

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

JUNE, 1925.

CLERGY :

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

Rev. William T. Wilson, M.A., 20 Edward Street, Portadown.

Rev. Robert W. Johnston, L.Th., 35 Church Street, Portadown.

Easter Vestry Appointments.

CHURCHWARDENS :

Mr. Robert Price (Rector's).

Mr. Thomas Martin (People's).

SELECT VESTRY :

Miss Atkinson, Messrs. M. Gŕpin, John Montgomery, J. G. Gracey, James Twinem, Hugh Stoops, J. E. Lavery, Isaac Dickson, W. H. England, Miss N. Montgomery, Messrs. T. E. Maginnis, and R. M'Clements.

HON SEC :

Mr. Moses Gilpin.

HON. TREAS :

Mr. Hugh Stoops.

SIDESMEN :

Messrs. J. Twinem, J. G. Gracey, R. M'Clements, R. Hoy, J. Sands, I. Dickson, J. Carson, J. Ford, D. W. Murray, S. Rennix, J. Reid, and W. H. England.

The Confirmation.

The Lord Bishop if the Diocese will (D.V.) hold a Confirmation in the Parish Church on Tuesday, June 30th, at 8 p.m.

Confirmation Classes.

The Classes for the Confirmation Candidate are now being held. The Class for Girls meets in Seagoe School on Mondays at 8, and the Class for Boys in the same place on Fridays at 8. Large numbers of young people are attending the classes and are showing much interest in them. The following subjects have been already dealt with in the classes—The Scripture Basis of Confirmation—The Baptismal Covenant—The Articles of our Belief—Our Duty to God—Our Duty towards our Neighbour—Prayer and the Lord's Prayer—The Two Sacraments—The Office of Holy Communion. Only four more classes will be held before the Confirmation. A regular and punctual attendance at the classes is required.

A Word to Sponsors.

We hope that the Godparents of the young people about to be Confirmed will be present with their God-children at the Confirmation. Having watched over and prayed for the child for whom they stood Sponsor they will at the Confirmation see and hear their God-child take upon himself or herself the vows and promises made in their name at the Font. A nice present to give to a young person newly-Confirmed is a Bible.

Prayer for Confirmation Candidates

To be Used Daily by Parishioners.

O GOD, our Heavenly Father, bless all those who are being prepared for Confirmation (especially those in this Parish.) Help them to attend duly to the instructions of their Teachers. Fit and prepare their hearts to receive the Holy Ghost, with His seven-fold gifts, in the Laying on of Hands of the Bishop. And grant that they may remain Thy faithful servants to the end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Confirmation Prayer.

To be Used by Candidate Daily.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who didst make me Thine own child in Holy Baptism, I humbly beseech Thee to prepare me for the solemp day of Confirmation. Make me to feel the need of Thy Grace. Teach me all I ought to know. Help me to love Thee more. And when the hand of the Bishop is laid on me, grant me the Holy Spirit, with all His seven-fold gifts, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Special Services.

On Sunday, July 5th, the Sunday after the Confirmation, there will be Celebrations of Holy Communion in the Parish Church both at 8 a.m. and after Morning Prayer.

The Board of Education.

Sermons on behalf of the Diocesan Board of Education will (D.V.) be preached in the Parish Church on Sunday, June 7th, at Morning and Evening Prayer. Envelopes were distributed through the pews last Sunday (May 31st) on which an appeal was printed for the work of the Board. We ask our people to please place in the Envelope a sum in some degree worthy of the great work of Religious Education carried out by the Board in our Day and Sunday Schools. "The Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." St. Paul said to Timothy "From a child thou hast known the Holy Scriptures which are able to make thee wise unto salvation."

The Choral Festival.

The Annual Festival of the Choral Union will be held (D.V.) on Saturday, June 6th, in Gilford Parish Church at 4 p.m. The Rev. John Bentley, Rector of Jonesboro', a distinguished musician and formerly a member of Armagh Cathedral Choir, will act as Conductor. The preached will be the Rev. J. E. Olden, M.A., Rector of Ballysillan, Belfast. Seagoe Choir is taking part in the Festival. Those amongst us who are interested in Church Music should attend the Service.

Sunday School Excursion.

We are now just three weeks from that great event—the Seagoe Sunday School Excursion. Great preparations are being made for it, and everyone looking forward to it. The actual date of the Excursion is Thursday, June 25th. The Sunday Schools will assemble at the Parish Church for a short Service at 8. The trains will leave Portadown at 9.30 and 9.50, and in the evening will leave Warrenpoint at 8 and 8.20. A splendid field has been secured for the excursionists. Refreshments will be distributed at 11.30 and 5. In case of rain (but we always expect "Seagoe weather") the Parochial Hall and Orange Hall have been kindly reserved for our use. The price of Tickets will be as follows:—

Children under 8	...	...	9d.
Children under 14	...	...	1s 3d.
Children over 14	...	...	1s 9d.
Teachers and Bible Classes	...	...	2s

The above prices include two Refreshments.

Outsiders Tickets (no Refreshments) ... 2s 6d.
Outsiders can obtain the two Refreshments by purchasing a Refreshment Ticket at 1s.

Tickets (2s 6d) for Outsiders are now on sale from the Superintendents of Sunday Schools and at the Local Shops. Secure your Ticket at once.

Letter from Rev. W. R. Crichton.

The Rector has received the following interesting letter from our old friend, the Rev. W. R. Crichton. His many friends will be glad to read it:—

Fort St. George,
Madras, 13th May, 1925.

I do not think that I wrote to you since I came to my new sphere. The Garrison Chaplain went sick last December, and eventually was sent home on sick leave in March. As the post must be filled by a Chaplain on the Ecclesiastical Establishment, I was moved down here, and a C.M.S. man put in to fill my place at the Cathedral till we get a new recruit. Government tried to get one for us, but without success.

You would luxuriate in the antiquities of this place. My Church is the oldest British building in India, and is known as the Westminster Abbey of the East. The foundation stone was laid on 25th March, 1673, and the edifice was consecrated on 28th October, 1680. I have all the records from that date, except for three years during which the French

held Madras. Our Alms Dish was presented by Elihu Yale, afterwards founder of Yale University, when he was Governor of Madras. It is dated 1687. We have a lot of other silver, too, of immense value. One plate would probably fetch about £700 per oz. in London. I have the entry of Clive's marriage in my books, and Wellesley's signature. He and Warren Hastings were worshippers in the old place. The only drawback to our antiquity and magnificence is that a lot of visitors invade the Fort, and waste a lot of my time. Of course some of them are interesting folk, and one does not grudge the necessary hour and a half which they take from the day's work. I had Dr. and Mrs. Grenfell, of Labrador fame, round recently. They were well worth a little trouble.

My work here is rather more varied than usual. In the Fort itself I have the Lancashire Fusiliers, the Army School, and the British Station Hospital. My extra-mural work is the Civil Hospital, the Penitentiary, the Ordnance Lines, some civilians, and I am supposed to be a sort of Port Chaplain. On the whole there is not much time to eat the bread of idleness. I have also recently been appointed Hon. Clerical Sec. of the Madras Diocesan Council, which involves the secretarial work of four or five sub-committees. Our Diocesan Council corresponds to your Diocesan Synod, and our Diocesan Standing Committee takes the place of your Diocesan Council. The work is most interesting, as we are immersed in Disestablishment problems, but I find it difficult to get the old Church of Ireland terminology out of my head. Fortunately our Bishop knows the Irish Constitution and can understand me.

I am afraid there is not much news in all the above, but I flatter myself that you still have an interest in the career of him who was practically your first curate. I think you once called me "the raw material." At present I am more or less roasting. Our hot weather has begun in earnest, and most of us have discarded all the unnecessary garments. All the lucky people have migrated to the Hills, and left us Empire Builders to grill on the Plains.

Quite recently I discovered that I shall have a year's furlough due to me on 1st March, 1926, and, as I always do the obvious thing, I applied for eight month's leave. My scheme is to land at Naples or Genoa, and proceed to my family in Switzerland. After a couple of months there we would migrate to London and thence to Ireland. If this comes off, I may want a Locum Tenency for a couple of months.

How is your "wireless" getting on? Madras is keen now, and I have been asked to broadcast their first sermon. The idea is a bit alarming. However I shall not see the effect on the congregation.

With kind regards to everyone in Seagoe,

Yours ever,

W. R. CRICHTON.

Death of Rev. R. S. Morrison, B.D.

Seagoe people will much regret the death of the Rev. R. S. Morrison, Rector of Ballymore (Tandragee). Mr. Morrison appeared to be in his usual health until two days before his death, and even on the Sunday afternoon a few hours before he passed away he was quite bright and cheerful. Mr. Morrison had often been with us in Seagoe, and everyone liked him for his brightness and goodness. The Funeral on Tuesday, May 26th, was very largely attended. The Rector of Seagoe and the Rev. R. W. Johnston were present. The interment took place at Ballymoney in the Co. Antrim, the family burying place.

Rev. W. T. Wilson.

We announce with much regret that the Rev. W. T. Wilson, who has been Curate in Seagoe for the past two years, will soon be leaving the Parish. Mr. Wilson has been appointed to the Curacy of Birr in the Diocese of Killaloe by the Rev. W. Daly, Rector of Birr. Before coming to Seagoe Mr. Wilson was for some years Curate of Maryborough in the Diocese of Ossory. His tenure of the Curacy of Seagoe will terminate on July 31st. Mr. Wilson has discharged his duties in Seagoe Parish very faithfully, and has made many friends among the parishioners. We will miss him very much. He has recently been laid by with a severe cold, but is now better and is recuperating for a couple of weeks at his home in the County Wicklow.

The Rev. J. N. Mackenzie.

The Rev. J. N. Mackenzie, the Edenderry boy who is now Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Nebraska, U.S.A., and whose interesting letters have on several occasions been published in this magazine, hopes to pay a visit to Seagoe in August. He is crossing over in July to attend a course of Lectures in Oxford, and will then come and see his old friends here and in Waringstown and Rostrevor.

The Blacker Bequest.

In our Annual Report each year under the heading "Poor Fund" may be seen the words "Blacker Bequest" £1 15s 0d. It is paid to the Hon. Treasurer by Mr. W. H. Atkinson about February in each year. Mr. Atkinson has very kindly sent us an account of the Bequest. It is paid out of the Loftie Estate for which Mr. Atkinson acts as Agent. The following note occurs in the Topographical Dictionary of Ireland published in 1837 under the heading of Ballymore (Tandragee) Parish:—"The interest of a Bequest of £100 by some member of the Montague family is divided in equal shares among the poor of the Parishes of Ballymore and Seagoe." The Bequest must therefore be considerably over 100 years in existence.

Nine Years Ago.

[Extracts from the War Diary of the late Herbert Murray, P.P.C.L.I.]

1916—Feb. 25th.—Stand to 5.30. Very cold. Fatigue filling and carrying sandbags. Lively shelling on both sides. Two shells fell where we were working while away for dinner. Stand to 5.30. Commenced to snow.

Saturday, Feb. 26th.—Stand to 5.30. Fatigue making a traverse. Night warned for Listening Post. My first experience of sitting out in "No Man's Land." Three reliefs during night. One hour on and two off. Very cold, and snow in morning.

Sunday, Feb. 27th.—Wrote letter in morning. Slept in afternoon. Warned for Listening Post again to-night. Left front line trenches and took shelter in support trenches during a sharp bombardment, trench mortars, etc. No casualties.

Feb. 28th.—Prepared to go to billets for few days rest. Relieved by 42nd.

Feb. 29th.—Got up about 8.30. Clean up. Hostile aircraft flying over our huts. Attacked by our machines and driven off. Parade and inspection of rifles at 10.50. Night fatigue ploughing through mud up to our knees. Carrying stakes up to front line trenches. Got back about 10 o'clock.

March 1st.—Got up about 8 a.m. At 9.15 to Locre. Afternoon did nothing. Told to sleep with boots and putties on, and have everything ready for any emergency, as liable to be called out at moment's notice.

March 2nd.—Woke up at 4.30 a.m. by terrific bombardment of our big guns. Huts shook like leaves with concussion. Morning about an hour's physical drill. Afternoon continuation of bombardment on a smaller scale. Warned to be ready to be called out at any moment. Night fatigue, went to Regent Street along Suicide Road, but nothing to do when we got there, so returned to billets about 10 o'clock.

March 3rd.—Got up about 8 o'clock. Woke up two or three times during night by big guns. Fell in in full marching order, and marched to Chateau at Kemmel. Called out on fatigue, went to front line through communication trench, plunging through mud up to knees. Nothing to do so got back about 9.30. Some shells fell in Kemmel shelters, where we left, and wounded some of 42nd and 49th. Weather very wet and cold.

March 4th.—Got up about 8 o'clock. Snowing. Nothing to do in morning. Afternoon fell in at 4.45 and marched to Trenches. Dug-out and trenches very wet. Sentry duty all night. Two hours on and one off.

Sunday, March 5th.—Stand to 4.45. Very cold. Got an hour's sleep or so. Sharp Artillery bombardment by Germans on our trenches. Blew down two or three dug-outs, but without any casualties. Stand to 5.45. Warned for Listening Post duty at 7

o'clock. Two hours on, four off. Very cold and snowing most of night. Fired my first shot at German working party on top of parapet.

March 8th.—Stand to 4.45. Daytime slept a few hours. Evening relieved by 27th Batt. after a very cold spell in the trenches. Marched to billets at Loche, arrived at 11 o'clock and slept in a barn.

March 9th.—Got up about 8.30. Cleaned rifles for rifle inspection. Afternoon saw military funeral in Churchyard. Very impressive. Brass Band played "Dead March," and "Last. Post," followed by "Abide With Me," beautifully rendered by band. Weather cold and dry.

Parish Register for May Marriage

Gordon and Major—June 3rd—Thomas James Gordon, of Edenderry, to Anne Eliza Major, of Lower Seagoe.

Burials

Webb—May 12th—May Elizabeth Webb, of Portadown, aged 2 days.

Ruddell—June 2nd—Frederick William Ruddell, of Belfast, aged 3 months.

New Honour for Mr. David Rock.

We congratulate Mr. David Rock on the honour which the King has conferred upon him. In the list of Birthday Honours Mr. Rock's name appears as having received the distinction of M.B.E. (Member of the Order of the British Empire). This is a notable distinction, and Mr. Rock's many friends in the Parish of Seagoe and elsewhere will congratulate him on this additional honour conferred on him.

Flower Service in Drumgor.

On Sunday, June 14th, a Flower Service will (D.V.) be held in Drumgor Church Hall at 3.30 p.m. Those who attend are asked to bring Flowers with them, which will be sent to the Infirmary at Lurgan to brighten up the wards.

ITEM

The Rector and the Rev. R. W. Johnston were present at the Consecration Service in Belfast Cathedral on Tuesday, June 2nd.

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 11.30 a.m.

EVENING PRAYER—Sundays 7 p.m., Wednesdays 8 p.m.

EDENDERRY PAROCHIAL HALL.

EVENING PRAYER—Sundays at 7 p.m., Thursdays at 8 p.m.

DISTRICT SERVICES.

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

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

CLASSES, &c.

ADULT CLASSES—Sundays at 10 a.m.

For Men—Edenderry and Seagoe. 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.

Girls' Friendly Society meets at Breagh (Miss Calvert's) on alternate Tuesdays at 7.

Seagoe Scouts in Seagoe School and in Edenderry Parochial Hall, on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7.30.

Seagoe Girl Guides meet in Seagoe School on Saturday at 3.

Mothers' Union, Edenderry 1st Tuesday, at 4 p.m.

DAY SCHOOL—Seagoe, 9.30 a.m. Principal—Mr. S. Rennix.

MARRIAGES must be performed between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Licenses are issued by Rev Canon Hannon, Rectory, 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