it, that is the Sedge Warbler. It has been called the Irish Nightingale. It sings all through the night, and its song, according to White of Selborne, resembles a blend of the skylark, sparrow and swallow. It is brown colour and about 4½ inches in length. The Nightingale is also a pale brown and is about six inches in length. Some of us have heard the wonderful song of the Nightingale broadcast on the wire, but it would be much more impressive if we heard rich notes in the quiet evening hours along some of the picturesque 'loanins' of Seagoe Parish.

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The "Rutchen" in Seagoe Parish.—"Where is the Rutchen in Seagoe Parish—is a question which few perhaps could answer. It is the interesting name now unfortunately very seldom heard, of the road which passes from the New Lurgan Road through the townland of Tamnifiglasson to the stone railway bridge in Balteagh. It is one of the old names of the Parish such as Drumcart, Slantry, and the Rutchen which come to us from ancient days and which are not the names of townlands, but of old territorial divisions. It is not easy always to find a derivation for these old names but it is almost certain that the name is a form of the diminutive of the Irish word Ros, meaning a wood. Rusheen being the diminutive of Ros, would mean the Little Wood, implying either a wood of small extent or a growth of small bushes, trees or underwood. This meaning of the word fits with the name of the townland in which the Rutchen or Rusheen is, namely, Tamnifiglasson, which in its Irish form is Tamhnach-feadha-Glassan and means "the Field of the Wood of Glassan."

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 8 p.m. during Advent and Lent.

EVENING PRAYER—Sundays 7 p.m.

DISTRICT SERVICES.

Hacknahay—Last Sunday of Month at 3.30 p.m.

Drumgor—Second Sunday of Month at 4 p.m.

Edenderry—Wednesdays at 8 p.m.

CLASSES, &c.

ADULT CLASSES—Sundays at 10 a.m.

For Men—Edenderry. **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, Bocombra.

Mothers' Union—2nd Tuesday of each month.

DAY SCHOOL—Seagoe, 9-30 a.m. Principal—Mr. R. Scott.