

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

JUNE, 1912.

Our Summer Services.

PARISHIONERS who do not attend the Services in the Parish Church, when invited to come, often make the weather an excuse. They say "Ob, when the weather gets fine we will get out to Church," but very often such people allow the spring and summer to pass away without ever coming to a Service. We appeal to those who attend Church regularly to make an effort to bring others with them, so that Seagoe Church may be full to overflowing each Sunday. If every one of our regular worshippers would resolve to invite one other Parishioner each week the Church would soon be unable to accommodate the worshippers. The weather should never interfere with attendance at Church, but during the fine months of spring and summer it is perhaps easier to get non-Churchgoers to make a beginning in this direction. Seagoe Church has sittings for 550 worshippers, and as there are 3,200 members of the Church of Ireland in the Parish it should require but a small effort on the part of our people to fill up the vacant places at both services each Sunday. The Rector would be glad to give a list of names to anyone who would volunteer to do some visiting with a view to reaching those who do not attend Public Worship.

A Voyage to Queensland.

The following letter from Mr. Samuel Porter, son of Mr Richard Porter, who recently left Seagoe for Queensland, Australia, will be of interest to our readers. We wish Mr. Porter much blessing and prosperity in his new home.

S. S. Oswestry Grange,
February 16th, 1912.

On Friday, the 5th Jan. we left St. Pancras station for Tilbury Docks. At Tilbury we boarded a tender and sailed up to the Oswestry Grange lying off Tilbury. At night the anchor was drawn up and we sailed out of the Thames into the English Channel, and on Saturday, 6th, dropped our pilot off at Dover and then made for the open sea. We entered the Bay of Biscay on Sunday, 7th. We had very rough weather in the Bay. I told you in the last letter what it was like. On Monday, 8th, still in the Bay of Biscay we saw a few porpoises in the water. Tuesday, 9th, still in the Bay heavy swell ship rolling heavily. On Wednesday, 10th, out of the Bay and into the Atlantic Ocean. Friday, 12th, in the afternoon, we passed St. Vincent. Saturday, 13th, entered the Straits of Gibraltar, passed Gibraltar in the afternoon. Sunday, 14th, into the Mediterranean Sea, and on Friday, 19th, we had a rough sea and the spray was coming over the ship. On Saturday night arrived in Port Said at half-past nine, and it

was one of the nicest sights that ever was seen, I'm sure I was surprised when we got in view of it, we put out two search lights and then the pilot came and piloted us into Port Said. When we came in it was lit up with all colours of light. It was a sight to see. If I had been at home I would not have seen it. It was decorated for the King and Queen on their arrival from India. I'm sure you all heard of the King when he went to India. It was for him coming back again. The name of the King's boat is the Medina. She is a pretty boat. By good luck we anchored just about 20 yards from her. When the coolies started to coal our boat then the fun began. From they started to coal till we left, Blow, Blow, the whole time and the boat was not stopped hardly till the natives were in small boats alongside the ship with fruit and all sorts of articles. They won't let them on board, but they have all baskets and a rope so as it will reach up to the ship. They throw the rope up to you and you must put the money in the basket and lower it down to them and tell them what you want. Then they put the article in the basket, you pull it up and give them their basket back. Then they gathered around on Sunday morning was just the same until we left. It was a grand sight on Sunday morning when we got up on deck, just at the stern of our boat lay a troop ship, I don't know how many soldiers there were on board. They had just arrived from India, and when we were leaving they gave us a good cheer and then we came on to H.M.S. Medina. We just passed close by where the King was stopping. The passengers sung "God save the King" but we never saw him. I don't know where he was hid. There would not have been much happened him for the battle fleet was knocking around, some of the finest battleships ever I saw. It was a sight to see all those. Well let us get on, our anchor was drawn up and so we sailed away."

Church Attendance Cards.

(FOR QUARTER ENDING MARCH 31st, 1912)

SEAGOE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Possible Total, 65.

First Rank—60 and over—Tissie Quaile, 65; Mary J. Atkinson, 65; Wm. R. Holland, 64; Christina Livingstone, 62; Lily McKerr, 60; Thos. Dickson, 60.

Second Rank—55 to 60—Hennie Porter, 59; Bella McKerr, 57; Minnie McCormick, 56; Maggie Best, 55; Wm. J. Turkington, 55.

Third Rank—50 to 55—Jane England, 53; Teresa Ramsay, 53.

Fourth Rank—45 to 50—James Porter, 48; Christina Cordy, 48; Anna McLoughlin, 47; Annie Reid, 46.

EDENDERRY SUNDAY SCHOOL.

First Rank—60 and over—Emma Best, 64;

Maggie Magee, 63; Bella Magee, 62; Willie Best, 60.

Second Rank—55 to 60—Arthur Allan, 59; Maggie Forde, 55; Bessie Dawson, 55.

Third Rank—50 to 55—Jack Stoops, 54; George Watson, 52; William Cox, 52; Sarah Coulter, 51; Eveline Gates, 50; Sarah Walker, 50.

Fourth Rank—45 to 50—Jane Ford, 49; Samuel Johnston, 48; Flora Templeton, 47; Mollie Cox, 46; Minnie Allen, 46; Jack Hynds, 46; Emily Cox, 46; James Forde, 46; Kathleen Moore, 45; No name, 45.

C.M.S. Card Collections.

Seagoe Box Collections for Church Missionary Society, handed in March 1912. Total, £20 17s 0½d.

Seagoe—Total, 15s 11d.—Mrs. T. H. Wilson, 2s 1d; Mrs. J. McCabe, 1s 2d; Mrs. James Reid, 9½d; Mrs. S. Porter, 1s 11d; Miss Martha Porter, 10½d; Mrs. Collins, 2s 9d; Mrs. Ramsay, 2s 6d; Mrs. Ruddell, 6d; Mrs. Dickson, 2s; Mrs. James Twicem, 7d; sums under 6d, 93.

Edenderry—Total, £3 10s 7½d. Per Miss Armstrong, £8.—Mrs. Hadden, 8s 1d; Norman Grey, 2s 11d; Mrs. Stoops, 1s 2d; Mrs. Collins, 9s 1d; Miss Agnes Johnston, 2s 0½d; Mlle Zang, 18s; Miss S. Halliday, 7s 5d; Miss M. Cummings, 2s 7d; Mrs. C. Magee, 11½d; Thomas Metcalf, 7½d; William Tedford, 1s 4d; Miss Kathleen Moore, 7d; Mrs. Best, 7d; Mrs. David Thornton, 1s; Mrs. Ellis, 2s 7d; Miss Lizzie Stewart, 7½d; Mrs. W. Flannigan, 1s 6d; W. Cordy, 10½d; Mrs. Thomas Dawson, 7s; Jack Hynes, 1s 3d; per Miss F. A. Armstrong, for Medical Missions, £8; sums under 6d, 4½d.

Carne—Total, £1 17s 4½d.—Mrs. Martin, 2s 10½d; Mrs. Matchette, 8s 3d; Mrs. J. Lavery, 2s 0½d; Mrs. George Simpson, 1s 4d; Mrs. Price, 1s 3d; John Gordon, 2s 1d; Mrs. Charles Twinem, 2s; Miss Edith Guy, 2s 8d; Mrs. S. Coulter, 1s 8½d; Mrs. M'Mullan, 1s; Miss Judith Gilpin, 2s; Miss Annie Robb, 3s 0½d; Mrs. Caddell, 2s 8d; Mrs. Murray, 1s 8d; Mrs. James Simpson, 9d; Miss Minnie Holmes, 1s 10d; Andrew Costello, 2s 4d; Mrs. D. Magee, 1s 6d; Mrs. Graham, 1s 4½d.

Drumgor—Total, £2 1s.—Mrs. William Gracey, 2s 9d; John Lavery, 2s; Mrs. Isaac Best, 1s 9d; Mrs. Hopps, 1s 4d; Mrs. R. Gracey, 7s 6d; Miss Dinah Campbell, 1s 6d; Mrs. S. Best, 1s 11d; Mrs. R. Bickett, 11d; Mrs. Dickson, 4s; Mrs. Thomas Hoy, 1s 9d; Mrs. T. H. Russell, 9d; Mrs. M'Mullan, 2s 8½d; Mrs. Russell, 5s; Mrs. Turner, 5s 2d; Jas. Craig, 1s 9d; sums under 6d, 2½d.

Hacknahay—Total, £4 7s 4d.—John M'Dowell, 2s 3d; W. J. Calvert, 4s; Mrs. Bradshaw, 2s 11d; Miss Calvert, £1 10s 7d; Miss M. M'Cormick, 2s; Mrs. Maginness, 5s 7d; Mrs. Neill, 4s 4d; Miss S. Wilson, 1s 6½d; Miss R. Black, 4s 6d; Miss M. England, 2s 8½d; Miss Abraham, 3s 2½d; Miss R. Robinson, 1s; Miss Templeton, 7s 5d; Mrs. N. England, 3s 6d; Mrs. Thomas Neill, 1s 4d; Miss Rogers, 1s; Miss Sarah Ann Guy, 2s 7d; Mrs.

Quinn, 6s 4½d; Mrs. W. Wilson, 11d.

Sums received late—Howard Stevenson, 2s; Mrs. Frazer, 7d; Mrs. Coulter, 2s 2½d.

A Letter from America.

Paterson, May 14th, 1912.

Dear Mr. Archer,—I thought it would interest you and some of my Seagoe friends to hear something about our Church out here in Paterson. We have a nice Church here, St. Paul's Episcopal Church. We have a very fine Rector, Dr. Stewart Hamilton. He called to see me, and was very nice. He is well liked here, not only by his own congregation but all over the city. He does everything he can to make his people happy. The services are very interesting, everything is so bright; the singing is grand. We have a choir of a hundred voices, so you may know how good the singing is, and every one in the choir seems to take a great interest in it. They sing the Creed and all the Responses to the Prayers, which I think is very nice. The services are well attended. Everyone takes a great interest in the Church here, and seems to work hard for it. There was eleven hundred to Communion at Easter time. They had three services, and they had a splendid offering, five thousand dollars. The Rector was well pleased with it. And now a word about the city. It is very nice. We have some beautiful Parks. The place where I am living is noted for beautiful shady trees. Everything looks nice now. We are having lovely weather. I am living sixteen miles from New York city. The population is one hundred and fifty thousand, so you see it is not a small place. It makes me feel good to read your Parish Magazine that mother sends me every month. Trusting that God will bless you in all your work, and wishing you good health, I remain your true friend,

MINNIE GRAHAM,

372 Park Ave., Paterson, New Jersey.

P.S.—Remember me to all my Seagoe friends, particularly the Girls' Friendly Society.

Offertories for May.

"Though poor yet making many rich."

Sunday Mornings—£6 19s 6½d.

Sunday Evenings—£2 2s.

Week days — 14s 11d.

The Special Collection for the Day Schools at three services on Whit Sunday amounted to £3 8s 7d and are included in the above totals.

An Advertisement Puzzle.

The following words are taken, one from each of the advertisements in the Magazine. Can you find where they are?—Irish—Rubber—Telephones—Front—Glass—Sweet—Yard—Hunting—Cosy—Mad—House—Cups—Up-to-date—Care—Delicious—Purest Drugs—Hot—Hanger—Stove—Job—Publications—Watch. Every advertisement is included in the above list.

Hymns for June.

"Come before His presence with a Song."

2nd, M.—226,	415,	538,	590.	
„ E.—419,	228,	583,	584,	552.
9th, M.—520,	550,	495,	262,	
„ E.—275,	210,	465,	306,	482.
16th, M.—491,	273,	463,	166.	
„ E.—247,	126,	116,	38,	485,
23rd M.—490,	242,	448,	428.	
„ E.—291,	90,	158,	301,	453.
30th M.—493,	455,	445,	574.	
„ E.—56,	302,	388,	514,	542.

[The above list of Hymns to be sung in Seagoe Church on the Sundays in June, contains several which have never hitherto been sung in Seagoe. On June 2nd, which is Trinity Sunday, the day when candidates for the Christian Ministry are ordained, an Ordination Hymn has been chosen, and several of the Hymns have special reference to the great Doctrine of the Holy Trinity. The beautiful Communion Hymn 590, is also included. The list also includes several Hymns which express the joy and brightness of summer-time. The children who so regularly attend the Parish Church Services are not forgotten. A Children's Hymn has been included in each Sunday's list. Some of the hymns which have been chosen are suitable to the serious political crisis through which our country is now passing.]

Seagoe in Illinois, U.S.A.

Riverside, Ill., U.S.A., 27th April, 1912.

Dear Mr. Archer,—I have been long in writing to you this time, but I was very busy. I have left La Grange, and am in Riverside now. My employer opened a new store there, and sent me to manage it. I like Riverside fine; but I have not got to know many people yet. We have got a fine Episcopal Church here; Mr. Cooper is the Rector. We are having pretty nice weather here now. I suppose things are much the same as usual around Seagoe. I hear from home regularly. I am liking America very well, and getting on well too; Mr. Worthen (my boss), is a very good man to work for, and I like him very much. There is great comment over here as regards the Home Rule Bill. The papers write upon it regular. I have not got very much more to say at present, and news is very scarce. I will now close; I hope to hear from you soon. Goodbye. I am, dear Sir, yours truly,

MATTHEW JAMES ROBINSON.

The Sunday School Conference.

A Conference of Superintendents and Teachers of Seagoe Parish was held in Seagoe Schools on Thursday, May 30th. It began at 4.30 p.m. The first session lasted until 6 p.m. A paper was read by the Rev. F. B. Aldwell, Curate of Donaghcloney, on "The Preparation of the Lesson," and a second

paper on "The Teaching of the Lesson," by the Rev. G. Bloomer. Both papers were very useful, and were listened to with great interest by the many teachers present. Tea was partaken of at six o'clock. At 7 o'clock the Conference was resumed with a paper on "Defects in our Sunday School System," read by the Rev. W. P. Carmody, Rector of Knockbreda, Belfast. The Conference concluded with a paper on "The Devotional Life of the Sunday School Teacher" by the Rev. O. W. Scott, Rector of Gilford. Everyone present seemed to enjoy the Conference, and we believe it will help to make our Sunday Schools more efficient than they have been hitherto. Secular Education is rapidly advancing in the efficiency of its methods, and our Sunday Schools should not be allowed to remain stationary and antiquated in their methods.

After the Conference the members spent a short time in the Rectory grounds.

Seagoe Day School.

The following important entry was made in the Seagoe Report book by the Government Inspector on a recent surprise visit paid to the School:—

13th May, 1912, 9-10 a.m. visited the School

All the pupils except three are very neat, and clean, and the rooms are well kept.

Discipline is satisfactory.—THOS. J. CARROLL.

It must be very gratifying to the parents of the pupils attending the School to read the above report, and we thank them for the neatness displayed by the children, which testifies to the care taken by the parents at home.

Baptisms.

Watch well and guard with careful eye
The Heir of Immortality.

May 4th—Norman, son of James William and Mary
Isabella Roney, 17 Railway-st., Edenderry.

„ „ —Margaret, daughter of James and Jane
Reay, Balteagh.

„ „ —Christina, daughter of William Robert
and Amelia Coulter, Ballinary.

„ „ —William, son of Edmond and Sarah
Grimason, 9 Joseph Street.

„ „ —Kathleen, daughter of James and Sarah
Boyce, Bocombra.

„ „ —William, son of William Robert and
Anne Hughes, Tarson.

„ „ —William, son of William and Sarah Jane
Robinson, Ballymacrandle.

Burials.

Happy day!

That breaks our chain, that calls from exile home.

May 1st—Margaret McArdle, 10 Red Row, aged
4 weeks.

„ 11th—Mary Gilpin, Edenderry, aged 58.

„ 14th—John Livingstone, 30 Foundry Street,
Edenderry, aged 38.

„ 14th Joseph Totten, Railway Street, Banbridge,
aged 72.

Sunday School Excursion.

At the Conference of Superintendents and Teachers held last Thursday, it was decided to have the excursion this year either to Carrickblacker or the Recreation Grounds. It was felt that owing to the action of the Railway Company in raising the fares to Warrenpoint we would resume this year the old Seagoe custom of a local excursion. The excursion will be held on Thursday, June 20th. A splendid programme of sports and amusements is being arranged, and we look forward to a record outing this year. Full details will be announced in a few days.

Accident to Mr. Tom Best.

We regret to record the serious accident which befel Mr. Thomas Best, of Railway Street, in Portadown Foundry on Friday, May 24th. He was engaged in his work at the furnace when the molten metal exploded and he was very severely burned. We are glad to say he is improving, and has every prospect of a good recovery. Mr. Best is very popular in Edenderry, and has always been most useful in connection with the work of the church in Edenderry District. He is a gold medallist in the men's class, and an unfailing attender with his family at the Parish Church. We hope soon to have him with us again.

Items.

Mr. James Mackenzie sends us his Parish Leaflet from St. David's Episcopal Church, Delta, U.S.A. It is very interesting and shows what strenuous work is being done in that important centre.

Seagoe Choir drove in brakes to Dromore on Saturday May 25th, and took part in the Lurgan Choral Union Festival in the Cathedral at 4.30. The Festival was very successful.

The members of the Select Vestry and also the Teachers in our Day Schools spent evenings at the Rectory last month on the invitation of the Rector.

The annual Examination in Religious Knowledge for the children attending the Day Schools was held on Friday, May 31st, by the Rev. W. T. Wilkinson, M.A., Diocesan Inspector. Sarah Martin won the Medal and a Special Prize. Tom Johnston was awarded a Book Prize. In Hacknahay School Lilly England and David Thompson were awarded special prizes.

The Rector lectured on "Napoleon the Great" in Carne Hall on Tuesday, May 7th. There was a good attendance, and the proceeds of the lecture will go towards the purchase of the Harmonium for Carbet services.

We regret to record the serious illness of Miss S. Hawthorne, of Joseph Street, who has just returned from Pasaic, U.S.A.

Old Seagoe Notes.

Churchwardens of Seagoe (Continued).

It is interesting to see at a glance the names of the Churchwardens of Seagoe in two centuries. It will be noticed that even after the lapse of 100 years the same family names recur.

1779—William Robinson.	1879—James Atkinson.
William Willson.	James Morrison.
1780—John Irwin.	1880—James Atkinson.
John Metcalf, jun.	John Montgomery.
1781—Richard Willson.	1881—James Atkinson.
John Watson.	John Montgomery.
1782—Henry Quarry.	1882—William F. Armstrong.
David Miller.	Leonard Jennett.
1783—Joseph Lynas.	1883—William Gough.
William Smurfit.	James Calvert.
1784—Robert Calvert.	1884—William Robinson.
John M'Cann.	Capel Reid.

Margaret Byers, founding, 1780.—Extract from Seagoe Registers.—At a Vestry held this 6th of June, 1780, it was agreed that Margaret M'Gawley shall receive of the Churchwardens fifteen shillings for carrying a deserted female infant named Margaret Byers to the Foundling Hospital in Dublin, said child being clothed with one Coat, one Barrow, one Shift, one Cap, for which, and keeping two weeks, is allowed seven shillings and 6½d, which, together with 15s, makes £1 2s 6½d.

RICHARD BUCKBY, Minister.
WILLIAM ROBINSON.
WILLIAM WILLSON.
ISAAC CLAYTON.

Sale of a Seat in Old Seagoe, 1749.—The following quaint entry occurs in the Registers.—I hereby acknowledge to have sold my wright and title of a seat in the Parish Church of Sego, Belonging to my husband, John Ray, for five shillings sterling to John Wattson, senr., and John Wattson, junr., Ezekiel Cherry, John M'Dowell. As witness my Hand this 13th day of July, 1749.

Witness present,
Mary Yemans,
James Budell,
Thomas Gilpin.
her
ELIZ X RAY.
mark.

Sworn before us at a Vestry held at Sego on Easter Tuesday, 1779.

JOHN MATHERS, } Wardens.
NICHOLAS PURDY, }

A true copy of this is in John Wattson's hand.

Extent of Old Seagoe Parish.—

The Parish of Seagoe originally included 57 townlands. In the year 1766 ten of these townlands were taken to form the Parish of Moyntiaghs or Ardmore. In 1838 eight more were taken to form the Parish of Knocknamuckley, and in 1878 ten more were taken and added to the Parish of Shankill, leaving 29 townlands in the Ecclesiastical Parish of Seagoe.