

# Seagoe Parish Magazine.

JULY, 1932.

## CLERGY :

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

Rev. W. F. Hayes, B.A., Edendale, Carrick-  
Blacker Road, Edenderry, Portadown.

## CHURCHWARDENS :

Rector's—Mr. Robert Scott.

People's—Mr. Isaac Dickson.

### *The Excursion.*

Thursday, June 16th, was a red-letter day in the history of Seagoe. Looking back on many Sunday School Excursions in past years we cannot recall any which proved more successful than that of this year. Several things combined to make this year's excursion specially successful. The weather was the finest possible, "Seagoe weather" at its best. The sun shone all day from

### *A Cloudless Sky.*

The fact that we were going to a new destination also helped towards the success of the excursion. It was our first visit to Bangor. A very large number of teachers and children assembled at the Parish Church at 8.15. After a short service the procession was formed. We had three Bands—Carbet, Ballyhannon and the C.L.B. We never had three bands at any previous excursion. The long procession as it moved towards the station provided a most impressive sight. The special train left at 9.20 and carried us right through to Bangor. The country as we passed along looked splendid. We reached Bangor at 10.40 and then the procession re-formed and marched with bands playing round by the shore to the Dufferin Parochial Hall. Here everything was ready for the first refreshment, and as the excursionists passed into the Hall they got pastry and

### *A Ham Sandwich.*

When the meal was over all adjourned to the sea front. There was a refreshing wind from the sea. The great warship "Hood" was anchored in the bay and presented an impressive sight. The children had a splendid time on the sands digging, paddling, and bathing. At four o'clock many of the excursionists went by boat out to the "Hood" and they got on board

### *The Huge Ship.*

The second refreshment was put off to six o'clock so as to give time to see the ship. The bracing air had sharpened the appetites of all and the sea, buns and sandwiches disappeared with great

rapidity. In fact after the second refreshment only three sandwiches were left out of 1,700. The return train left Bangor at 8.15 and after a quick run we got back to Portadown at 9.40. A great crowd awaited us in Railway Street and Bridge St. The procession, with bands, re-formed and marched back to the Church, headed by Mr. Scott, our Churchwarden, who carried aloft the Union Jack. In the morning Willie Preston, of Lylo, headed the procession with the Union Jack. At the Church cheers were given for the King. The Rector thanked the bands and then all separated, having thoroughly enjoyed a delightful day. There were 853 on the excursion. The long special train was crowded.

### *Anniversary Service.*

On Sunday evening, July 10th, an Anniversary Service will be held in Seagoe Church at 7 p.m. The preacher will be the Rev. H. E. Hardy, M.A., Rector of Killyman. The collection will be on behalf of the Lord Enniskillen Orphan Fund. Places will be reserved for the Lodges attending the Service.

### *The Battle of the Somme.*

Special Commemoration Services were held in the Parish Church at Morning and Evening Prayer on Sunday, June 26th. At Morning Prayer before the sermon the Rector read out the names of those who from this Parish made the great sacrifice. The Seagoe company of the C.L.B. were present at the Morning Service. After the Service the congregation assembled at the Memorial Gates of the Church and placed a wreath in memory of the fallen.

### *Mothers at Seagoe.*

The Seagoe Mothers' Union had a splendid day's outing on Thursday, June 23rd, at Milltown Rectory on the kind invitation of the Rev. J. F. G. and Mrs. Magill. The excursionists numbered over 70 and filled two 'buses. Accompanied by the Rev. W. F. Hayes, they left the Parochial Hall at 3.15. On arrival at Milltown they joined up with the Milltown mothers and drove to the Lake shore at Maghery. They then drove back to the Rectory and had a splendid tea, after which they enjoyed themselves in various ways until about 8.30, when they took the 'buses again and had a fine drive back to Edenderry. Mr. and Mrs. Magill were most kind and hospitable and the Seagoe Mothers will long remember their pleasant day at Milltown Rectory.



**The Roll-Call.**

Death has been busy in our midst last month and has taken from among us some who were well known in our midst. Mrs. Jane Graham passed away on June 18th after a long illness. She was known to many in the Parish and before going to reside in Hull had lived for many years in Railway St. When old age came upon her she returned from Hull to spend her last days in the street she loved. Mrs. Kane tended her with loving care through a long illness. We express our sympathy with her daughter, Miss Minnie Graham, of Paterson, New Jersey, U.S.A., who showed her mother the greatest kindness and attention to the last. The interment took place at Old Tullylish graveyard. The Rector officiated in the Church and at the graveside. William James Thompson, of Drumgor, died at an advanced age on June 28th and was interred at Agnalee. Mrs. Mary Jane M'Ataer had only been a short time in the Parish and resided in Foundry St. We express our deep sympathy with all the bereaved relatives who have lost their dear friends.

**A Kind Letter.**

We have received the following kind and thoughtful letter from Mrs. Freeburn (formerly Miss Lizzie Stewart), of South Manchester, U.S.A. We wish to express our sincere thanks to our kind friends in South Manchester who responded so generously to Mrs. Freeburn's appeal. We are hoping that the sum sent by Mrs. Freeburn will form the beginning of a much larger Fund in Seagoe Parish to relieve distress whenever it occurs. If any of our readers would care to supplement Mrs. Freeburn's gift of £2 4s it would help towards the most desirable object. Here is Mrs. Freeburn's letter:—

28 Griswold St., S. Manchester,  
Conn., U.S.A.

Rev. Chancellor Archer.

Sir,—In a recent issue of the Seagoe Magazine I happened to read with regret of the families in very poor circumstances. I went around a few Portadown people. I showed them the Magazine to read, but as you are aware, the money is not just as plentiful here as we would like to have it. But we always meet people who are willing to help anyone in such need, so enclosed find £2 4s, and see that the children do not have to go to school without their breakfast. Hoping things will soon change for the better everywhere. Wishing Seagoe Parish every success.—Very sincerely yours.

LIZZIE FREEBURN.

I expect a card from you, if you please, to show to those who kindly give.

**A Rare Visitor.**

Seagoe has this year been honoured by two visits from a somewhat rare visitor. The visitor's name is Motocilla Flava, but our readers might easier recognise it under the name of the Yellow Wagtail. The grey wagtail is, of course, a frequent visitor, but the yellow wagtail seems to have a special affection for Seagoe and its neighbourhood. Foster, in his standard work on "Irish Birds," says that the yellow wagtail is a comparatively rare visitor to Ireland and when it comes selects the southern end of Lough Neagh as its nesting place. It is a migrant arriving in May and leaving in August. This year it built its nest and brought up a young brood at Seagoe Church and in the Rectory garden. Its nest contains five eggs of pretty sky-blue colour.

**Memories of Seagoe.**

In our issue of last month the note "Twenty-five years ago" contained a reference to presentations of a gold watch and a silver Communion set presented to the Rev. J. (now Canon) Taylor when he was leaving the Curacy of Seagoe 25 years ago. We sent a copy of the Magazine to Canon Taylor, and he has replied in the following touching lines:—

Cathedral Rectory, Lisburn.

Your kindly thought is clearly seen  
In sending me the Magazine,  
Recalling days of long ago  
When many hearts did overflow  
In precious gifts, on kindness bent  
When parting came and ties were rent.  
The watch my constant friend has been  
In every time, through every scene;  
It still keeps perfect time, and oft  
Has served to lift my mind aloft  
When golden hours sped swiftly on  
And fleeting years, now past and gone.  
The children's gift, so dear to me,  
Is useful still when souls agree  
Around the Saviour's board to meet  
In hallowed joy, Communion sweet;  
Thus Seagoe's kindly gifts so fine  
Recall the days of Auld Lang Syne.

J. T.

June 9th, 1932.

**Seagoe School Sports.**

This important annual event will take place on Friday, July 8th, at 4 p.m., in a field very kindly lent for the occasion by Mr. Isaac Walker, of Seagoe Farm. Our young athletes have been diligently practising for the events and we expect some records will be broken. The parents and friends of the children are invited to be present.



### Death of Ellen Atkinson.

We regret to record the death on June 30th, of Lurgan Infirmary of Ellen Atkinson, daughter of our former sexton, Dynes Atkinson. She passed away after a short illness. During the past few years she had been most closely associated with all the social entertainments in Seagoe School. No tea party was complete without Ellen. She was so kindly and willing to help and so quiet in her manner and enjoyed everything so much that the School will seem quite different without her. She had acted as caretaker of Seagoe School for very many years and always did her work quietly and well. Her funeral took place in the Church burial ground on Friday, July 1st, at 3 p.m.

### Jews' Society.

The following is a list of sums received for the Jews' Society from Seagoe Parish, per Miss Halliday, and forwarded to the Secretary on March 28th:—

Boxes—Misses Montgomery, £1; Miss S. Halliday, £1; Mr. A. Allen, 13s; Miss Gretta Atkinson, 8s; Mrs. Richard Hoy, 8s; Mr. Joe Hynes, 8s; Miss Monroe, 6s 8d; Miss Amy Cox, 2s 2d; Mrs. W. Neill, 5s 8d; Mrs. A. Allen, senr., 6d; Mrs. A. Allen, junr., 5s 4d; Mrs. I. Shanks, 5s 3d; Mr. Harry Hynes, 4s 4d; Miss Florrie Hynes, 3s 6d; Mrs. Flannigan, 3s 7d; Mrs. Robt. Magee, 3s; Mr. Jack Walker, 2s 1d. Subscriptions—A Friend, £1; A Friend, £1; Miss E. Halliday, 10s; A Friend, 10s. Total—£9 8s 1d.

### Buried Townlands.

Some years ago we printed each month in the Magazine "Buried Townlands." Some one or other of the names of the 29 townlands in the Parish was buried in a sentence, and the puzzle was to discover it. Here are a few more "Buried Townlands" from Seagoe Parish on which our readers can exercise their ingenuity:—

1. Do you admire the looking-glass on our mantel-piece?
2. He has a lovely low-pitched voice.
3. I like an outside-car better than any other.
4. There are some bright stars on the horizon.

The correct answers will be given in next month's Magazine.

### The Pageant.

On Saturday, June 11th, a 'bus-ful of parishioners had a delightful drive via Dromore, Ballynahinch and Downpatrick to Audley Castle, on the shores of Strangford Lough in Lord Bangor's Demesne. We left the Parochial Hall at 12 and arrived at Strangford Lough at 2. There was an enormous concourse of 'buses, cars, and people. After a refreshing cup of tea in one of

the tents we walked through the fields to the slopes of the hill where Audley's Castle stands. The Pageant commemorating the landing of St. Patrick at that exact spot 1500 years before was about to be commemorated. Everybody was delighted as scene followed scene, illustrating the history of the past. The Pageant lasted until 7. On the return journey we visited Downpatrick Cathedral, where St. Patrick is buried. The Rector's Hymn was sung during the Pageant.

### Parish Register for June.

#### Baptisms.

The following were Baptized in Seagoe Parish Church on 4th June, 1932:—

**Kirk**—Vivian Elizabeth Hampton, daughter of Alphonso Hampton and Mary Anne Kirk, of Ballinacor.

*Sponsors*—John Ritchie M'Connell, Mary Anne Kirk.

**Porter**—David Wilfred, son of David and Anne Elizabeth Porter, of Lower Seagoe.

*Sponsors*—Maria Watson, Anne Elizabeth Porter.

**Metcalf**—Elizabeth Isobel Joan, daughter of Thomas Henry and Margaret Metcalfe, of Lower Seagoe.

*Sponsors*—Margaret Anne Costello, Margaret Metcalfe.

**Jennett**—Noel, son of William and Evelyn Jennett, of Edenderry.

*Sponsors*—William Jennett, Evelyn Jennett.

#### Burials.

**M'Ateer**—June 16th, Mary Jane M'Ateer, of Edenderry, aged 63. Interred at Tarraghagh.

**Graham**—June 20th, Jane Graham, of Edenderry, aged 82 years. Interred at Tullylish.

**Thompson**—William John Thompson, of Drumgor, aged 80 years. Interred at Aghalee.

**Atkinson**—July 1st, Ellen Atkinson, of Upper Seagoe, aged 58 years.

### Twenty-Five Years Ago.

JULY, 1907.

A Confirmation is announced to be held by the Bishop in Seagoe Church on Saturday, July 6th, at 12 noon. The Confirmation was held but not by Bishop Welland but by Dr. d'Arcy, our present Primate, then Bishop of Clogher. A great Bazaar and Fete had been held in the Recreation Grounds, Portadown, on Thursday, June 6th. The Ballyworkan Band headed the procession through the town. Mr. Moffett took some fine photos. In the tug-of-war the Carne boys, who had been trained by Mr. David Murray, beat all comers. Over 500 paid for admission to the sports. This most successful Sale



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and Sports was organised by Mr. W. R. Atkinson. Eleven Baptisms, one Marriage and 3 Burials are recorded. A Bible Class excursion to Dublin is announced for August 24th, at 4/- return, including admission to the Exhibition then being held.

### ITEMS

Tom Webb, formerly of Railway Street, sends the Rector a finely illustrated and most interesting Town Book commemorating the 250th Anniversary of the City of Charleston, South Carolina, U.S.A. He has been spending six weeks in Savannah, Georgia, and is now for six weeks enjoying the beauties of Charleston, which was founded in A.D. 1670.

Jim Porter, formerly of Kernan, sends a very fine description and picture of the new Bridge at Sydney, the biggest in the world. Jim is at present in Melbourne.

Miss Ruby Matchett, of Ballyhannon, a member of Seagoe Select Vestry, left for New Zealand on June 29th. She sails via the Panama Canal. This is Miss Matchett's second journey to New Zealand, where her sister resides.

An important Church of Ireland Conference will be held in the Mansion House, Dublin, from October 11th to October 14th, of this year. We would suggest that some of our Seagoe Parishioners should attend this Conference. Application for hospitality, etc., should be made to Mr. R. M. Wolfe, 43 Kildare St., Dublin.

Edward Vennard has greatly improved the surroundings of the Parochial Hall by planting

flowers which are very bright. The marigolds make a splendid show just now.

The pupils of Seagoe P. E. School visited on two successive days the very interesting exhibition of Ulster Industries held last week in the Market Hall, Portadown. Major Henderson kindly showed them round.

Mrs. Rennix, of Dundrum, formerly of Seagoe School, gave a very helpful address to the Seagoe Mothers' Union at their meeting on June 14th in Seagoe School.

The outside of the east end of the Parish Church is being pointed carefully so as to exclude all damp.

Mr. Scott, Rector's Churchwarden and Treasurer of the Sunday School Excursion to Bangor, was specially thanked for the great help he gave in making the excursion a success.

The amount received for the Drumgor Service of Song—"The Riversingers"—up to the present is £3 10s. If there are any sums still outstanding we would be glad to receive them.

We thank most heartily all those who kindly subscribed to the Excursion expenses. There is still a considerable deficit. We hope to publish a full statement of the accounts in our next issue.

The annual inspection of the pupils of Seagoe P.E. School in Religious Knowledge will be held by the Diocesan Inspector, the Rev. J. Armstrong, on Monday, July 4th.

### 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 each 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 thankoffering. (See Book of Common Prayer.)

**MORNING PRAYER**—Sundays and Chief Festivals, 11-30 a.m.

**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.

**BIBLE CLASS FOR MEN** in Edenderry on Sundays at 10 a.m.

**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 at 7 30 p.m.

**CHURCH LADS' BRIGADE** in the Parochial Hall on Tuesdays and Fridays.

**GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY** in Seagoe School on Mondays at 8 p.m.

**SEAGOE P.E. SCHOOL**, 9-15 a.m. Principal—Mr R. Scott.

**MARRIAGES** must be performed between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Licenses are issued by Rev Canon Hannan, Rector, 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. It will be a help to the Clergy if they are notified of the arrival of new Church families in the Parish.

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