

# Seagoe Parish Magazine.

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## SEAGOE SUNDAY SCHOOL EXCURSION, 1913.

The Annual Sunday School Excursion will take place (D.V.) to Warrenpoint, on Tuesday, June 17th, 1913. The various Sunday Schools will assemble at the Parish Church, at 8 a.m., and after a Short Service will march to the Station. The Special Train will leave Portadown at 9-15 a.m. Price of Tickets to Sunday School Children (see Handbills), including 2 Refreshments—under 12, 9d each; 12 to 14, 1/- each; 14 and over, 1/3 each; Teachers and Bible Class Members, 1/6. Outsiders (if bought beforehand), 1/6; on Morning of Excursion, 2/- . Train leaves Warrenpoint at 7 p.m.

### THE CONFIRMATION.

Sunday, June 8th at 7 p.m.

**T**HE day of Confirmation, to which so many are looking forward, is rapidly approaching. At present there are eight separate Preparation Classes being held each week in the Parish, and we are glad to note how regularly the Candidates are attending them. This Confirmation promises to be the largest of any held in recent years, and the Candidates are receiving a careful preparation in the truths of the Christian faith. Attention is being given not merely to their instruction in the doctrines and practices of the Church, but an effort is also being made to ensure that they will have that preparation of heart which is the most important thing of all. We ask the parents and sponsors of the Candidates to give the young people all the sympathy and encouragement they can. It is not an easy thing for a young Christian to step out boldly and manfully on the side of Christ and in the face of the Congregation to proclaim his loyalty to the Saviour, and so these candidates need our prayerful help so that at this crisis of their life they may not merely with their lips but in their lives give proof of their high calling in Christ Jesus.

On the evening of the Confirmation the Candidates will assemble in Seagoe School at 6-15, and will then be given their cards of admission to Confirmation. Each Candidate must have a Prayer Book and Hymnal. Places will be reserved in the Church for the Candidates.

On Sunday, June 15th, there will be special Celebrations of Holy Communion in the Parish Church at 8 a.m., and also after Morning Prayer for those who have been Confirmed, and any others who desire to communicate.

On the Sunday preceding the Confirmation, June 1st, Special Sermons will be preached on "Confirmation and Holy Communion."

### Two Presentations.

It is not often that we have to chronicle two Presentations on the same evening in the same month. Last month a Presentation was made to Mr. Herbert Murray by the members of the Choir on the occasion of his approaching departure from the Parish for Canada. Mr. Murray has been very useful in helping forward all good work in the Parish and his services in the Choir have always

been rendered willingly and efficiently. The Presentation took the form of a Travelling Rug, and it was given to Mr. Murray at a Social Meeting held in Seagoe School, on Monday, May 19th. Mrs. T. H. Wilson, at the request of the Rector, handed the gift to Mr. Murray, and at the same time expressed the good wishes of all the members of the Choir for his future welfare in the land of his adoption. On the same evening a Presentation was made in the Anchor Cafe to Mr. Hugh Stoops, the popular and capable Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the Edenderry Men's Recreation Rooms. The Presentation took the form of a Writing Desk, of a very handsome and useful pattern, designed and made in Edenderry by Mr. Lysk. Mr. David Rock presided, and speeches were delivered by the Rector, the Rev. G. Bloomer, and Mr. J. J. Dobson. Mr. Stoops, in a written reply, thanked the members for their kind gift. Songs were sung by several of those present. Mr. Hugh Stoops most generously entertained all present to supper. We are glad to know that the Men's Recreation Rooms are so well patronised, and we hope in the near future that new premises more roomy and better suited for their purpose will be erected in Edenderry.

### Examination in Religious Knowledge.

The Diocesan Inspector (Rev. J. H. Mervyn, M.A.) held his annual examination in Religious Knowledge in Seagoe and Hacknahay Schools, on Thursday, May 22nd. There was a full attendance of the pupils in both schools.

The Inspector's Report for Seagoe School (Junior Department) was as follows:—

The Junior Division in this School made an excellent examination. All their repetition was excellently said, and a very good and intelligent knowledge of the Life of our Lord was shown especially by the older of them.

The Seniors were presented in Courses I and II. In Course I the Scripture repetition was well said. In Course II the answering on Scripture was very good and the Repetition was well said. The number of children examined was 154, and of those 137 passed the examination. The following received Certificates—Course I—Emma Best (full marks) Edward Crawford and John Patton. Course II—Sarah Martin, Mary Crawford, Margaret Quinn, John

Atkinson. Second Rank Certificates were awarded to Tissie Quaile and Sam Magee (equal) and Pearl Reid. A Certificate in Scripture was awarded to Florrie Irwin.

The Inspector's report for **Hacknahay** School was as follows : -

These Children did very well. The Juniors showed a very good knowledge of the Life of our Lord, and considering how young they are, answered very intelligently. The Seniors were presented in Course II. They answered well. Their Scripture Repetition was well said.

Certificates in Course II were awarded to—Eliza Thompson, William Livingstone, and Sarah Livingstone. In Scripture John McGrattan was "commended."

**ITEMS.**

Seagoe Orange Hall is undergoing enlargement and improvement. It will be a very fine and handsome building when finished.

The Orange Hall at Tamnificarbet is also being enlarged and improved. The Services in the Hall on Sunday evenings continue to be very well attended.

Mr. Dorman, our enterprising County Surveyor, has obtained permission to lay 100 yards of the Lurgan Road with tar Macadam.

The trees around Seagoe Church are looking very pretty with the new ivy which is making its way up their trunks.

Mrs. Gerald Atkinson, and Mrs. Robb and others, send illustrated papers to the Men's Recreation Room, Edenderry, which are much appreciated by the members.

The Choral Festival for Lurgan District Choral Union will be held in Waringstown, on Saturday, May 31st, at 4.30. Seagoe choir will take part in it.

Mrs. Robinson, of Tamnificarbet, and her family have sailed for Gilbertville, Massachusetts, U S.A.

We would warn our people against the proselytizing efforts being made in Portadown and neighbourhood by representatives of some strange American sects, who are continually trying to gain adherents especially among young people. Parents should be on their guard.

Miss Mary Wilson, daughter of Mr. T. H. Wilson, Organist of Seagoe, has obtained a "Pass with distinction" in Piano playing at an examination in connection with the London College of Music held in Portadown.

We regret to hear that Mrs. Hobson, the wife of the Rev. Precentor Hobson, has been seriously ill,

but we are glad to know that she is rapidly regaining health and strength.

Two new Locomotives are running on the G N.R. They are very fine engines, driven by superheated steam, capable of attaining a very high speed and saving 30 cwt. of coal on the run from Dublin to Belfast.

We regret that we omitted in a recent issue to record the death of a well-known and highly respected Parishioner, Mrs Jane Magee, of Kernan. Her remains were interred in Tartaraghan Graveyard on Sunday, March 16th, and the funeral was largely attended.

The Rector preached the Empire Day Sermon in Belfast Cathedral on Sunday, May 25th.

Bishop D'Arcy, who is to hold the Confirmation in Seagoe on June 8th, administered the rite six years ago (in 1907) in Seagoe Church during the illness of Bishop Welland. He was at that time Bishop of Clogher.

Portadown Unionist Clubs were reviewed by a retired officer of the Grenadier Guards, at Carrickblacker on Tuesday evening, May 27th, on the kind invitation of Major Blacker. There was a splendid turn out of the men, who marched with fine military precision.

Seagoe Girls' Bible Class has largely increased in numbers. All the Bible Classes have recently increased, and now total each Sunday morning between 130 and 140 members.

Now is the time to secure a hive of Bees. It is not merely a source of pleasure but of profit. Get your Beehives at M'Gredy's.

The Seagoe Packets of Seed are growing vigorously and will soon be in blossom. If you have a good show of bloom the Editor would like to see it and get it photographed for the Magazine.

Mr. John M'Cann, of Ballymacrandle, has kindly presented the Rector with a Wallet of the Old Seagoe Yeomanry in perfect preservation.

We deeply regret to announce the death at an early age of Charles Wilson, of Drumnagoon. He had a long and trying illness, but he bore it with uncomplaining resignation to His Heavenly Father's will. He was very popular with everyone, and as a member of the Irish Horse was chosen with others to represent that fine Corps at the King's Coronation. All our readers will sympathise very deeply with his parents and sisters in this sad affliction which has befallen them.

## Sunday School and Church Attendance Cards.

### CARNE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

- 1ST RANK. 60—65. None.  
 2ND RANK. 55—60. Agnes Costello, 55.  
 3RD RANK 50—55. Hannah B. Caddell, 52 ; Jas. Simpson, 52 ; Adelaide Murray, 51 ; Lillie Simpson, 51 ; Wm. J. Costello, 51.  
 4TH RANK. 45—50. Andrew Costello, 47 ; Robert G. Connelly, 46 ; James L. Costello, 45.

### Presentation to Mr. D. Best.

A Presentation was made to Mr. David Best in Drumgor School on the afternoon of April 6th by the Teachers and Children of Drumgor Sunday School. Mr. Best has for many years been a teacher in Drumgor Sunday School, and has helped us in many ways in the Parish. He is very popular with everyone, and we wish him and Mrs. Best on the occasion of their marriage much happiness.

### Congratulations.

We offer our hearty congratulations to Sergeant Long, of Edenderry R.I.C Barrack, on his promotion by examination to the rank of Head Constable. Sergeant Long has during his charge of the Edenderry Barrack proved himself a most capable and efficient officer. He is always on the spot and nothing escapes his alert eye. He is a terror to evil-doers, but the law-abiding members of the community have learned to appreciate highly his tact and good judgment. We wish him and Mrs. Long and their family much prosperity, and we will be very sorry to lose them from our midst. Bridge Street will seem quite different when we no longer see him with his stalwart stride patrolling the place at all hours of the day and night.

### Sunday Evening Mission Services.

These Services are held in Edenderry Parochial Hall every Sunday evening at 8-30 p.m. Although the attendance is very fair we have not yet got the sympathetic support of the residents of the District. We issue a hearty invitation to the people residing in the streets near the Hall to come to these bright and helpful services.

### Missionary Afternoons.

A series of Missionary Afternoons is being held in the Parish and with much success. The first was held in Seagoe School on Thursday, May 15th at 3-30. After tea an address on Missionary work in China was given by Miss Greer, of Lurgan. The collection at the close amounted to £1 0s. 6d. On Thursday, May 22nd, a similar gathering was held in Drumgor Church Hall. There was a large atten-

dance. After tea addresses on Mission Work were given by the Rector and the Rev. J. Bloomer. The collection at the close realised 10/6. Mrs. M'Mullen, Mrs. T. Martin and Miss M'Mullen kindly assisted at tea. On Thursday, May 29th, a Missionary Afternoon was held in Hacknahay School. The attendance was large, and the collection for Missions was liberal.

On succeeding Thursdays the Missionary Afternoons will be held in Edenderry, Levaghery and Carne.

### PARISH REGISTER FOR MAY. Baptisms.

"My grace is sufficient for thee."

Baptized on May 3rd, 1913.

**Fletcher**—Gertrude, daughter of Joseph and Jane Elizabeth Fletcher, Killicomaine.

*Sponsors*—Jane Elizabeth Fletcher—Edith Livingston.

**Girvan**—Maria, daughter of John and Martha Girvan, Tarson.

*Sponsors*—Martha Girvan—Winifred Coulter.

**Walker**—James, son of John and Letitia Walker, Drumnagoon.

*Sponsors*—Letitia Walker—Sarah Mary Porter.

**Watson**—Samuel James, son of Joseph and Anne Watson, Killicomaine.

*Sponsors*—Anne Watson—Ellen Maria Watson.

**Magee**—Eveline May, daughter of George and Margaret Magee, Belfast.

*Sponsors*—Anne Jane Patton—Sarah Mary Porter.

Privately Baptized on May, 16th, 1913—

**Best**—Anne, daughter of James and Annie Best, Drumnacanvey.

### Marriage.

"Till death us do part."

**Graham and Stewart**—April, 1913, by the Rev. Francis Taitt, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Chester, Pennsylvania, U.S.A., Valentine Graham, late of Edenderry, Parish of Seagoe, to Margaret Ross Stewart, of Chester, U.S.A.

### Burials.

"Thine eyes shall see the King in His beauty."

**Sturgeon**—May 4th—Rachel Sturgeon, Ballyhannon, aged 72 years.

**Metcalfe**—May 19th—David William Metcalf, Belfast, aged 30 years.

**Wilson**—June 1st—Charles Wilson, Drumnagoon, aged 27 years.

**Hymns for June.**

"The Lord's name be praised."

**June 1st.—M.**—327, Jesus calls us ; 275, O God of Bethel ; 378, Oft in danger ; 379, Onward Christian Soldiers. **E.**—234, To celebrate Thy praise ; 276, Lead kindly Light ; 375, Lord shall Thy Children ; 22, The radiant morn ; 24, Saviour breathe an evening blessing.

**June 8th.—M.**—3, Through all the dangers ; 36, O God of Hosts ; 42, We love Thy Kingdom, Lord ; 134, No, not despairingly. **E.**—Confirmation Service—594, Stand up for Jesus ; 377, Soldiers of Christ arise ; 376, Thine for ever.

**June 15th.—M.**—476, At Thy feet ; 225, Holy, Holy, Holy ; 365, Jesus, to Thy Table led. **E.**—333, The roseate hues ; 196, Glory, Glory, everlasting ; 332, Let me be with Thee ; 166, When I survey ; 172, Jesus and shall it ever be.

**June 22nd.—M.**—341, Jerusalem, my happy home ; 242, I'll praise my Maker while I've breath ; 614, Summer suns are glowing ; 584, Jesus, Thou hast willed it. **E.**—552, O Everlasting Light ; 425, Through Him who all ; 335, The Church's one foundation ; 116, How beautiful are their feet ; 18, Another day is past.

**June 29th.—M.**—247, O Worship the King ; 326, My blessed Saviour, is Thy love ; 336, Glorious things ; 354, O what, if we are Christ's. **E.**—337, Far from these narrow scenes of night ; 330, Who is there like Thee ; 465, When Jesus left his Father's throne ; 448, To Thee, our God, we fly ; 400, Forever with the Lord.

**Offertories for May.**

Sundays—Mornings	...	£7	6	5	
Evenings	...	2	14	6	
Week days	...	0	10	2	
Total,		...	£10	11	1

The Collections on Whitsunday, amounting to £4 5s 4d were devoted to Day School expenses.

**Nature Notes.**

**Birds**—The Cuckoo, whose notes are so frequently heard just now, is called from its voice, in every language. The Romans called it Cuculus, the French call it Coucou, the Germans Kuck kuk, the Dutch Koekoek. The Cuckoo is always referred to as 'she' in this Parish. "There she is," "I heard her" and so on, but it is the male bird that makes the cry, the female has only a laughing note, which has been described as "Kickikickicki."

The nest of the Chaffinch takes a fortnight to build and is the most beautifully constructed of all British nests. It is walled round with green and always decorated with little sprays of white lichen or even scraps of paper.

**Flowers**—The following wild flowers are to be seen now in bloom throughout Seagoe Parish. Germander Speedwell, brilliant blue blossom, small, Bluebell, Cuckoo Pint (curious shape like an opening Lily bud), Ivyleaved Toadflax on every old wall, a small plant, with pale lilac flower and thread like branches, Greater Stitchwort, tall straggling plant with white star-shaped flowers, very plentiful this year.

**Stars**—Perhaps the constellation easiest to be found this month is the Plough or Great Bear which

is almost overhead during June. The small but easily distinguished constellation Corona Borealis may be seen each evening this month nearly due South. June 21st is the longest day, the sun rises at 3-44 a.m. and sets at 8-19 p.m.

**Old Seagoe Notes.**

**Seagoe Easter Vestry 1782.**—At a Vestry held in the Parish Church of Seagoe on Easter Tuesday, April 2nd, 1782, the following persons were chosen Churchwardens, and the following sums were laid on by the Minister, Churchwardens and Parishioners to be raised off the Parish by way of cess.

HENRY QUARRY, }  
DAVID MILLER, } Churchwardens.

To the Parish Clerk, £6 10s.; Sexton, £2; Elements, £2 10s.; Visitation Fees, 16s. 3d.; Washing Church Linnen, 8s. 8d.; Applotting Church Cess, 5s. 5d.; Richard Wilson, £2; Peter Metcalf, £2; Anthony Wright, £2; to repairing the Church and making a seat for the Churchwardens, £5; to two Common Prayer Books for the Church Use, £1 10s. 2d.; to a Pair of Gates for the Churchyard, £3; To Mary Porter for Ringing the Bell Morning and Evening, at six in ye Morning from ye 25th of March to ye 29th of September, and at eight in the winter, and at nine at night throughout the year, £1 8s. 3d.; January 7th, 1783, Expence of Sending 2 Children to Dublin, £2 5s. 6d. Total, £31 14s 3d.

RICHARD BUCKBY, Minister.

Out of the balance of £1 10s. 6d. in my hands one pound ten shillings and two pence was paid for two Church Prayer Books and Carriage from Dublin by me and there remains 4d.

RICHARD BUCKBY.

**Church accounts for 1743.**—To Hugh M'Doon for maintaining Rose M'Doon a Parish Charge, £2; to Henry Magoune, a distempered man, £1; to Widow Callachan for maintaining 3 small Children £1.

**Whitewashing Seagoe New Church, 1818.**—At a Vestry held in the Parish Church of Seagoe, on the 12th of May, 1818, the sum of £2 13s 5d was handed over by the late Churchwardens to Robert Watson, one of the present Churchwardens to the Parish, particularly for the purpose of immediately getting the inside of the New Church properly whitewashed.

STEWART BLACKER, Minister.  
EDWARD GEOGHEGAN, Curate.

**The Big Stone at Ballinacor, 1812.**—At a Vestry held in the Parish of Seagoe, on Tuesday, the 1st of September, 1812, the sum of £3 was paid to David Ruddle, William Ruddle, and James Dillon "to repair the road between the big stone in Ballinacor and the Glebe Moss."

**Webstown in Seagoe, 1747.**—Bryan McCan in Webstown buried ye 19th day August, 1747, and son to pay ye Dues.