

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

JUNE, 1926.

CLERGY :

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

Rev. R. W. Johnston, L.Th., 21 Edward Street, Portadown.

CHURCHWARDENS :

Rector's—Mr. James Twinem, Lylo and Edenderry.
People's—Mr. Moses Gilpin, Drumnagon.

The Rev. R. W. Johnston.

We regret to have to announce the approaching departure from the Parish of the Rev. R. W. Johnston, who has been Curate of Seagoe since June, 1924. He has been appointed by the Rev. Canon M'Endoo to the Curacy of the Parish of Dungannon. During his stay in the Parish Mr. Johnston has made many friends. He has been a diligent visitor in the homes of the people, and has given valuable help in many branches of Parish work. Mr. Johnston did not come to us quite as a stranger, for his War service with our 9th R.I.F. Battalion made us feel that he was already one of ourselves. We are sorry that he is leaving the Parish and Diocese, and we wish him much blessing and success in his new sphere of work in the Diocese of Armagh. Mr. Johnston will not be leaving this Parish until the middle of August.

The Excursion.

Thursday, June 17th, is the day fixed for the Sunday School excursion to Warrenpoint. The train will leave Portadown station at 8.45 a.m. The Sunday Schools will assemble at the Parish Church at 7.45 a.m. for a short service prior to starting, and will march in procession to the station. The Town Hall at Warrenpoint has been secured for the day, and the first refreshment will be served at 10 a.m. The second refreshment at 4.30 p.m.

Sunday School Children—

Under 9 years old—6d.

From 9 to 14 years—9d.

Over 14—1s 3d.

Bible Class Members—1s 3d.

Teachers—2s.

All the above prices include two refreshments.

Outsiders' tickets (without refreshments) 2s each.

Outsiders can have refreshments on payment of 1s for two refreshments.

A day in Warrenpoint can be very pleasantly spent. The shore and the pier, and the shops and the pretty drive to Rostrevor, and the excursions to Omeath, Carlingford, and Rostrevor, by sea, and the climb to Fiddler's Green, or to Cloughmore—all these and many other pleasures await our happy excursionists. Drumcree and "the Dobbin" are joining with us this year. They are travelling by a different train from us, but it will be nice to have so many with us from this neighbourhood, and the railway and catering expenses have been reduced

owing to the large number going on the same day. The railway tickets for outsiders are now on sale. Will everyone please sell away as soon as they can, as the financial success of the excursion depends on the sale of the outsiders' tickets. The price of outsiders' tickets has this year been reduced by sixpence, which should be a further inducement for all grown-ups to come. Everybody says that Seagoe always gets a fine day, and the "Daily Mail" weather forecast for June 17th is—"High temperature, clear sky, and no rain."

Choral Festival

The annual Choral Festival for West Dromore, in which Seagoe Choir is taking part, will be held (n.v.) in Banbridge Parish Church on Saturday June 12th, at 4 p.m. The Rev. W. Bentley, Rector of Jonesborough, will conduct. The special preacher will be the Rev. Canon Drury, M.A., Rector of Raheny, Co. Dublin, and formerly Rector of Rostrevor. We hope that many of the parishioners will attend the service. It is now quite easy to get to Banbridge by bus.

Mothers' Union Excursion

At the monthly meeting held in Edenderry Parochial Hall on Tuesday, June 1st, at 4 p.m., a large number were present. Tea was kindly provided by some of the members. Mrs. Rennix, the president, presided. The Rev. R. W. Johnston gave a helpful address to the members. It was decided to have the annual excursion for the mothers to Newcastle, by char-a-banc, on Tuesday, June 29th. Last year this proved a most enjoyable outing, and we anticipate an equally successful day this year.

Seagoe Choir

The Rev. J. Bentley conducted a practice of the Choir last Tuesday (June 1st), in preparation for the forthcoming Choral Festival. There was a full attendance, and the music sung was that set down for the Festival. Mr. Bentley is a most accomplished musician and choir trainer. He was greatly pleased with the singing, and said that he had never enjoyed a practice with the Seagoe Choir so much as that night. He also said that the Choir was capable of great things and might well become the centre of a good Parish Choral Society. It would also be well for it to practice Anthems. He also said the Choir was well-balanced, and that he noticed how well the four classes of voices blended. When the Choir sang the fivefold Amen Mr. Bentley asked them to repeat it, and went down into the body of the Church to hear it, and he said it was "very nice." All this is great praise for the choir, coming from Mr. Bentley, who is very critical and not at all lavish in his praise. We congratulate the Choir on their efficiency.

A Sad Accident

It is with feelings of deep regret that we announce the death of Willie Bell, of Ballymacrandle, at the early age of 15 years. He was riding on a bicycle to his work at the Foundry on Saturday, May 15, and when going down Killicomain Road the front wheel struck a stone and he was thrown from the bicycle. Apparently his head struck the ground, but he did not seem at first to be seriously injured. After treatment by the Doctor he was brought home, but rapidly grew worse and passed away in the afternoon. He was a general favourite with everyone, and had been confirmed at the Confirmation held in Seagoe last year. The greatest sympathy is felt for his parents and sisters in the loss of an only son and brother. His funeral to Seagoe was largely attended, and a troop of Boy Scouts, of which he was a member, were present. The Rev. R. W. Johnston officiated.

The General Synod

This important Church gathering was held in the Synod Hall, Dublin, in the week beginning May 16th. Seagoe was represented by the Rector and Mr. James Twinem, Rector's Churchwarden, who had been elected by the Diocesan Synod to represent the Diocese in Dublin. Mr. Twinem's speeches were reported in the newspapers. He referred to the importance of providing more houses for Church people, to be built by advances made by the Representative Church Body. Mr. Twinem's suggestions were adopted by the Synod. Mr. Twinem has since then ventilated his plans in a letter to the "Evening Telegraph," which received great prominence, and has led to some useful correspondence. We congratulate Mr. Twinem on his practical energy and business capacity. His terrace of twelve new houses at Knockmena, on the Lurgan Road, are a proof that he can not only speak but act. There is still an urgent need for more houses. Some of our people are at present housed in buildings that are quite unfit for human habitation.

Division of the Diocese

At the General Synod it was decided to introduce a Bill next year for the division of the Diocese by separating Connor from the Dioceses of Down and Dromore.

Correction

In the list of Box Collections for the Jews' Society we regret that the name of Harry Hynes, who collected 3s 6d, was omitted. There was also a mistake in the total, which should have been £10 2s 0d.

Jumble Sale

A Jumble Sale is being arranged to be held in Edenderry Parochial Hall on Friday, June 25th, opening at 7 p.m. The sale is being organised by Mr. James Ford, on the invitation of the Rector. A large band of helpers have been got together and promises to be a great success. There will be splendid bargains of all kinds. If any reader

would wish the cart to call at their house for a bundle of goods, please send a post card to Mr. James Ford, 22 James St., and it will meet with a prompt response. We hope also to have a farm produce stall in connection with the sale, and perhaps also a white elephant stall. Please see if you have anything in your home that you do not quite want or that you have cast aside. It will help on the sale. The proceeds of the sale will be for the Edenderry Men's Recreation Room and for the upkeep of Seagoe Schoolhouse. The price of admission to the sale will be twopence.

Seven Miles from a Church

Some of our people say that the Church is too far away from them to walk to it on the day of Worship. In other lands, as the following letter will testify, the Church is much further away, but the people attend it and would not willingly miss attending it:—

Beaconsfield P.O., Manitoba, Canada.

Dear Canon Archer,—Just a few lines to let you know we arrived safe and like our new home well. We had a very nice voyage. When we arrived at Somerset we were met by our minister and one of the Government officials, who gave us a very hearty welcome and helped us to put our luggage on waggons. We also have had a very nice letter from the Bishop of Brandon. We have had our minister visiting with us, and he had a good cup of Irish tea with us, which he enjoyed very much. The tea here is not so good as it is at home. His name is Mr. Talbot. His parish covers 240 square miles, and has four churches. We are seven miles from our Church. The children have about two miles to go to day school. The Union Jack is flying on the school all the time the children are there. No more at present.—Yours truly,
MINNIE ROBINSON.

Board of Education

The Rev. Canon Hannon, B.D., Rector of Shankill (Lurgan) will (p.v.) preach in our Parish Church on Sunday morning, June 13th. A sermon and collection will also be made in the evening on behalf of the good work of Religious Education done by the agency of the Board.

A Dangerous Corner

Two very serious motor accidents occurred last month at the junction of Church Lane with the Lurgan road. Attention has been frequently called to this danger spot, which is a menace to the life of the inhabitants, but the authorities have shown criminal neglect in the matter. Only when some precious human life is sacrificed will anything be done to make the place safe. Legal proceedings against the responsible parties will, no doubt, be instituted without delay by those who have suffered in the recent accidents.

Drumgor Sale of Work

This important event took place at Drumgor Church Hall on Saturday, May 15th, at 3 p.m. The weather was fine but cold. Miss Carleton had kindly consented to open the sale, which was held to clear off a debt resting on the Hall. The Rector presided at the opening ceremony. Prayers were read by the Rev. R. W. Johnston. The chairman, having in a few words explained the object of the Sale, called on Miss Carleton to declare it open. In doing so, Miss Carleton expressed her pleasure at coming to Drumgor. She had known of the good work done in that part of the Parish by an enthusiastic band of helpers, and said she always had the interest of the Parish at heart. She had much pleasure in declaring the Sale of Work open. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Miss Carleton on the motion of Mr. Moses Gilpin, seconded by Mr. James Ford. The sale proved very successful, and before closing time came the stalls had been quite cleared of all their goods. We hear that as a result of the sale the overdraft on the Bank has been paid off, and the balance due for the renovation of the Hall is thereby paid off. This is very satisfactory and reflects much credit on all who so energetically worked for the success of the sale. In our next issue we hope to publish a financial statement.

Our Emigrants

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Collins and their young family have arrived safely in the s.s. "Mahana" at Auckland, New Zealand. The ship reached its destination on Wednesday, May 27th. They travelled by the Panama Canal, which makes the journey quite short.

Gus Wallace, of Goban St., has arrived safely in the s.s. "Largs Bay" at Melbourne. He will be taking up work in Australia in connection with the Big Brotherhood Scheme.

Ten Years Ago.

(Continued from our April number.)

Being extracts from the War Diary of the late Herbert Murray, P.P.C.L.I.)

Sunday, May 7th—Nothing to do during day. Started off for Front Line trenches about 8 o'clock, after spending eight days in railway dug-outs doing night fatigue. Arrived at our posts and relieved the 49th about 10 o'clock, doing sentry three men on a bay, 2 hours on, one off. Some rifle grenades fired by Fritz. Seven casualties.

Monday, May 8th—Anniversary of the great battle of Ypres, in which "Princess Pats" played heroic part and suffered enormous casualties. "Stand to" at three o'clock, went to sleep, and did one hour's sentry duty from 8 to 9. Slept remainder of day. Raining in evening. Slight "straffing" by artillery on both sides.

In Central Africa

Captain Dobson, who acted as Lay Reader in the Parish before the War, has arrived in Kenya, Central East Africa, with his wife and child. The Rector had a card from him from Aden, dated May 7th, saying they had a good voyage and hoped to reach Mombasa on May 14th. By this time they have arrived at Nairobi, their destination.

Parish Register for May.

Baptisms.

The following were baptized in Seagoe Parish Church on May 1st, 1926 :—

Best—William Gilmore, son of James and Anne Best, of Drumnacanvey.

Sponsors—Charlotte Livingston, Anne Best.

M'Crory—Hazel, daughter of Joseph Alexander and Margaret M'Crory, of Portadown.

Sponsors—Mary Isabella Roney, Margaret M'Crory.

Roney—Eveline Maud, daughter of Samuel and Christina Roney, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Mary Isabella Roney, Christina Roney.

Pentland—Kenneth, son of James Henry and Isabella Pentland, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Sarah Anne Pentland, Margaret Wright.

M'Allister—Frederick John, son of David Frederick and Susan M'Allister, of Hacknahay.

Sponsors—David Fredk. M'Allister, Sarah M'Allister.

Strain—William, son of Thomas and Rachel Strain, of Drumnacanvey.

Sponsors—Elizabeth M'Knight, Rachel Strain.

Atkinson—Sarah Jane, daughter of Herbert and Sarah Atkinson, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Jemima M'Kerr, Sarah Atkinson.

Marriage.

Cassells and Dickson—June 2nd, 1926, Thomas D. Cassells, of Derryadd, Parish of Ardmore, to Frances Dickson, of Tammiffglasson.

Burials.

Bell—May 17th, William Bell, of Ballymacrandle, aged 15 years.

Carville—June 4th, Valentine Carville, of Levaghery, aged 88 years.

ITEM

We noticed a large number of Seagoe people at the Portadown Show. Miss C. Price won first prize for a pot of apple jelly.

ITEMS

The Rev. H. S. Breene, M.A., who has just been appointed to the important Parish of St. Peter's, Antrim Road, Belfast, is proud of the fact that he preached his first sermon (as a layman) in Drumgor Church Hall.

Intending emigrants should obtain from the Rector a letter of introduction to their new Parish before leaving.

The Rector will be glad to hear of any visitors from Canada, U.S.A., or elsewhere who may come to the Parish for a holiday during the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom England have arrived in the Parish from Brooklyn, U.S.A., after an absence of six years.

On several recent occasions aeroplanes have flown over Seagoe in formations of three or more. They seem to make Seagoe an objective in their flights, and of course it is a very suitable landmark.

The Rector was installed as Treasurer in Dromore Cathedral by the Dean of Dromore at a service held in the Cathedral on Wednesday, May 16th, at 3.30. The mandate for the appointment was read by the Archdeacon of Dromore.

A receptacle for discarded wreaths and withered flowers is needed in Seagoe graveyard.

Building is advancing at a rapid rate in the Parish. In Edenderry all vacant plots are being rapidly bought up.

Portadown covers a space of 767 acres, according to the report presented to the Urban Council on the main drainage scheme. This latter would be of great advantage to the health of the community carried out, as we hope it will be. It would also purify the Bann, which in the heat of summer becomes charged with sewage matter and exhalates unwholesome fumes.

Master Robert Sherman won a prize for a design for embossed leatherwork. Miss F. Armstrong obtained a prize for a Jersey heifer—Eden's Pride. We congratulate all our prize-winners.

We record with regret the death last month of Mr. John Gray, who for so many years during and before the War was Resident Magistrate in Portadown. He lived at Ashton and attended the Parish Church. About a year ago he left Belfast and went to reside on the Belgian coast.

The Rev. W. T. Grey, M.A., a former Curate of Seagoe, has been appointed Deputation Secretary of the Jews' Society, and will no doubt before long visit Seagoe in that capacity.

The Lurgan road in the urban district is just now full of deep holes, which make motoring unpleasant if not dangerous.

**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.

DISTRICT SERVICES.

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

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

MARRIAGES must be performed between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Licenses are issued by Rev Canon Hannock 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 **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 (non-residents); **MARRIAGE**, 3/7. An extra search fee is chargeable in certain cases. A copy of the Magazine will be sent post free to any subscriber for 3s per annum.

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.

Men's Recreation Room, Bridge St., open every night from 7 p.m.

Seagoe C.L. Brigade in Edenderry Parochial Hall on Tuesdays at 8 p.m.

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

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