

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

JUNE, 1927.

CLERGY :

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

Rev. W. A. Henry, 21 Edward St., Portadown.

CHURCHWARDENS :

Rector's—Thos. E. Maginnis, Breagh.

People's—John R. Reid, Portadown.

Whitsuntide.

Sunday, June 5th, will be Whitsunday, when the Church all the world over commemorates the gift of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost. There will be celebrations of Holy Communion in the Parish Church at 8 a.m. and after Morning Prayer.

Trinity Sunday.

The Rev. J. R. McDonald, M.A., Rector of Donaghcloney, will (p.v.) preach in Seagoe Church at Morning Prayer on Trinity Sunday, June 12th. Special collections will be made, both at morning and evening prayer on behalf of the upkeep of Seagoe Parochial Schools. This School, which was erected by public subscription in 1859 has for the past 70 years, fulfilled a very important part in the life of the Parish. It has proved itself in every way the handmaid of the Church. Being situated in the centre of the Parish, it is a most convenient rallying point for all Church agencies. We ask the liberal support of the Parish, so that the building may be kept in adequate condition.

The Wednesday Service.

On every Wednesday evening a service is held in the Parish Church at 8 p.m. It is the opportunity offered to the parishioners for engaging in Public Worship during the week. In these days when the rush and turmoil of the world are so much with us it is helpful even for an hour in mid-week to come into the quiet of God's house and to seek Him on bended knee. He has said "Where two or three are met together in My Name there am I in the midst of them."

Hibernian Bible Society.

The Rev. Cecil Long, M.A., Deputation Secretary of the Bible Society, preached in the Parish Church on Sunday morning, May 22nd. Interesting language collecting books have been distributed through the Parish among some of the Sunday School children. The Bible Society deserves all the help we can give it. Mrs. Martin, of Balteagh, has sent £2 2s to the Bazaar Funds of the Society.

Choral Festival in Seagoe.

The Lurgan union of Church Choirs will hold its annual Choral Festival in Seagoe Parish Church on Saturday, June 11th. The service will begin at 4-30 p.m. The Very Rev. R. S. G. Hamilton, M.A., Dean of Armagh, will preach. Four hundred choristers will take part in the service.

Jumble Sale.

A Jumble Sale will be held in Edenderry Parochial Hall on Friday, June 17th, at 7 p.m. The proceeds of the sale will be equally divided between the Men's Recreation Room in Edenderry and the funds of L.O.L. 417. Mr. James Forde is acting as secretary. During the summer months the Recreation Room is not in use by the members, but the rent has to be paid. It is of great importance that in such a populous centre as Edenderry the men should have a Recreation Room where they can play games and read the papers on the long, cold winter evenings. We ask the parishioners to kindly help by making up parcels of any old goods which they do not need. A post card or note to Mr. James Forde, 21 James St., will ensure its being called for.

A Seagoe Record.

Our readers will notice the long list of Baptisms in this month's Parish Register. The Baptismal Service on May 7th constitutes a record for the Parish. Eleven children were on that occasion admitted to the Church in Holy Baptism. The Service, as is always the case, was preceded by the beautiful Church Service from the Book of Common Prayer. We are glad to think that the Office of Public Baptism is becoming more than ever an integral part of the Public Worship of the Church, and that the responsibility of sponsors is more fully recognised than in past days.

Mothers' Union.

The members of Seagoe Mothers' Union have been kindly invited by their Hon. Treas., Mrs. James Twinem, to have their next monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 14th, at Lylo. We believe the visit to Lylo will be preceded by a bus drive to the Bannfoot. The mothers will, we are sure, greatly enjoy this day's outing in such pleasant surroundings. Last month they spent a pleasant evening at Seagoe Rectory.

Sunday School Excursion.

Our annual excursion for the Sunday Schools will (p.v.) take place to Warrenpoint on Thursday, June 23rd. The new Railway Hall at Warrenpoint has been secured as a place for the refreshments. The Sunday Schools, with their Superintendents and Teachers, will assemble at the Parish Church at 8-30 a.m. for a short service, and will then walk in procession to the station. The train will leave Portadown at 9-40 sharp, and leave Warrenpoint on the return journey at 8-30 p.m. The price of tickets (including two refreshments) to children whose names are on the Sunday School roll and who have attended regularly since the beginning of the year will be as follows:—Under 8 years, 6d; 8-14 years, 9d; over 14, 1s 3d; Bible Class members, 1s 3d; Outsiders, 2s (refreshments not included). Outsiders' tickets are now on sale throughout the Parish. Refreshment tickets for outsiders can be purchased at 6d for each refreshment.

Seagoe in Queensland.

The Rector has received from Mrs. Trail, formerly Miss Ellen Matthews, of James St., the following interesting letter:—

Dear Canon,—No doubt you will be surprised at hearing from me. Firstly, to make known who I am, I must explain, Ellen Matthews was my maiden name; I lived in James St. I have been married almost two years. My husband's name is Robert Trail. His parents are from Scotland, but he is a native of Australia. He has relatives in Aberdeen, Scotland, of the same name. I happened on a real good husband, a temperance man, and also an Orangeman. My husband has a sugar cane farm; one of the best in this district. It is irrigated by electricity, which drives a seven-inch pump, and the water flows through the cane as required, at the cost of £5 per acre per year. All that has to be done is to press the button and the water flows out at the rate of 49,000 gallons per hour. It is a beautiful stream of lovely, clear water, which comes out of a huge well which is situated in the highest corner of the farm. The well is eighty feet deep and eight feet wide, with thirty-two feet of water in it. It is a splendid idea. The pump requires no attention during the day. Men look after the water in the cane, so that it will not run too fast. They have to keep it regulated so as to waste none of it. They irrigate from two to three acres a day, when the weather is dry. He also grows feed for his horses, although he does not use them much, as he does all his heavy ploughing with the tractor, which ploughs from four to five acres a day and harrows it at the same time. He intends to plant

Thirty acres of Cane

in May of this year. The cane about our place grows very heavy, as the soil is so good. It grows up to sixty tons to the acre, while that in the forest land only grows about thirty tons to the acre. Some of our crop is very heavy this year. Sugar cane varies a lot in price, according to the quantity of sugar in the cane. Sometimes it goes as high as £3 per ton, but mostly averages £2 5 per ton. It gives good returns, but we always have to wait twelve months for a return from it. There is a good deal of expense in growing and harvesting it; and then there is a danger of fires, and not getting it crushed at the mill owing to strikes. The crushing will be starting some time in June. We have only a short distance to take our cane to the tramline, as it runs right past our door. Some of our cane is only twenty yards off it. We live only two-and-a-half miles from the town, which is only a small place, but very busy at times. We live on the bank of the Burdekin River, which overflowed its banks last month and caused a small flood, which done little or no damage. We grow different kinds of fruit, only for our own use, such as pa-paws, pine-apples, custard apples, mangoes, bananas, tomatoes, and water-melons. We also grow different kinds of

vegetables. Cabbage is rather difficult to grow, owing to the grubs, therefore they are fairly dear, two and

Three Shillings for a medium size Cabbage.

Sugar farms are very dear here; they range in prices from two thousand pounds to ten thousand pounds. I like Australia very much, and I am enjoying good health. It has been very hot here lately—up to 105 in the shade. Of course we get some cold weather also in the winter. The sun is mostly always shining, and there is nearly always a bit of a breeze blowing. My brother, Moses, lives only three miles from here, but there is a big river between us, so it takes fifteen miles to get to his place, as there is no traffic bridge across the river. He is also engaged in sugar growing. My sister, Mrs. M'Cann and family, live with him. The two eldest boys work on the farm, and the eldest girl has a situation near us. The three younger ones go to school, and my sister does the house work. They like this country very well. The two youngest boys

are real Australians now.

They ride horses to school, which is about a mile away. The Duke and Duchess of York are visiting Australia, but we will not see them, as they are not coming any further north than Brisbane.

The reason that I write you is that a friend of mine sent me some Seagoe Parish Magazines, and I see by them that you have been in France and visited my brother's, John Matthews' grave in the Communal Cemetery at Wimereux, and I am so pleased to see it, for which I cordially thank you. Some years ago you visited France, and brought my mother some leaves from John's grave, which I still have and treasure well. My husband was at the war. He fought in Egypt and Palestine and all around that front, with the 2nd Australian Light Horse. He got through pretty well, with only a wound in the leg which never troubles him.

I think it is time that I drew to a close, as this letter is rather long. My husband would very much like to see the Old Country, so some day we may take a trip home, and call on you. Trusting that this will find you enjoying the very best of health, as it leaves us here a-writing. My husband and I join in with best wishes.—From Robt. and Ellen Trail, Box 109, Home Hill, North Queensland.

Bequests to Seagoe.

The late Miss Lizzie Reid, of Lower Seagoe, who died last December, has in her will left several bequests to Seagoe Parish. She left £20 to the Poor of the Parish, also £10 for an annual prize in Seagoe Sunday School, and a further sum of £10 to the Dublin University Mission to Chota Nagpur, in India. Miss Reid was always deeply interested in the welfare of Seagoe Parish. Such bequests as Miss Reid has made are not alone an expression of the thoughtful loyalty of the members of the Church to the Church, but they are also a recognition that the Church is the permanent witness of Christ in the world.

**Parish Register for May.
Baptisms.**

Hara—May 4th, Eric, son of Robert and Mary Hara, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Sophia Brownlee, Eva Harrison.

The following were Baptized in Seagoe Parish Church on May 7th, 1927:—

Dickson—Norman, son of Henry and Agnes Dickson, of Drumnagoon.

Sponsors—Hetty Dickson, Agnes Dickson.

Carville—Amelia, daughter of Valentine and Sarah Anne Carville, of Killicomaine.

Sponsors—Amelia Carville, Sarah Anne Carville.

Freeburn—Florence, daughter of Thomas Henry and Anne Elizabeth Freeburn, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Anne Elizabeth Freeburn (junr.) Anne Elizabeth Freeburn.

Roney—Albert, son of Samuel and Christina Roney, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Mary Roney, Christina Roney.

Murray—Herbert Eric, son of David William and Sarah Anne Murray, of Ballynery.

Sponsors—Emily Jane Knipe, Sarah Anne Murray.

Liggett—Joseph Morris, son of Isaac and Josephine Liggett, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Mary Patricia Birney, Josephine Liggett.

Kane—Vera Margaret, daughter of Henry and Sarah Kane, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Matilda Kane, Sarah Kane.

Hall—Ellen Margaret, daughter of William John and Letitia Sophia Hall, of Lower Seagoe.

Sponsors—William John Hall, Letitia Sophia Hall.

Nicholl—Rachel Elizabeth, daughter of William Henry and Anne Margaret Nicholl, of Drumnacanvey.

Sponsors—Elizabeth M'Knight, Anne Margaret Nicholl.

M'Cabe—Anne Edna, daughter of Thomas and Mary M'Cabe, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Ellen Lavery, Mary M'Cabe.

Russell—Dinah, daughter of William Alexander and Margaret Russell, of Drumgor.

Sponsors—Edith Quinn, Margaret Russell.

Burials.

Carson—April 3rd, John Carson, of Moyallon; aged 50.

Wilson—Joseph Henry Wilson, of Ballymacrandle; aged 5.

Glassey—May 17th, Thomas Glassey, of Edenderry; aged one year.

Lavery—May 28th, Mary Lavery, of Edenderry.

Lyness—May 29th, Amelia Lyness, of Tamnificarbet; aged 75.

Robinson—June 1st, Thomas George Robinson, of Drumnagoon; aged 47.

Presentations.

On Thursday, May 19th, a social meeting of the Choir was held in Seagoe School. The Rev. W. A. Henry presided. There was a large attendance. The object of the gathering was to present Mr. and Mrs. Gracey with a tangible token of esteem and respect on the occasion of their recent marriage. The

presentation took the form of a handsome clock. Mr. Gracey suitably replied. The evening passed very pleasantly with music and games.

The children and teachers of Seagoe Morning Sunday School have presented Mrs. Gracey (Miss J. England) with a silver teapot, on the occasion of her marriage. Miss Montgomery, Miss Selena Bradshaw, Miss Nellie White, and Miss Maggie Coulter acted as representatives. Mr. Rennix kindly motored the party over to Mrs. Gracey's new home to present it.

Seagoe P. E. School.

At the examination in Religious Knowledge held in Seagoe School on Friday, June 3rd, by the Diocesan Inspector, the Rev. J. Armstrong, the following children were awarded certificates for proficiency:—100 per cent.—Frank Jones, Mamie Coulter; 90 per cent.—Robert White, Agnes Graham, Eileen Dunlop; 85 per cent.—Lizzie Major, Sadie Hara, Martha Girvan, Annie Whiteside, Maud Livingston, Dinah M'Cabe, May Jones, Lily Ruddell, Harry Hynes, Cecil Rehill; 70 per cent.—John Fiddes, Willie Robinson, Myrtle Brown, Hannah Coulter, Emma Walker, Maggie Ruddell.

Eleven Years Ago.

Extracts from the War Diary of the late Herbert M. Murray, P.P.C.L.I. (Continued from our issue of November, 1926.)

Thursday, June 1st, 1916 (At Hooge in front of Ypres). Stand to 1-30 a.m. to 2-30. Cooked breakfast and went to sleep on the trench mat. Huns threw over quite a few shells. Weather fine and warm.

Friday, June 2nd, 1916.

[The following account of the fighting in Sanctuary Wood at Hooge, near Ypres, from June 2nd to June 5th, 1916, is a first-hand description of one of the fiercest conflicts of the Great War. Herbert Murray was in No. 2 Company of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry. No. 1 Company which (with No. 2 Company) occupied the front line, was wiped out early in the engagement. Herbert Murray's Company was then left exposed for almost three days to a most intense assault. A slight rise in the ground and the fact that it was right up against the German line and therefore somewhat protected from the German guns was the only thing that saved it from utter extinction. Lord Beaverbrook gives a description of the fighting in his book "Canada in Flanders," vol. ii., chap. viii. "The Battle of Sanctuary Wood." He states it as his opinion that if the P.P.C.L.I. had not then held firm the whole of the Ypres salient would at that hour in the day have gone with it. Colonel Buller and his men held the fort at the critical hour. It will be a source of pride to us in Seagoe to know that one of those brave lads who at such infinite cost manned the breach at this awful moment was Herbert Moore Murray, from this Parish, born and brought up in our midst, known to us all, and who at a later date in the Great War, April, 1917, laid down his life in the cause of God and right.]

Friday, June 2nd, 1916—Terrific bombardment by

Germans, beginning at 8.45 and continued for seven hours, doing dreadful slaughter on our front line and support trenches. At 2 o'clock in afternoon Germans came over and took part of the trench occupied by No. 1 Company, who were practically all killed or wounded by the bombardment. Slight lull in bombardment for an hour or so, but resumed in evening fiercer than ever. I got **hit under the arm** by a small piece of shrapnel, but only a scratch, and took no notice of it. At 8 o'clock, just as it was getting dark, rapid fire was opened. Every machine gun and rifle going at full speed. Such a sight! What with flares of all colours and shells bursting all around it resembled "Hell let loose" to put it mildly. Well, that quieted down after an hour or so. During all this time we were cut off from all communication with Headquarters. All our officers were wounded. Captain Niven, although badly wounded, stayed with us, and only left us when an officer from No. 4 Company took us in charge. The Captain was taken out on the stretcher and on the way was again wounded. About 1 a.m. another rapid fire began, and we expected the Huns to come over opposite us, and nothing would have pleased and satisfied me more than to have seen them come over the parapet. I was worked up to such a **pitch of madness and fury**, I would have done anything. I don't know how I escaped being hit either by bullets or shells, for they were flying around in all directions. Our Company suffered very heavy losses, 7 and 8 platoons being practically wiped out. Just at daybreak the third attack and rapid fire commenced, and owing to the fact of our Company being in the most exposed position and being cut off from all communication we had to retire as it was only suicide to stay on any longer. We held our post for nearly twenty-four hours under the most intense bombardment. We retired into a support trench across open country, falling into shell holes, over barbed wire, with shells bursting all around and ploughing up everything. It was nothing short of miraculous how we escaped being blown to bits. At this time reinforcements had begun to come up,

and took back part of the trench in Maple Copse, inflicting heavy loss on the enemy. Saturday, the bombardment still continued, and in the evening we manned the support trench and the counter-attack began. We took back part of the trench and drove the enemy back with bombs and rifle fire and the bayonet. Nearly all our officers were killed or wounded. Colonel Buller was wounded in the leg earlier in the fight, but kept on leading his men and was **shot through the heart and killed**, shouting to the men, "Give them Hell," and himself throwing bombs to the end. He died a soldier's death. Major Gault was severely wounded. Saturday night there were two or three counter-attacks, and we gained nearly all the lost ground. Germans used liquid fire on Friday night and during the attacks the whole sky was illuminated and looked like a huge volcano, and could be seen for miles round, at least 20 or 30 miles, the account in the papers gave it. At three o'clock in the morning we got relieved and we managed to get down the communication trench without being shelled, but I never witnessed and never hope to see again the sight I saw **coming down that trench**. The dead were strewn all along, and some buried in the debris, two and three on top of one another. We got as far as Ypres, where everything that could be done for us was done. The cooks were up and had hot tea ready, and lots to eat. We got into a cellar where were places to sleep, which we needed pretty badly, as we had no sleep for four days and very little to eat. This was Sunday morning; we went to sleep about six o'clock and slept for five or six hours, got up and had something to eat and spent remainder of day finding out what I could of who was killed and wounded, and at 9.30 p.m. we pulled out of Ypres (I hope never to return), and walked to Ypres Asylum, where we got buses that took us away for the time being from the scene of carnage and slaughter, feeling nothing the worse after our dreadful experiences. We arrived at C Camp about 12 o'clock midnight and got some soup and tea before retiring to sleep.

**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.

CLASSES, &c.

ADULT CLASSES—Sundays at 10 a.m.
For Men—Edenderry. 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. S. Rennix.