

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

JUNE, 1934.

CLERGY :

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

Rev. W. F. Hayes, B.A., The Bungalow, Lower Seagoe, Portadown.

CHURCHWARDENS :

Rector's—Mr. John Harrison Twinem.

People's—Mr. Robert M'Clements.

The Confirmation.

The Lord Bishop of Down (the Right Rev. C. T. P. Grierson, D.D.) will (D.V.) hold a Confirmation in the Parish Church on Friday, June 22nd, at 8 p.m. Candidates will meet in Seagoe School not later than 7.30 p.m. Each candidate will receive a card of admission to the Confirmation. On Sunday, June 24th, there will be celebrations of Holy Communion in the Parish Church at 8 a.m. and after Morning Prayer.

Consecration of Burial-Ground.

The Lord Bishop will (D.V.) consecrate the new Burial ground at the Parish Church on Friday, June 22nd, at 4 p.m. The Service of Consecration will be found in the revised Book of Common Prayer at page 548. The parishioners are invited to be present at the service.

The Somme Anniversary.

The Somme Anniversary Special Services will be held in the Parish Church on Sunday, July 1st, at Morning and Evening Prayer, in commemoration of the Battle of the Somme. It so happens that this year the anniversary falls on a Sunday, just as it did on the occasion of the actual Battle on July 1st, 1916. We will remember at these services those from among us who made the great sacrifice and whose names are inscribed in granite on our War Memorial Pillars. "Their name liveth for evermore." The offerings at this service will be given to the Co. Armagh Protestant Orphan Society.

July Anniversary Service.

An Anniversary Service will be held (D.V.) in the Parish Church on Sunday, July 8th, at 7 p.m. The preacher will be the Rev. Canon M'Garvey, M.A., Rector of the Cathedral Parish of Dromore. The offerings will be on behalf of the Lord Enniskillen Memorial Orphan Fund.

Excursion to Warrenpoint.

On Thursday, June 14th, the Sunday School Excursion goes to Warrenpoint. No other place possesses for us the attractions of Warrenpoint. The thing that makes it so popular is its endless

variety. The mountains, the lovely sea, the quaint little shops, the drive or sea trip to Ros-trevor, the splendid bathing, the climb to Fiddler's Green and to the Big Stone—all these things and many more make the "Point" a most popular place for the excursion. The Sunday Schools will assemble at the Parish Church on the morning of June 14th, at 8.30, when a short service will be held before starting on the excursion. Two bands will accompany the procession, the Ballyhannon Prize Band and our own C.L.B. Pipe Band. The train to Warrenpoint leaves at 9.55 a.m., and the return train leaves Warrenpoint at 8.35. Posters are up through the Parish with full particulars. The price of tickets for adults is 2/-. and they can obtain Refreshment Tickets for two refreshments at 1/-. These refreshment tickets must be bought not later than June 12th.

Price of Admission Tickets.

The following are the prices of Tickets:—
For children whose names are on our Sunday School Rolls:

8 years old and under—9d each.

8 years old to 14 years—1/- each.

Over 14 years—1/3 each.

Sunday School Teachers—2/- each.

Men's Bible Class—2/- each.

C.L.B. Band and Ballyhannon Band—2/- each.

All the above Tickets include two Refreshments. The Ulster Menu Company is catering for the excursion. The first refreshment includes Ham Sandwich and two pastries. Outsiders should secure their tickets without delay. They are on sale everywhere, and it is expected there will be a run on them.

Mothers' Union Excursion.

Major Shillington, M.P., and Mr. Johnston, M.P., have most kindly agreed to meet the Mothers' Union when they visit Stormont for their annual excursion on Thursday, June 21st, and to show them over the Parliament Buildings, but they have gone still further than this and have with great kindness invited the members to have tea with them at Stormont. The arrangements for the excursion are as follows—Buses will leave Edenderry Parochial Hall on Thursday, June 21st, at 1.30 sharp. They will arrive at Stormont at 3.30 p.m. The members will be entertained to tea by Major Shillington and Mr. Johnston at 4.30 p.m. Further information can be had from Mrs. Jas. Twinem, of Lylo Villa,

or from Mrs. John H. Twinem, Hon. Sec., 40 High St., Portadown.

At the last meeting of the Mothers' Union held on Tuesday, May 8th, a very interesting and helpful address on "Some Christian Hymns" was given by Mrs. Magill, of Milltown Rectory. Mrs. Magill sang each Hymn before explaining it, and Mrs. Sands kindly played the accompaniments.

Our Advertisements.

We have in our advertisement columns this year a specially attractive set of advertisements. We recommend our readers to read carefully through them and to patronise the firms when making purchases.

Twenty-five Years Ago.

APRIL, 1909.

Looking back 25 years, the copy of this Magazine for April, 1909, contains a photograph of the Rev. Capel Wolseley, who was Curate of Seagoe from 1847, the year of the Great Famine, to 1859. The photograph represents him as he was when residing at Seagoe. He was born in 1811 and died at Southsea, in England, in 1885. An address from the Seagoe Sunday School Teachers is given and also Mr. Wolseley's reply. They presented him with a Bible. The reply is dated from Seagoe Cottage, 14th July, 1852. Four Baptisms are recorded and five Burials. It is mentioned that Seagoe Parish has promised £300 to the Auxiliary Fund. Congratulations are offered to the "Portadown News" on having reached its 50th anniversary. A note is made of a shower of "Black Rain" which had recently fallen in Seagoe. It fell at 5.30 a.m., just as the factory hands were going to their work.

MAY, 1909.

The record of the Easter Vestry is published in this issue. The Churchwardens were Mr. James Albin, Rector's, and Mr. John G. Gracey, People's. Two Baptisms, two Marriages and two Burials are recorded. The burials were of William Hanlon, of Drumgor, and Lily Holand, of Levaghery. In the nature notes Breagh came first. James Davison saw the Swallow on April 4th. The Cuckoo was first heard on April 13th, and the Corncrake on April 24th. Reference is made to the new houses erected by Mr. Collen at Killicomaine. The death of Mrs. Hospital (formerly Miss Allen) a teacher in Seagoe School is recorded. The subject of the Old Seagoe notes is Cromwell's Inquisition of 1657.

Seagoe C.L.B.

The C.L.B. have had a very strenuous month. On Monday, May 7th, they gave a splendid dis-

play in the Parochial Hall. The Hall was crowded. Proceedings began with the annual Inspection, which was taken by Major Friars, of Belfast. The Training Corps were first inspected and proved very efficient. The Carne Company, under Corporal Frank Girvan, carried off the prize. This was specially creditable as the company has been so recently formed. The Cadets were then inspected and made a fine turn-out. A splendid gymnastic display was then given by the Cadets, under Sergeant Joseph Hynes. Colonel Torrens, who commands the Diocesan Battalion, was present later in the evening and was greatly impressed. He congratulated Lieut. Mitchell and the lads on their efficiency. On Sunday, May 20th, the Brigade attended a Church Parade at St. Mark's Parish Church, Ballysillan, Belfast. They journeyed there by 'bus. The Service was at 3.30 p.m. The C.L.B. Band accompanied the lads.

Parish Register for May. Baptisms.

The following were Baptized in Seagoe Parish Church on May 5th, 1934:—

Wright—Sarah Rebecca, daughter of William Henry and Mary Wright, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Mary M'Donald, Mary Wright.

Millar—Robert, son of Robert and Edith Florence Millar, of Seagoe Lower.

Sponsors—Robert Millar, Edith Florence Millar.

M'Coo—Gladys, daughter of George and Margaret M'Coo, of Tarson.

Sponsors—Jane Florence M'Coo, Margaret M'Coo.

Burials.

M'Dowell—May 14th, 1934, Anne Jane M'Dowell, of Killicomaine, aged 65 years.

Carson—May 14th, 1934, Robert Carson, of Killicomaine, aged 62 years. Interred at Knocknamuckley.

Sympathy.

We record with great regret the death of Miss Anne Jane M'Dowell, of Killicomaine. She had been in weak health for some time but the end came after a comparatively brief illness. Always quiet and patient, she bore her weakness with courage and faith. We sympathise very sincerely with her sister, Miss Sarah M'Dowell, and with her brother and relatives in America. Robert Carson, of Killicomaine, had only been living in the Parish for a comparatively short time. We express our sympathy with his bereaved wife and family in their sorrow.

Lurgan Choral Festival.

This annual Festival was held on Saturday, May 26th, in Seapatrick Parish Church, Banbridge, at 4.30 p.m. Seagoe Choir took part in and altogether there were about 500 choristers. The singing was very fine. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Canon Marks, B.D., Rector of Tandragee. Mr. Smith, the Organist of Shankill, was the conductor. After the service the choirs had tea in the adjoining schoolroom.

A Card from Florida.

The Rector has received a card and some interesting pictures of Florida from Mr. Tom Webb. He writes from Jacksonville:—"This place is beautiful as ever. It is always June, but although it is so beautiful I think Seagoe is a better place and I would love to see it once again." We send our best wishes to Tom, who never forgets his old Parish.

The Oldest Church in Portadown.

The Rector recently received a letter addressed "The Minister, The Oldest Church in Portadown, Armagh, Ireland." The Post Office authorities delivered the letter without hesitation at Seagoe.

Seagoe on a Cunard Liner.

Wesley Porter, of Lower Seagoe, who has been for the past six months in training at the Prince of Wales Hostel, Limehouse, London, has just been appointed as a deck-hand on the Cunard liner "Carinthia." Last Saturday the "Carinthia" left on a world cruise and will not be home again till December 31st. Wesley did very well at the Hostel and greatly pleased his instructors for his steady and upright character. He was confirmed last month by the Bishop of London in Limehouse Parish Church. We wish him God-speed in his sea-faring life. His cousin, Jack Killow, is now a deck-hand on the P. & O. liner "Ballarat" and is completing his second voyage to the Far East.

The New Plot.

Mr. M'Keown has just completed a very fine bit of work in putting a cement coping on the road wall of the new Burial ground at Seagoe. He has worked continuously, often until quite late in the evening so as to have the work done before the visit of the Bishop on June 22nd. Mr. M'Keown and his nephew are very skilled tradesmen, who take a pride in their work.

ITEMS.

There is a renewal of the dry weather and water supplies are again running low, but notwithstanding the drought there seems to be an abundant growth of grass.

There have been many cases of scarlatina in the Parish, but we are thankful to say not of a serious type. The prevalence of the disease

seems to have some connection with the prolonged drought. A useful precaution would be to boil all milk and water which are used for drinking purposes.

A beautiful display of Portadown shrubs and flowers was in evidence at the great Show in Belfast.

The graves in Old Seagoe Graveyard are now very beautifully kept. This is as it should be. God's Hallowed Acre, where lie our dear ones, should be the special object of our care. Many of the graves are beautiful and bright with the choicest of flowers.

Old Seagoe Notes.

The Dilworth Family of Balteagh.—The Rector has received the following interesting letter from Mr. Lewis D. Cook, of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, U.S.A.:—

"The Historical Society of Pennsylvania, 1300 Locust Street, Philadelphia, Pa., U.S.A., May 7th, 1934.

"The Reverend the Rector, Parish of Seagoe, County Armagh, Ireland.

"Reverend and dear Sir,—In attempting to discover the antecedents of a certain John Dilworth, said to have been born in North Ireland between 1745 and 1760, my inquiry of the Deputy Keeper of the Public Record Office in Dublin brings the reply that the will of Robert Dilworth, of Balteagh, Parish of Seago, County Armagh, proved in 1734, was not saved when the office was burned in 1922."

"May I solicit your kind attention in the matter of discovering some record of this Robert Dilworth (or Dillworth) and his children, in the parish register, and also in the hope of finding therein a record of the baptism of the first-named, John Dilworth, born 1745-1760?"

"That a family of this name was settled in Balteagh seems to be further proved in that one John Dillworth of that place, left a will which was proved in 1687, but which has likewise perished.

"The first-named John Dilworth was, by tradition, an officer in H.M. Royal Navy in American waters. Another and more definite contemporary record here shows that he was a pilot on the Delaware River and was taken prisoner from a British ship there by the Americans in 1777. He died in Virginia or in Georgie, U.S.A., about 1795, having been a sea-captain.

"Any consideration which you may give to the matter of establishing the date of his birth and the names of his parents, will greatly oblige, sir.—Very truly yours.

"Lewis D. Cook."

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A Letter from Mrs. Margaretta M'Cullough, of Philadelphia.—Mrs. M'Cullough, of 3329 Well-

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ington Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, U.S.A., whose maiden name was Simpson, writes to the Rector for her Baptismal Certificate. She has resided for many years in the States.

TOWNLANDS OF SEAGOE.

A glance at the names of the 57 townlands which constituted the original Parish of Seagoe reveals several points of interest. Eight out of the ten townlands allotted to Ardmore have the prefix Derry. It was a common saying that every townland beginning with a Derry was part of the Moyntiagh district. Many townlands in Drumree Parish, beyond the Bann, also begin with Derry. The word Derry or Daire means in Irish an oak tree or an oak wood. This respect for the oak leads us to believe that these townlands were named by the Druids in pre-Christian days. The oak was in their eyes specially sacred, and the mistletoe which grew on the oak was regarded as a symbol of the presence of a god. It was known as the Golden Bough. Townlands seem to have been in many cases called after trees. The frequency of the prefix Derry seems to prove this. Two other of the townlands in the Parish have Derry incorporated with them—Derryvore and Edenderry. It is not always easy to trace the meaning of these townland names. Derryadd means the Long Oakwood. The word Inver in Derryinver means the mouth of a river, so Derryinver means the oakwood at the mouth of the river. This townland lies where the Bann enters Lough Neagh. Cor means a cuplike hollow, so Derrycor is the oakwood in the hollow. Loisy is a marshy place, and Derry-loist is therefore the Oakwood in the Marsh.

Derrymacash means the Oakwood of the Waker Bridge. This was apparently a light bridge thrown across the Croset river. Derrytagh is apparently the House of the Oakwood, the latter part of the word being "teach" a house. Derrytrasna means the Oakwood of the Swimming strand. Ballynery is the town of the level moor or field. Ardmore means the great height or hill.

The eight townlands taken from the Parish to form the new Parish of Knocknamuckley next claim notice. The meanings of the townland names is as follows, as far as can be decided—Ballydonaghy, the town of the two plains or the town of the river-fort. Ballygargan, the town of the Shrubbery. Ballynaghy, the town of the kiln or Corn Mill. Crossmecahilly is undoubtedly Macaulay's cross. It may refer to cross-roads or to a cross erected to commemorate some heavenly visitation. Drumgask may mean the ridge of the watery field. Knocknamuckley is the Hill of the Grey Pig. Lisnaminty the Fort of the Little Bog. Moyraverty or Monraverty—in this case Raverty may be a surname or the name may mean the Bog or the Hill of the Rath at the Ford.

The ten townlands taken from the Parish in 1878 with their meanings are as follows:—Aghacommon, the field of the hollow. Annalost, the stream in the Marsh. Ballynamoney, the town of the Bog. Boconnel, the hut of the Candle or Will-o'-the-wisp. Drumnakelly, the ridge of the wood. Kinnego, the smith's head or hill. The last syllable of this name is the same as the second syllable of "Seagoe." Knockramer the fat or thick hill. Silverwood is the English form of the ancient name of the townland Killinargit so called from a forest of Silver birch trees. Tamnaghmore is the Great Field. Turmoira, a cluster of Yew trees.

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 each 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 thankoffering. (See Book of Common Prayer.)

MORNING PRAYER—Sundays and Chief Festivals, 11-30 a.m.

EVENING PRAYER—Sundays, 7 p.m.

DISTRICT SERVICES

Hacknahay—Last Sunday of Month at 3-30 p.m.

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

Edenderry—Wednesday at 8 p.m.

CLASSES, &c.

BIBLE CLASS FOR MEN in Edenderry on Sundays at 10 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS 10 a.m. Edenderry Parochial Hall and Seagoe School. 3 p.m. Seagoe, Edenderry Parochial Hall, Levaghery, Hacknahay, Carne, Drumgor, Bocombra

MOTHERS' UNION—2nd Tuesday of each month at 7-30 p.m.

CHURCH LADS' BRIGADE in the Parochial Hall on Tuesdays and Fridays.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY in Seagoe School on Mondays at 8 p.m.

SEAGOE P.E. SCHOOL, 9-15 a.m. Principal—Mr R. Scott.

MARRIAGES must be performed between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Licenses are issued by Rev. Canon Hannan, 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 5/-, 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 3/- per annum.