

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

JUNE, 1932.

Seagoe Sunday School Excursion to Bangor On Thursday, June 16th, 1932.

OUTSIDERS' TICKET - 2/9 each.

Train leaves Portadown at 9-20 a.m., arrives at Bangor at 10-30 a.m.

Return Train leaves Bangor at 8-15 p.m., arrives at Portadown at 9-35 p.m.

CLERGY :

Rev. Chancellor Archer, B.D., The Rectory,
Seagoe.

Rev. W. F. Hayes, B.A., Edendale, Carrick-
Blacker Road, Edenderry, Portadown.

CHURCHWARDENS :

Rector's—Mr. Robert Scott.

People's—Mr. Isaac Dickson.

The Excursion.

Our Sunday School Excursion this year to Bangor promises to be a great success. It is the first time that it has been found possible to go to Bangor. Improvements in the Railway connections have made this possible, and the train can run right through from Portadown to Bangor. A most attractive feature of the excursion will be the presence at Bangor on the day of the Excursion of some of the big Warships of the Royal Navy. One of the officers will be Lieut. Thring, Colonel Blacker's son-in-law, who married Miss Betty Blacker. The splendid Dufferin Hall has been secured for the excursionists. It is quite near the station and will accommodate 300 people. The refreshments will be very good. In the morning each child will get three buns or pastry and an appetising ham sandwich made by our lady helpers the evening before. At the second refreshment each child will get a bag with 2 buns or pastry and a big ham sandwich. Outsiders can have Refreshment Tickets (two refreshments) for 1/3. The following are the prices of tickets for the children whose names are on the Sunday School rolls and who have attended Sunday School regularly:—

Children 8 years old and under	6d.
Children 9 to 12 years	9d.
Children 12 to 15 years	1/-
Members of the Men's Bible Class, Sunday School Teachers and Superintendents	1/6 each.

All the above prices include two Refreshments.

N.B.—After a careful estimate of the expenses attending the excursion it has been found that the Receipts will not balance the Expenditure. The Sunday School Committee decided at a recent meeting to issue collecting books to the Superintendent of each Sunday School so as to raise a Fund sufficient to cover the adverse Balance. We ask all who are interested in the great work of our nine Sunday Schools to kindly subscribe as liberally as they can. It is for the sake of the children, who look forward each year with delight to their day at the seaside. It means health and pleasure for the little ones and a day of happiness for the mothers.

Tickets for outsiders at 2/9 each and Refreshment tickets at 1/3 each (two Refreshments) are now on sale through all our Sunday School Superintendents and at various centres in Edenderry and the town:—Messrs. J. Vance, Bridge St.; T. J. Montgomery, High St.; J. H. Twinem, Market Street, and others. Secure your ticket early and make sure of a pleasant day.

Church Army Mission.

Captain Stevenson and Cadet Williams concluded their Parochial Missions in Levaghery School on Wednesday, May 25th. The Mission centres were at Edenderry, Drumgor, Carne and Levaghery. At each centre the attendances were good and many were influenced spiritually and a fresh interest created for spiritual things. The Missioners stressed in each Mission the duty of attendance at the Services in the Parish Church and at Holy Communion. The renewal of the vows and promises made at Baptism and Confirmation were also frequently brought before the people. The closing Mission at Levaghery was very encouraging. The Hymns and Choruses were heartily sung. Miss Selina Bradshaw kindly presided at the harmonium.

Lecture by Capt. Stevenson.

On Thursday, May 26th, Captain Stevenson lectured in the Parochial Hall on the work of the Church Army. It was illustrated by excellent slides. Cadet Williams had charge of the lantern. The Hall was filled. At the close of the Lecture the Rector made a handsome presentation of books to the Captain and the Cadet on behalf of their well-wishers in the Parish. The Captain and Cadet expressed their gratitude for the gifts and their regret at leaving the Parish where they had been received with so much kindness.

The Route-Marchers.

The Church Army Route Marchers arrived in the Parish at 4.45 p.m. on Monday, May 30th. Two columns started from Shankill (Lurgan) Parish Church at 3.30 p.m. on Monday. They received a splendid send-off from the Lurgan folk. Great crowds assembled at the west door of the Church, where the Dismissal service was held by Canon Hannon. The Rector of Seagoe and the Rev. W. F. Hayes were also present during the afternoon. The weather was perfect. A short Reception Service was held in Seagoe Church on the arrival of the Crusaders. Tea (kindly provided by the Mothers' Union) followed in the Parochial Hall. The Marchers, under their leader, Captain Thompson, and accompanied by Chancellor Archer and the Rev. W. F. Hayes then paraded the streets in Edenderry, holding short services in James Street, Eden Avenue, Florence Court and at the Big Lamp. Much interest was shown by the residents. The Edenderry children sang their choruses splendidly and enjoyed the services greatly. A service was held in the Parochial Hall at 8. The Hall was filled. Captain Thompson conducted the service, and each of the 8 Crusaders spoke, giving their name and the place they came from, their favourite verse and their favourite hymn. The names of the eight were—Captain Thompson, Davis, Roe, Magee, M'Candliss, Lewis, and 2 others. On Tuesday morning all joined in a celebration of Holy Communion in the Parish Church and then breakfasted together in the Parochial Hall. At 10.30 they left for St. Mark's Parish, the Rector and the Rev. W. F. Hayes accompanying them as far as the Bridge. The Marchers will make a zig-zag march, arriving at Newcastle, Co. Down, in about six weeks' time.

St. Donard's Entertainment.

The total receipts for St. Donard's entertainment amounted to £20 1s 9d, the expenses to £9 9s 2d, leaving a balance of £10 12s 7d for the Bazaar Fund. This will be a great help.

Repairs to the Church.

Some necessary repairs are being effected at the Church. The four Church doors are being painted and varnished. Mr. Brownlie is doing them with great care. The great door at the old Vestry was much in need of repair. It is a beautiful door and a great ornament to the Church. A new step is being put at the West Door. The outer wall of the side aisle is being carefully pointed. This will, we believe, remove the ugly damp spot on the wall. These and other repairs have been rendered possible by the proceeds of the recent Bazaar.

Seagoe P.E. School.

The School has recently considerably increased in numbers and has now a larger attendance than for 20 years past. The annual sports will be held early in July, and much interest is being shown in the events. Running, walking, jumping (high and long) and skipping are being eagerly practised. Mr. Hobart, the architect, is preparing final plans for the improved heating, lighting and ventilating of the School buildings in accordance with the suggestions of the Ministry of Education.

Thanks.

We thank Mr. M'Clements for a most kind and useful gift of two trestle tables for use in the Parochial Hall. They are very carefully made and will supply a much-felt want.

C.M.S. Boxes.

Hacknahay Boxes—Mrs. Bradshaw, 12s 1d; Miss M. England, 4s 10½d; Miss M. M'Cormick, 3s 10d; Miss S. Maginnis, 6s 1d; Mrs. Henry Neill, 6s 4d; Miss D. Montgomery, 3s 4½d; Miss J. Currie, 2s 2½d; Miss A. Magee, 3s; Miss Rodgers, 2s; Miss S. Jennett, 13s 7d; Miss M. M'Kane, 3s 5½d; Mrs. N. England, 8s; Mr. G. M'Neill, 2s 6d; Norman Cregan, 3s 6d; Mr. Wm. J. Calvert, 3s; Miss Calvert £1 13s 6d.

Other Districts—Mrs. Dawson, Edward St. 12s 3d; Mrs. Metcalf, Edenderry, 3s 5½d; Mrs. Flannigan, 1s 10½d; Mrs. Stoops, 2s 6d; Miss Atkinson, 2s 6d; Miss G. E. Atkinson, 10s; Miss Price, Carne, 2s 6d; Mrs. E. Collins, Kernan, 2s 6d; Mrs. Dickson, Tamnifiglasson, 6s 6d; Miss L. Gracey, Drumgor Lonan, 7s 1d.

Total—£8 2s 6d.

Seagoe Mothers' Union.

The Mothers' Union will meet in Seagoe School on Tuesday, June 14th. A full attendance of members is requested. The Mothers' annual excursion will take place to Milltown on Thursday, June 23rd, leaving about 2.30 from Edenderry Parochial Hall.

A Welcome Visitor.

Mr. Jas. M'Dowell and Miss Helen M'Dowell are making their annual visit to the Parish and give them a hearty welcome. Everyone is glad to see them and they bring happiness wherever they go. Mrs. M'Dowell (Mr. M'Dowell's mother) celebrated her 87th birthday Tuesday, May 31st. There were many visitors from Killicomaine (including the Rector) to wish her many happy returns of the day. The Ballynannon Band came to the house in the evening and played a selection of airs. Mr. and Miss M'Dowell hope to leave on their return journey to Providence, U.S.A., on Friday evening, June 1st. We wish them a prosperous homeward journey.

The Landing of Patrick.

The great Pageant illustrating the landing of St. Patrick at Strangford Lough in A.D. 432 will take place on Saturday, June 11th, at 3 p.m. A considerable number of parishioners have expressed a wish to see it and we have engaged a bus for the occasion. There are still some vacant places and anyone who wishes to see the pageant should apply at once to Mr. Scott at Seagoe School or Grove Lodge. The charge for a place in the bus will be 5/- (but may possibly be reduced to 3/6). The ticket for admission to Lord Bangor's Demesne is 1/- for unreserved and 2/6 for reserved enclosures. The sandwich lunch can be had for 1/6 and tea for 1/- in the grounds. The bus will leave Edenderry Parochial Hall at 12 noon, calling at Seagoe Church at 12.10. Tickets for admission to the grounds and copies (1/- each) of the Pageant Book can be had from Mr. Scott. Immediate application is necessary.

Canterbury at Armagh.

On Thursday, June 9th (St. Columba's Day) the most impressive Commemoration Service will be held in Armagh Cathedral at 3 p.m. The Archbishop of Canterbury will preach, and all the Bishops of the Church of Ireland will be present. A detachment of Seagoe C.L.B. will form part of the guard of honour to the Archbishop of Canterbury. Loud speakers will be installed outside the Cathedral so that those who cannot gain entrance will be able to take part in the service and hear the sermon. It will be a great occasion. At 8 p.m. on the same evening the Bishop of Birmingham will preach at a Commemoration Service in Belfast Cathedral. Admission will be by ticket.

Pageant at Belfast.

On Saturday, June 18th, the St. Patrick Pageant will be reproduced in Lord Shaftesbury's Demesne, Belfast Castle, at 3 p.m. Admission 1/-.

Service of Song.

The Service of Song, "The River-singers," with lantern slides, was given in Drumgor Church Hall by the Parochial Hall singers on Thursday, May 19th, at 8 p.m. There was a fair attendance. It was a very fine performance. Miss Hilda Walker presided efficiently at the organ, and Mr. Sidney Walker helped much by his violin accompaniment. Mr. Harry Hynes made all the arrangements with his usual efficiency. The choir sang with great taste, and Capt. Stevenson showed the slides very clearly. The proceeds were for the Drumgor Sunday School prize fund. The members of the choir most kindly paid all expenses. This is a very happy example of one Sunday School helping another. It shows the true Christian spirit.

Our Losses.

Death has taken from our midst during the past month three who were well known in the parish and who will be sorely missed. Mrs. Elizabeth Jane Dickson, of Drumnagoon, had spent all her life in the parish. She was deeply interested in everything about Seagoe. In her early years she had been a member of the choir, even as far back as the sixties of the last century. She was a member of the Wilson family, who have always been so closely connected with the Parish. Her large family will sadly mourn her loss, and we sympathise sincerely with them. Mr. John Courtney, of Balteagh, passed away after a brief illness. He was well known and much respected in the Parish. Mrs. Sarah Jane Corseadden died after a very brief illness. She had resided in the Parish for many years and had helped in many ways. To the bereaved families we express our sincere sympathy.

ITEMS

Six new members were admitted to the Seagoe G.F.S. by the Rector on Monday, May 23rd.

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The Choral Festival at Knocknamuckley was a great success. Seagoe choir took part and the Rector preached the sermon.

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Miss May Johnston has arrived at Montreal per the s.s. Antonia on a holiday in Canada.

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The Church Army Mission in Carne was attended by large numbers. Mr. David Murray helped greatly by presiding at the harmonium.

H. B. S.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following card collections for the Bible Society:— Eileen M'Dowell, 14/-; Wm. Atkinson, 9/-; M. Simpson and L. Beatson (one card), 6/6; Harold Watters, 6/-; Emma Walker, 5/-; Jack Pierson, 1/4; Roland Scott, 1/-. Total—£2 3s 2d.

**Parish Register for May.
Baptisms.**

The following were Baptized in Seagoe Parish Church on May 7th, 1932:—

Morrison—John Warren, son of John and Margaret Hester Morrison, of Lisniskey.

Sponsors—John Morrison, Mary M'Creedy.

Liggett—Sarah Doreen, daughter of Isaac and Josephine Liggett, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Sarah Kane, Josephine Liggett.

Uprichard—James Edward, son of John and Emily Uprichard, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Sarah Margaret Magee, Emily Uprichard.

Kilpatrick—Evelyn, daughter of William James and Edith Kilpatrick, of Levaghery.

Sponsors—Anne Kilpatrick, Edith Kilpatrick.

Burials.

Dickson—May 19th, Elizabeth Jane Dickson, of Drumnagoon, aged 75 years.

Courtney—May 30th, John Courtney, of Balteagh, aged 60 years. Interred in Knocknamuckley.

Corscadden—May 31st, Sarah Jane Corscadden, aged 65 years. Interred at Newry.

New Advertisements.

Several new and interesting advertisements appear in our columns this month.

Somme Memorial Services.

On Sunday, June 26th, special Memorial Services of the Battle of the Somme will be held in the Parish Church Morning and Evening. The offerings will be on behalf of the County Armagh Protestant Orphan Society. The Society is at present £300 in debt and very much needs our generous help.

Religious Knowledge Examinations

The Rev. J. Armstrong, Diocesan Inspector of Religious Education, will hold his annual inspection and examination of Seagoe P.E. School on Monday, July 4th.

Twenty-Five Years Ago.

JUNE, 1907.

Seagoe Parish Magazine for June, 1907, contains many interesting items. In large type at the head of the news notice is given of a great Sunday School Fete, Sale of Work and Athletic Sports to be held in the Portadown Recreation Grounds on Thursday, June 6th, 1907. The date of the Confirmation has been altered to July 5th. Four Baptisms are recorded and two Burials. One of the latter is that of Ethel Fryar, aged 19, a member of the Choir, whose sister Eva, aged 16, had died just a month before. A presentation had been made on May 20th to the Rev. J. Taylor on his leaving the Curacy. The presentation—a gold watch and chain—was handed to

Mr. Taylor by Mrs. Atkinson, of Eden Vill. The children attending Seagoe Morning Sunday School also presented him with a solid silver Pocket Communion Service, which was handed to him by Miss Amy Walker, of Seagoe. Reference is made to the Advertisements in the Magazine. A kind friend who desired to remain anonymous had sent the Rector £3 3s to purchase a portable Harmonium. Old Seagoe Notice referred to the laying of the Foundation Stone, the new Church on June 1st, 1814. Church Army meetings were being held throughout the Parish by Captain Atack, of the Church Army.

Old Seagoe Notes.

Cutting the ends off the Pews.—On Monday, May, 26th, 1879, the Vestry decided to cut the ends off the pews on the south side of the Church similar to the seats on the north side [evident to make a passage.]

Motion to adjourn the Appointment of a New Rector.—Thursday, May 29th, 1879—The Vestry met and decided to send a deputation to the Bishop and Council asking them to delay the appointment of a new Rector until it was possible to communicate with Major Blacker and also to enable them to arrange, if possible for the appointment of a Curate, as the Church population numbered 4,000 souls.

Dean Dawson signs the Vestry Minutes for the first time.—The first Vestry Minutes signed by Dean Dawson were those of May 29th, 1879.

Appointment of Rev. Abraham Dawson as Rector of Seagoe.—The Rev. Abraham Dawson A.M., Rector of Knocknamuckley, was elected by the Diocesan Board of Patronage Rector of Seagoe on Wednesday, July 2nd, 1879, and was instituted to the Parish by the Bishop of Down (Dr. R. B. Knox) in Belfast on Monday, July 7th, 1879. He officiated for the first time in Seagoe Church on Sunday, July 13th, 1879, when the Rev. Dr. Theophilus Campbell, Rector of Shankill (Lurgan) preached.

The Glebe House greatly in need of repair.—Just the day after the Rev. A. Dawson first officiated in Seagoe Church a Vestry was held and a resolution passed to inform the Rep. Church Body that the sum charged for the Glebe is far in excess of the real value as the Poor Law Valuation was made when the house and grounds were in splendid order, but lately being almost uninhabited the dilapidation is more than anyone not knowing it would expect. It was also agreed to pay the Rev. W. Wilson the sum of £4 13s 4d due to him for services rendered by him since the Archdeacon's death. This was the first Vestry meeting presided over by the Rev. Abraham Dawson. Repairs were also needed at the Glebe, and the contract for £19 17s 6d was given to Joseph M'Cullough. The Rev. G. L. Lodge also signed these minutes as Curate.