

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

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Easter.

ENCE again the season of Holy Week and Easter draws near. Easter Day occurs this year on March 27th. The Annual call to commemorate our blessed Lord's Sufferings and Death and Resurrection should inspire every member of the Church with a more earnest desire to imitate the Divine example of Self sacrifice which is set before us on Good Friday, and to rise to that newness of Life which Easter Day so vividly brings to our mind. The season of Lent through which we are now passing, if rightly availed of by our people, should bring us into a fit state of mind for a reverent celebration of these Sacred Seasons.

We are glad to notice signs in our midst that the old carelessness which existed here, as well as elsewhere, with regard to the special observance of the seasons of the Christian Year is passing away, and the members of the Church of Ireland are beginning to realise what a precious inheritance they possess in the orderly remembrance each year of the leading events in our Lord's earthly life. This ought to prove a great spiritual help in living the Christian life. It is as though each year we accompanied our Lord to Bethlehem, The Wilderness, Gethsemane, Calvary, and as though we stood with the disciples at the Sepulchre and again watched Him go up in the clouds of the Ascension and came back to wait with the Apostles for the gift of the Spirit at Pentecost.

The modern habit of regarding Good Friday as one of the Easter Holidays and a time for social recreation will, we hope, find no encouragement in Seagoe Parish. The day on which we call to mind the Passion and Death of our Saviour should be spent in quiet meditation and worship. The following special Services will be held in Seagoe Church:—

HOLY WEEK.

Service in the Church each evening (except Saturday), at 8 o'clock.

Addresses will be given on subjects connected with our Lord's Suffering and Death.

On the Wednesday evening a special address will be given on "Easter Communion."

On Good Friday Service will be held in the Church at 11-30 a.m. and 8 p.m.

EASTER DAY.

8 a.m.—Holy Communion.

11-30 a.m.—Morning Prayer, Sermon and Holy Communion.

3-30 p.m.—Special Children's Service for the children attending Seagoe, Edenderry, and Levaghery Sunday Schools.

7 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon.

The Collections at all the Services on Easter Day will be in aid of the Sunday Schools of the

Parish. Penny Collecting Cards will be issued to the children in the Sunday Schools on Sunday, March 20th.

TO COMMUNICANTS.

We invite all the regular Communicants of the Parish to be present at the Holy Communion on Easter Day, if possible at the 8 a.m. Service or if not at the mid-day Communion.

We hope, also, that many others who have been Confirmed, but who have in the past been careless about attending Communion or who have perhaps never come to it even though they felt how much they needed it, will come forward and kneel around the Holy Table in their Parish Church on Easter Day. No one who professes to be a Christian can afford to neglect the Saviour's direct command—"Do this in remembrance of me."

Special Lent Preachers.

The Rev. O. W. Scott, Rector of Gilford, will preach a Lent Sermon in the Church on Wednesday evening, March 9th. On Sunday evening, March 6th, the Rev. R. D. Patterson, Rector of Ardmore, is the special Preacher; and on Sunday, March 20th, the Very Rev. R. S. O'Loughlin, D.D., Dean of Dromore, will preach at Evening Service.

The Easter Vestry.

Every household in the Parish should be represented at the meeting of the General Vestry which takes place on Thursday, March 31st, in Seagoe School, at 7-30. The General Vestry in each Parish is composed of those who are subscribers to the Sustentation Fund and who are over the age of 21 and have signed a declaration that they are members of the Church of Ireland, resident in the Parish and not connected with any other Parish. It is the Parliament of the Parish, and a General Election takes place each Easter. The Select Vestry, which carries on the business of the Parish during each year, is elected by the votes of the General Vestry. Perhaps you have never thought of the importance of the Church Vote, but every Churchman should register and record his vote for the twelve men whom he thinks will manage the affairs of Seagoe Parish most efficiently during the coming twelve months to Easter, 1911. The following have been your representatives during the past year:—W. R. Atkinson, George Calvert John Montgomery, T. J. Montgomery, Robt. Gracey, T. E. Maginnis, Wilson Irwin, Thomas Martin, Major S. W. Blacker, T. J. Atkinson, J. H. Stevenson, Joseph Murray, with the Churchwardens—Jas. Albin and J. G. Gracey.

St. Patrick's Day.

The children of Hacknahay Day School, assisted by some friends, are giving a Concert in Hacknahay School on St. Patrick's Day, March 17th, at 7-30 p.m. Miss Wilson, the popular and energetic Principal of the School, is busily engaged in practising the children in Action and Character Songs and Recitations for the Concert, and those who wish to spend a most enjoyable evening should at once secure a Ticket. The Prices are—Reserved Seat Tickets, 1/-; Ordinary, 6d. Some of the items will have special reference to "The Sweet little Shamrock." The profits of the Concert go towards the School Equipment Fund.

Baptisms.

"Arise, shine, for thy Light is come."

- Feb. 5th—Emily Johnston, daughter of James and Sarah Neill.
 " "—Oliver, son of Robert Henry and Margaret Anne Best.
 " "—Joseph Browne, son of Richard and Ellen Jane Maxwell.
 " 9th—James Twinem, son of James and Sarah Boyce.
 " "—Margaret Susanna, daughter of James and Elizabeth Twinem.

Marriage.

"Thy vows are upon me."

- Feb. 1st—James Hara, Bocombra, to Sarah M'Connick, Drumnagoon.

Burials.

"The dead shall hear the Voice of the Son of God."

- Feb. 5th—John Coulter, Tarson, aged 87 years.
 " 8th—Margaret Major, Lr. Seagoe, aged 70 years.
 " 23rd—Robert M'Cully, Lr. Seagoe, aged 93 years.

Offertories.

"An offering of a free heart will I give Thee."

	Morning.			Evening.		
	£	s	d	£	s	d
Feb. 6th—Quinquagesima	2	18	0	1	0	0
" 13th—1st S. in Lent	1	15	1	0	12	0
" 20th—2nd S. "	0	13	4	0	8	6
" 27th—3rd S. "	1	7	6	0	12	0
Week days				0	9	2
	£6	13	11	£3	1	8

The Coming Confirmation.

After Easter we begin our Classes for the Confirmation which the Bishop will (D.V.) hold in the Parish on Sunday evening, June 26th, at 7 o'clock. All who have not been confirmed and who are 14 years of age, or over, are invited to join the classes. We hope our Sunday School Teachers will bring the subject before the children in their classes. Classes for Adults will be held in various centres.

Band of Hope.

DRUMGOR.

It is with great pleasure that we refer in this issue to the Temperance Work in Drumgor District. On Thursday, 10th February, a most successful meeting was held in the Church Hall. We have always held that each district in the Parish is quite capable of organising and carrying on this work without any outside help, and we were delighted to find our ideas correct on this point. Without any assistance the young people in Drumgor and neighbourhood set to work with a will and provided a programme which did them much credit.

Various recitations and songs were contributed by the younger children attending the Sunday School. In all these items a high standard was reached. At the conclusion of the songs and recitations, a most instructive dialogue entitled, "The Trial of the Intoxicating Liquor," was done by the young men of the district. We tender our congratulations to them on the success of their efforts. During the evening an address on the A B C of Temperance was given by the Rector, when he took the opportunity of referring to recent events in connection with this work.

Votes of thanks having been passed to Miss Archer and Miss M'Mullan, who were responsible for the musical part of the programme, and to all who had contributed to the success of the meeting, the meeting was closed with the Benediction and several cards signed.

Concert at Carne.

A very successful Concert was held in Carne on Thursday, February 3rd, at 8 o'clock. The proceeds were on behalf of the Fund for providing a new Harmonium for Carne Hall. A number of performers from Portadown kindly gave their services, and almost every item was encored. Several of our Seagoe favourites were also to the fore. The success of the Concert is due to the indefatigable efforts of Mr. David Murray, the Superintendent of Carne Sunday School. We append a list of some kind subscriptions received, together with the total receipts of the Concert—

Miss Armstrong	...	£0	10	0
Major Blacker	...	0	10	0
Rev. J. Taylor	...	0	5	0
Rev. W. R. Crichton	...	0	6	0
Mr. Joseph Murray	...	0	5	0
Per Mr. T. H. Wilson	...	1	5	0
Per Mr. J. Lavery	...	0	5	0
Tickets sold	...	3	10	0
		£6	16	0
Less Expenses	...	0	6	0
		£6	10	0

Seagoe Flower Show.

We propose to hold a Flower Show and Industrial Exhibition in connection with the Parish Sunday Schools next June. Every child whose name is on our Sunday School Roll Books will be eligible to compete. A parishioner has kindly undertaken the task of arranging the Flower Section, and has drawn up the following class list for entries;—For children (on Sunday School Rolls) whose parents do not possess a garden, Prizes are offered for Best Pot of Double Geranium, any colour; Single Geranium, any colour; Fuchsia, Musk, Campanula, Mignonette, any Foliage Plant, grown in window; any Flowering Plant, grown in window; Best Window Box of Pansies, Mignonette, Mixed Flowering Plants, Best Bunch of Wild Flowers. For Children whose Parents possess a garden—Prizes are offered for Best Pot of Double Geranium, any colour; Single Geranium, any colour; Fuchsia, Musk, Fern, any Foliage Plant, any other Flowering Plants, Best Window Box of Mixed Flowering Plants, Best Bunch of Sweet Pea, Three Bunches Sweet Pea (30 spikes) each different (20 in each), Three Bunches Roses, each different (3 in each); Six Bunches Hardy Garden Flowers, each different; One Bunch Shirley Poppies and Grasses, One Bunch Annual Coreopsis, One Bunch Wild Flowers. Entrance Fee, 2d in each class. Rules for Competitors may be had on application to the Sunday School Superintendents.

Mr. Leonard Twinem.

We regret very much that we are about to lose the valuable services of Mr. Leonard Twinem, who has for some years past acted as superintendent of Seagoe Morning School and has brought it to its present high state of efficiency. Mr. Twinem sails for the United States in a few weeks. We feel that we express the thought uppermost in the minds of all the Seagoe Teachers and Children when we say that his departure will be a real loss to our Sunday School work in the Parish. We heartily wish him God-speed in the country whether he goes.

Seagoe Across the Sea.

The Rector is always glad to hear from Seagoe Parishioners who are settled in distant parts of the world. This Magazine is a useful bond of union between Seagoe at home and abroad. A letter describing the town or country where you live, the church you attend and the work in which you are engaged, would be very interesting for insertion in these columns. Many of our people are settled in the United States, Canada, Australia and New Zealand, and we would like to know how they fare in these far-off lands. If any Seagoe people enclose a Postal Order for 2/- they will receive a copy of this Magazine for twelve months. Mr. Ernest Holland, of Brooklyn, U.S.A., sends us a most interesting Parish Magazine of the Church which he attends—

St. Bartholemew's, Pacific Street, Brooklyn—of which the Rev. Frank M. Townley, M.A., is Rector. The Magazine is well edited and the Parish seems to be in a high state of efficiency.

Items.

We need an organ and organist for the Carbet services.

The Rectory Purchase Scheme is proving a great success.

Mr. John Lavery has presented a Church Hymnal with music for use at the Carbet Services.

Edenderry Sunday School is now so large that there is scarcely room for the classes in the Parochial Hall.

C.M.S. Missionary Boxes must be handed in before March 10th, also all Missionary Collecting Cards.

The District Sunday Evening Services are being largely attended, especially in Drumgor and Carbet.

The flooding of the Bann has been unusually great this year. A large lake has been formed between Seagoe and Drumcree, and all the meadows near Levaghery are under water.

Miss Dawson has kindly presented to the Parish some most interesting documents illustrating the history of Seagoe Parish which were in the possession of the late Dean Dawson.

Mr. Robert McCully, whose death is announced in this month's Magazine, was one of the oldest if not the oldest resident in Seagoe Parish. He was baptised in Seagoe Church on Feby. 15th, 1818, and was in his 93rd year. He remembered the cutting of the new Lurgan Road, an event of the long distant past. Mr. John Coulter, whose death is also announced, was one of the few still living who assisted in making the railway through the Parish in the year 1840.

Girls' Social.

The Girls' Bible Class Social was held on Tuesday, February 8th, in Edenderry Hall. There was a large attendance. The Rector presided. After Tea an interesting Programme of Music and Recitations was performed. A stirring address was given by the Rev. F. J. Halahan, Rector of Drumcree. At the close of the evening a large number of Prizes were distributed to the successful members. In Miss Armstrong's class four Special Certificates were awarded for not missing a class during the year. Maggie Smith has only missed one Sunday in four years. Mrs. Magee and Alice Hawthorne got special prizes for only missing once in three years. In Mr. Chambers' class one Certificate was awarded for a complete year's attendance, and two Special Prizes were kindly given by Mr. Chambers.

Old Seagoe Notes.**THE SEAGOE YEOMANRY.**

A SEAGOE MAN AT WATERLOO.—In continuation of our notes on the Seagoe Yeomanry in last Month's issue of the Magazine, the following particulars regarding the famous local force will be of interest to our readers.

In the Roll Book of the Yeomanry, for 1820 to 1829, this entry occurs on one of the pages and proves what hardy veterans served in the Seagoe Corps. Unfortunately the name of the individual referred to is not recorded.

SIR,—I beg to renew my claim to a pension by answering to your request of how I received my wound. Our regiment, after being engaged at New Orleans, stopped but a few days in England and then sailed to Ostend. We marched from thence to the Plains of Waterloo in three days where we joined His Grace the Duke of Wellington. After Waterloo we went on duty on the gates of Paris till it surrendered. We then went into Barrack in the town of Paris. It was decided by the surgeons that the Barracks were unhealthy for our men. We were then ordered to a camp outside the Town to be ready for a General Review. During this time no medical assistance could be obtained. We were then marched to Bapum (?) where I remained in Hospital till discharged, blind of the right eye and the other badly affected, which continues so to the present and consequently disables me of working for a support.

[It would be interesting to have a list of the Seagoe men who fought at the Battle of Waterloo. The Rector would be glad to hear of such names for publication in these Notes.]

STANDING ORDERS OF THE SEAGOE INFANTRY, 1809.—During the past month we have obtained a copy of the Standing Orders and regulations of the Seagoe Infantry, signed by "William Blacker," and dated "Carrick, January 1st, 1809." The document is too long for full publication. Here are some extracts from it:—

The Seagoe Corps having increased into a Battalion and numerous changes having taken place in His Majesty's regulations for the Army, Major Blacker deems it necessary and his duty to issue the following Code which he trusts will be strictly attended to by the Seagoe Infantry in order to its preserving that character for appearance and discipline which it has so justly acquired and so long maintained.

The Corp being now formed into six companies, each company will assemble separate from the other on a private parade of its own, to which every man is to repair with as little delay as possible on the first order or signal—"to fall in." The Officer of the company, assisted by the Sergeants, will then proceed to inspect the arms and dress of the men, taking care that they stand steady under arms and that every motion is done in a correct and soldierlike manner.

It is expected that the Sergeants will feel the respectability of their situation in being thus raised above their fellow soldiers and encourage their men to correctness by showing them a proper example in their own appearance.

No man is to be allowed to remain in the ranks who appears without his arms and appointments complete.

The men are to have their arms in good order, clean and bright; they are to parade with neat snappers of horn or wood, except when ordered to the contrary. Flints are invariably to be put in with lead or leather. The belts and slings to be of a good white.

It cannot be expected that the pouches will be polished in the same style of those of more regular troops; but they are to be kept clean and black, which will be effected by rubbing them before a gentle fire with a little bees wax or heel-ball, afterwards apply a hard brush which will, in a very short time, bring them to the degree of cleanness required.

[Further extracts will be given in our next issue.]

NAMES OF SEAGOE TOWNLANDS.—*Ballyhannon* is said to mean Hannigan's Town. *Ballymacrandal* means Town of Randal's son. Randal was a common name in the O'Neill family in whose Territory this Townland is situated. *Ballymacor* means Town of the Border. This townland forms a kind of boundary between the uplands and the range of bog in the district of the Moyntiagh's. Others derive the name from Baile-na-Corra, the Town of the Weir.

CHURCHWARDENS OF SEAGOE.—This month we begin to publish a list of the Churchwardens of Seagoe and hope to continue it month by month until the list is complete up to the present. The first entry of which we have a record is that of the year 1683.

1683—George Blacker.

Huan Hatt.

1684—(No record).

1685—David Bell, Knocknamuckley.

Archibald Hamilton, Killkillmain.

1686—James Walker, Kernan.

William Hodgson, Druminakelly.

1687—Matthew Martin, Seagoe Etragh.

John Wilson, Knockmenagh.

1688—John Cappine, Edendery.

Thomas Bell, Turmoyry.

1689—(No record).

1690—(No record).

1691—Richard Tummins, junr., Knockmenagh.

Robert Black, Ballyhanahan.

1692—Patrick Morris, Killenerget (Silverwood).

William Arran, Kairn.