

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

JUNE, 1928.

CLERGY :

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

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

LICENSED LAY READER

Mr. Robt. Gracey, Edengarth, Bridge St., Edenderry.

CHURCHWARDENS :

Rector's—Robert M'Clements.

People's—William Dermott.

Confirmation.

The Lord Bishop of Down and Connor and Dro-more (Right Rev. C. T. P. Grierson, D.D.) will (D.V.) hold a Confirmation in Seagoe Parish Church on Friday, June 8th, at 8 p.m. The candidates are requested to be at Seagoe School not later than 7-30 p.m., when they will receive their cards of admission to the Confirmation.

The Lord Bishop has signified his intention of publicly admitting Mr. Robert Gracey as a Lay Reader for the Parish of Seagoe at the Confirmation Service.

Special celebrations of Holy Communion will be held in Seagoe Church on Sunday, June 10th, at 8 a.m. and after Morning Prayer for those who will be confirmed on Friday and for any others who may desire to receive it.

Belfast Church Extension.

On Sunday, June 10th, morning and evening, collections will be made in Seagoe Church for the Bishop's Church Extension Fund. Special envelopes will be placed in the pews on Sunday, June 3rd, in which the offerings should be placed and brought the next Sunday. It is most important that satisfactory provision should be made for our Church people in Belfast, large numbers of whom have gone to reside here from the country parishes. The growth of the Church population in Belfast has been very remarkable. In 1828 there were 3 churches and 16,000 Church people, in 1928, 100 years later, there were 37 parish churches and 133,000 Church people. Five new churches are needed for five new Parochial Districts which are being formed. Let every parishioner of Seagoe avail himself or herself of the privilege of giving to such a good and necessary object. "We are members one of another."

Home from Madras.

The Rev. W. R. Crichton has arrived home from Madras. He was in Dublin during the week of the General Synod. He looks in robust health, having for some time been at a hill station in India. Mrs. Crichton and their son and daughter came home with him. They had a very pleasant passage but it was very hot in the Red Sea. Mr. Crichton hopes to see some of his old friends here sometime about August.

Foreign Missions.

South American Missionary Society, 1927-1928.

Boxes—Miss Calvert, 14s 6d; Miss A. Guy, 5s; Mrs. Lewie, 6s 6d; Miss S. Montgomery, 12s 6½d; Mrs. M'Dougall, 13s; Miss Reid, 10s; Miss Jane Porter, 6s; Miss Price, 4s 7½d; Mrs. J. Walker, 3s 7½d. Card—Miss Atkinson, £6 3s 0d. Offertory—Hack nahay, 9s 0d.—£10 7s 9½d

Parish Register for May.

Baptisms

The following were baptized on May 5th, 1928 :—
Preston—Lilian Margaret, daughter of Samuel Edward and Violet Olga Preston, of Killycommain and Belfast.

Sponsors—Samuel Edward Preston, Margaret Millar, Violet Olga Preston

Lester—David Rowland, son of Joseph and Elizabeth Lester, of Lower Seagoe.

Sponsors—(1) Elizabeth Lester. (2) Elizabeth Lester.

Moore—Mildred, daughter of David and Caroline Moore, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Sarah Turkington, Caroline Moore.

Hewitt—Rachel Margaret, daughter of Moses and Rachel Jane Hewitt, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Alice Hewitt, Margaret Matchett.

Robinson—Maurice Johnston, son of Johnston and Sarah Robinson, of Drumgor.

Sponsors—Johnston Robinson, Sarah Robinson.

PRIVATELY BAPTIZED.

Magee—May 30th, 1928—Elizabeth and May, twin daughters of Joseph William and Emma Elizabeth Magee, of Kernan.

Marriage.

Brown and M'Neill—May 12th, 1928, William James Brown, of Portadown, and Sarah M'Neill, of Killycommain.

Burial.

M'Loughlin—May 20th, Joseph M'Loughlin, of Liseniskey; aged 56.

Excursion to Newcastle.

This year it has been decided that the Sunday School excursion will be to beautiful Newcastle, the seaside village by the silver sea at the base of the mighty Slieve Donard. Everyone is looking forward to it with delight. The children of the Sunday Schools are getting their tickets cheaper than ever before, thanks to the kind help of the Mothers' Union. The following are the prices of the tickets:—
Infants (8 years old and under) 3d; children between the ages of 8 and 14 will get their ticket for 6d, and those who are over 14 will be charged 9d for their ticket. In order to get the tickets at such a low

rate the children must have made at least 8 attendances at Sunday School since January 1st, 1928.

The Sunday Schools will assemble at the Parish Church at 8 a.m. on Thursday, June 21st, when a short service will be held. The procession will then start for the station, and the train is timed to leave at 8-50 sharp. The children's tickets will include the journey to Newcastle and back and two splendid refreshments. This year we are going to have not only buns but delicious ham sandwiches as well. The first refreshment will be at 11 a.m. and the second at 4-30 p.m. Outsiders' tickets will cost 3s each and refreshment tickets (for two refreshments) can be bought for 1s by outsiders, but such refreshment tickets will only be on sale up to the evening of Tuesday, June 19th. Outsiders should secure their railway and refreshment tickets at once. They are on sale at all the principal shops in Edenderry and Portadown.

Bocombra and Levaghery.

During the past month Missions have been held by Mr. Robert Gracey in Bocombra Orange Hall (kindly lent for the Mission) and in Levaghery School. The Mission in Bocombra began on Sunday, May 6th, and concluded on Wednesday, May 16th. The Mission in Levaghery had its opening service on Sunday, May 20th, and the last service there was held on Wednesday, May 30th. Many were influenced during these Missions and every night the room was crowded. The closing service of each mission was very impressive. No other Mission has been arranged in the near future but we hope at a later date to arrange special services in outlying parts of the Parish. We extend a hearty welcome to Mr. Gracey as a permanent worker in the Parish. He becomes our recognised Lay Helper from June 1st.

Parochial Hall Services.

A service on each Wednesday evening will be held in the Parochial Hall, beginning on Wednesday, June 6th, at 8 p.m. The Church Army Hymn book will be used.

Cake Fair.

The Mothers' Union Cake Fair was held in the Parochial Hall on Wednesday, May 16th. The opening ceremony took place at 3 p.m. and was gracefully performed by Mrs. Val Wilson, of Oakfield. Mrs. Wilson expressed her pleasure at being present and declared the sale open. Mr. Val Wilson was also present and replied to the hearty vote of thanks passed to Mrs. Wilson. The Fair proved very successful and a sum of almost £40 was raised towards helping the funds of our Sunday School Excursion. One of the workers, we hear, raised £6 by her special effort and many others did splendid work.

Lay-Reader's Fund.

We feel sure there are many in the Parish who would like to contribute a monthly subscription to the Lay Reader's Fund. A sum of over £100 cover-

ing a period of twelve months has been already promised but further promises will be gladly received. The Hon. Secretary is Mr. William Dermott, Bridge St., and the Hon. Treasurer Mr. S. Rennix, either of whom will acknowledge any subscriptions which may be promised or sent.

Seagoe in Manitoba.

The Rector has received the following letter from James Rea, formerly of Balteagh:—

Dear Canon Archer,—I now take the pleasure of penning you these few lines. I have been out of touch with you for a long time, so I think it is about time I was doing some corresponding with my old parish again. David is getting along fine and wishes to be remembered to you, and for the Robinson family they are getting along splendid. They had our minister, Mr. Lewis, visiting them last week. He spent three hours with them and left for home after supper. I think he must take great interest in the Irish people. We do not get to our Church as often as we would like to, as it is around seven miles away, and it is pretty hard getting around in the winter with the snow being so deep, but we hope to attend oftener now that the good weather is here. Mr. Lewis was telling us he had a letter from you. We would be pleased to hear from you at any time.—Yours faithfully, JAMES REA, C/o Mr. S. A. Vance, Somerset P.O., Manitoba, Canada.

Seagoe in New Zealand.

Mrs. Joseph Collins, a member of the Mothers' Union, formerly of Bright St., writes from Gate Pa., Tauranga, New Zealand—"We have the Rev. Mr. Hall in Tauranga. It is a lovely place, one night's sailing from Auckland. Gate Pa, where we live is a suburb of Tauranga. There is a small church built to the memory of the British who fell in the Maori War. There is a large Church in the town. There is a book published giving the history of Gate Pa. If you would like to have it I will gladly send you a copy.

Playmates of Ninety.

The letter from Mr. Maxwell, of Auckland, New Zealand, published in our last issue, has been the means of revealing an interesting fact in our Parish history. Mr. Maxwell's mother, about whom he wrote, is now over 90 and has been residing in New Zealand since 1863. We have in Seagoe Mrs. Sally Neill, who is now over 90. She happened to read Mr. Maxwell's letter in the Magazine and at once recalled the fact that she and Mrs. Maxwell (Matilda England) were playmates together 80 years ago. Mrs. Neill also remembers distinctly how Mrs. Maxwell as a young bride went out to New Zealand in 1863. Mrs. Neill, notwithstanding her great age, is in excellent health and has a most retentive memory. She is at present residing at Moyallon. She had not heard of Mrs. Maxwell for more than sixty years and thought she must be dead until she read the letter in the Magazine.

New Gates at Seagoe.

New gates of an improved pattern have been erected by the G.N.R. at Seagoe crossing. This is the third set of gates erected there. The first gates were until recently at Seagoe Brickworks, and the second were the large and heavy gates recently removed. The foundations of the gate-pillars were so solid that they had to be removed by blasting with gelignite.

The Magazine in Queensland.

A Queensland subscriber (Mrs. M. Nesbitt) writes from Ashgrove, Brisbane, under date April 9th:—The Magazine arrives regularly and is if possible more appreciated than ever. I have removed from Ashgrove to the suburb of Ashgrove, to which please send the Magazine in future."

[We thank Mrs. Nesbitt for sending several illustrated Brisbane papers, of much interest, especially one containing an account of a remarkable service held in Brisbane Cathedral for the safe return of Bert Hinkler, the Australian airman who recently flew from London to Australia.]

Silent Wireless Sets.

On several recent occasions when visiting the infirmary in Lurgan the Rector noticed that the wireless sets were not working. He asked the reason and was told that although the splendid sets were in working order, no provision was made for the necessary expenses of upkeep in the charging of batteries, etc. The result is that the patients are deprived of the great pleasure and entertainment which they might otherwise have enjoyed. Perhaps some of those who read this and who realise the pleasures of wireless will send a subscription to Mr. J. H. O'Neile, the Master, Workhouse, Lurgan, for this object. Anyone who has seen how thoroughly the patients enjoy the wireless will be sure to help. It takes their thoughts away from their own pain and weariness and not merely gives them infinite pleasure but materially helps towards their recovery. The Rector would gladly forward any sums he may receive for this object.

Correction.

In acknowledging in a recent issue the amounts forwarded to the Armagh Protestant Orphan Society Mrs. Joyce, of Levaghery, should have been credited with a sum of 5s instead of 2s 6d as printed.

The Tower of St. Mark's.

We heartily congratulate the Parish of St. Mark's, Portadown on the beginning of the great work of building the Memorial Tower. The work was begun on Monday, May 21st. The old tower, which is as old as Portadown, will be dismantled but the new tower will be a great ornament to the town. We hear that the foundations of the great tower are to be laid in Seagoe bricks and we are glad to think that Seagoe will thus have a material share in the work.

A Kind Letter.

Mr. E. H. Lewis writes as follows from Manitoba. We appreciate very much the kind interest which Mr. Lewis takes in our Seagoe people. We have asked Mr. Lewis to write an account of his work in Somerset for the Magazine. The snapshot he sends of the Robinson family shows a smiling group of seven, father, mother, daughter and four sons, gathered in the sunshine outside their wooden farmhouse and looking the picture of health and happiness.—

Church of the Redeemer, Norquay; All Saints, Swan Lake; St. Barnabas, Somerset; St. Christopher, Pembina.

Rectory, Somerset, Man., April 30th, 1928.

Dear Canon Archer,—A few lines to let you know I have been able to locate the Ray brothers. They are both well and seem to be very happy. They come to Church as often as it is possible. I was also out to see the Robinson family last week and am glad to say they are doing well. I took a snapshot of the family and am enclosing a print in the hope that you like it. I think it is exceptionally good of them. If there is anything more I can do for you, please command me.—Very sincerely yours in the Faith.

ERNEST H. LEWIS.

ITEMS.

Colonel Blacker paid a brief visit to Carrick Blacker last week.

A shower of black rain fell over Seagoe in April. The blackness is caused by soot in solution and is carried across the Channel from Lancashire.

Mr. Sam Hall is building a handsome villa in Upper Seagoe.

In this dry weather great care should be taken to keep wells free from dust and contamination. Typhoid fever and other serious ailments result from drinking such water unless it is first boiled.

We are glad to know that those of our parishioners who were injured in the recent motor accident are recovering. Mrs. Vance, who was most seriously injured, is still in the Carleton Home but is gaining strength.

An Old Seagoe Soldier.

[We continue the interesting notes on his campaigns which have been written for the Magazine by Sergeant Thomas Russell, of Clanrole.]

In a few days' march from Salonika we joined the 27th Division. They had been on the Struma front for some time. It is a terrible place, especially down in the valleys. There the mosquito fly abounds and gives you malaria fever, which makes you very sick. We were ably supported by the 26th Division on our right, who occupied the Vardar sector. The 28th Division on our left occupied the Lake Doiran sector. They were supported by our

old friends the old 2nd Faughs. We went through Dudulas, Jennis, Molovski and Federova. Beyond Lake Doiran we came to Hoop Hill, where some months ago the Bulgarian guns and Jerries used to play on us. The Bulgarians were fine

Big Men and Fair Fighters.

Here the King's Liverpool Regiment joined us, and we marched to the borders of Serbia. We went in and out of Serbia. I met some who told me that they were at the retirement from Serbia when the Bulgars and Germans surrounded it. I was surprised one day to meet our old friend Gregson, of Drumgor, also Willie John Gilpin, of Tarson and R. Webb, of Lisniskey. We stayed here until we got well into 1918. We had only a few men left. Some were laid down with malaria fever, some had gone to other regiments. We were then sent down to a place called Headquarters. I was posted to a pack mule Corps, worse and more of it! The half of my drivers were Greeks from the island of Cyprus, others were from Mudros, others from Lemnos, Greek islands. It was a long time before I picked up with this batch but after a while I got on all right. I picked up a little Greek such as "Oris" the clock, "Megalos" a big person, "Mikros" a small boy, "Butris" stones and "Mecca" a waggon. On Easter Day I and the Greek boys were going for some rations. We were at a small station when

Jerry Came Over

with sixteen planes and bombed us bravely. Our

two leading mules were killed and one of the boys severely wounded. For my services in this action I got mentioned for good service, receiving a permanent certificate from King George and a silver medal. I stopped with the pack mules for some time after the big air raids but I longed to see the Old Faughs again and so when I left the pack mules I joined up with them somewhere in Macedonia. We had a great day—or rather hour—celebrating Barossa Day on 5th March, and you will be surprised when you hear where it was. Well, it was on Mount Kukis,

Where St. Paul Preached

to the Thessalonians. You will see some of the marks there to this day. Later on in 1918 I got sick and went to hospital, having been in two hospitals down country. I was then sent to a convalescent camp and afterwards sent across the Mediterranean to Alexandria. From there I went to No. 9 General Hospital at Kantara, down the Nile. After being there for some time I was sent to Valetta in Malta, a lovely place, much better than the desert Nile. It is composed of three islands, Valetta, Grand Harbour, Gozan and Comeno. Valetta is a great military centre. Florina, St. Elmo and St. Andrew are lovely places. Afterwards I was sent home medically unfit for war service. I was discharged on November 2nd, 1918. During the Great War I was "mentioned" for special service and obtained King George's certificate for good service and a silver medal. I also obtained the King's War Medal and Victory Medal.

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 8 p.m. during Advent and Lent.

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 Hannon, Rector, 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. It will be a help to the Clergy if they are notified of the arrival of new Church families in the Parish.

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. 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.

Mothers' Union, Edenderry, 2nd Tuesday of each month.

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