

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

MARCH, 1926.

CLERGY :

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

Rev. R. W. Johnston, L.Th., 51 William Street Portadown.

CHURCHWARDENS :

Mr. Robert Price (Rector's).
Mr. Thomas Martin (People's).

Holy Week and Easter.

During Holy Week, which begins this year on Sunday, March 28th, special services will be held each evening (except on Saturday) at 8 p.m. The following clergy have kindly consented to preach at the services:—

Monday, March 29th—Rev. J. R. MacDonald, M.A., Rector of Donacloney.

Tuesday, March 30th—Rev. W. R. M. Orr, LL.D., Rector of Gilford.

Wednesday, March 31st—Rev. W. E. Hurst, M.A., Rector of Moira.

Thursday, April 1st—Rev. J. B. Bradshaw, M.A., Rector of Aghalee.

Good Friday.

On Good Friday the following services will be held:—

11-30 a.m., Morning Prayer and Litany.

8 p.m., Evening Prayer and sermon.

The offerings on Good Friday will be given to the Society for Promoting Christianity among the Jews.

Easter.

On Easter Day services will be held as follows—

8 a.m., Holy Communion.

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

7 p.m., Evening Prayer and sermon.

The offerings at all services on Easter Day will be on behalf of our Parochial Sunday School Fund.

The events which we commemorate during Holy Week and Easter are fundamental facts in our Christian experience. The Death and Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ is our only hope of salvation from sin. "He died the Just for the unjust to bring us to God." The Tragedy of Calvary, on which our whole faith is built up, is the most stupendous fact in human history. We shall get to understand it better if in the spirit of true devotion we gather together in the House of Prayer each evening during the great week preceding Easter, and open our hearts to hear and receive afresh the message of Salvation. The week of Suffering is crowned with the joy of Easter Day. The darkness has passed away and the True Light of Resurrection glory fills our thoughts and kindles

our worship. The Parish Church, bright with the flowers of spring, reminds us that winter has gone, and that the joy of summer is at hand.

As Christian people we will mark our Easter of 1926 by attendance at Holy Communion. We will not allow any casual circumstance to hinder our participation in the Sacrament instituted by our Blessed Lord on the eve of His Passion and sealed for us with His distinct command, "This do in remembrance of Me." We wish all our readers a Happy Easter. Some of those who may read these words may be far away from the old Church where they used to worship in their early years, but they will resolve that in their new surroundings they will find out the nearest Parish Church, and on Easter Day keep the Feast as they used to do in the old days in the old Church beyond the seas.

Advent of the Bus

Quite a revolution has been effected in the Parish by the advent of the motor bus. People who never thought of a visit to Banbridge or Donacloney, or Dungannon or Belfast, can now, without trouble or much expense visit any of those places. Some people who live in distant parts of the Parish come to Church on a bus. At all our recent concerts motor buses were much in evidence, the huge craft being drawn up outside the hall awaiting the exit of prospective passengers. A novel sketch was recently presented by the Edenderry children entitled "Waiting for the Bus," and created great amusement. On Saturdays the town is more crowded than ever owing to the large number of people who come by bus from neighbouring towns. You can get anywhere and everywhere now by bus.

Sunday School Prizes.

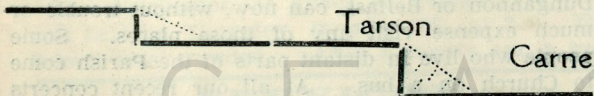
Last month was very busy with prize distributions. The number of prizes distributed exceeded all previous records. The gross cost of Hymn Books and Prayer Books alone amounted to £24 19s 6d, and besides this there were very many beautiful Bibles and attractive story books. We are often requested to get special books, such as the "Adventures of Husky-Dusky" or "The Story that never came to an end," or "The Blue Slipper," or perhaps "The Cat and her Mittens." Of course we would like, if possible to please and satisfy all our happy prize-winners, but it is sometimes very difficult to get the book they ask for. We hope that those who got Bibles and Church Service Books will take great care of them and not expect to get them again for some years. We hope, too, that the children will take great pride in bringing their Bibles and Prayer Books and Hymnals to Church with them every Sunday, so that they may be able to join heartily in the service.

Improvements.

The new lodge at Seagoe graveyard is nearing completion and presents a very neat appearance. It is a roomy building, with good windows, and appears to have been constructed with good materials. The old stable which for so long occupied this site has been swept away. We hope many other improvements will follow now that the Graveyard Committee have made a good beginning. Some receptacle should be made in the graveyard where withered wreaths could be thrown. At present they are usually thrown over the boundary wall. Young children should not be allowed to go through the graveyard unless accompanied by a grown person. A graveyard is not intended to be a playground. Even for health reasons it is not advisable for children of tender age to frequent the graveyard.

Those who live along the Carne road rejoice in the improvement caused by the cutting of the double right angle corners which at two points in Lower Seagoe and Tarson formed very dangerous obstructions to traffic. We can describe in a simple diagram the improvement which has been effected. The dotted lines show the new pieces of road—

Lower Seagoe



The Vestry have purchased a new Slingsby folding ladder for use at the Parish Church. The extensive roofing of the Church and the proximity of so many trees make it frequently necessary to clean the spouts. The want of a convenient ladder has been felt, but the want has now been well supplied.

Prize Distributions.

At all our Sunday Schools the prize distributions were marked by crowded rooms and interesting programmes. **Edenderry** Sunday Schools had their gathering on Thursday, February 4th. The Superintendents (Mr. S. Rennix and Mr. R. M'Clements) and the teachers had arranged a splendid supply of tea and cakes, and also an attractive programme of music and recitations. The Rector, assisted by the Superintendents, distributed the prizes. **Drumgor** prizes were distributed on Monday, February 2nd. There was a large assemblage of the children. Games were played after tea, and then the prizes were distributed by Miss Agnes Guy. The Rector spoke a few words of welcome and congratulation to the Superintendent (Mr. Thos. Hopps) and the teachers and children on the success of the Sunday School. **Hacknahay**—Friday, January 29th. The schoolroom was crowded. After a hearty tea, followed a very attractive programme, which was much enjoyed. The Rev. R. W. Johnston presided, and the prizes were presented by Mrs. Bunbury Atkinson, of Gleneyre, who each year very kindly presents some special prizes to the children.

Carne held its distribution of prizes on Friday, February 12th, at 7-30 p.m. After a plentiful supply of tea and cake, the evening was spent with round games, interspersed with songs and recitations, also a sketch entitled "Mother's Housemaid." Mrs. David Murray handed the prizes to the successful children.

Seagoe was the scene of a happy evening on Thursday, February 11th, at 7 p.m. There was a large gathering of children, who enjoyed to the utmost the plentiful supply of tea and cake provided for them. After tea, there was a programme of songs, recitations and sketches. The Rector distributed the prizes to the children.

Colonel Blacker, D.S.O.

Colonel Blacker paid a brief visit to Seagoe last week, arriving on Tuesday, March 2nd. He stayed at Drumcree Rectory with the Rev. F. J. Halahan. He had the pleasure of meeting many officers of the 9th Batt. while here, and paid several visits. He is at present living in North Devon, England.

Concert in Drumgor.

An attractive concert was held in Drumgor Church Hall on Tuesday, February 23rd, at 8 p.m. The room was packed. We counted 320 people present. The programme was excellent and varied. No encores were allowed owing to its length. It ran on to 11-15, but someone said they could have listened on till midnight. Miss Hawthorne brought her "Fairies" from Edenderry in a big bus. All the items were good and the sketches were very amusing. Much credit is due to all who helped to arrange the programme. The proceeds will be given to Drumgor Sunday School Fund.

Seagoe Mothers' Union.

On Wednesday, February 3rd, the members of the Mothers' Union attended a service in the Parish Church. The Rev. H. F. O. Egerton preached. On the following Sunday the members attended the service of Holy Communion.

On Tuesday, March 2nd, the monthly meeting was held in the Parochial Hall. Tea was kindly provided by some of the members. The Rector presided, and the Rev. Canon Taylor, M.A., Rector of Lisburn Cathedral, gave an address on "Martha and Mary." There was a large attendance and many new members were admitted.

The Weekly Envelopes.

A large number of those who have taken sets of envelopes are sending or bringing them in regularly, but there are a few who are less regular or who have not yet begun to send in the set for this year. We ask all who have taken sets to kindly bring them in regularly, so that there may be no arrears. If the financial responsibilities of the Parish are to be met everyone will have to do his or her part with generosity and regularity.

The Balteagh Coin.

The Rector has received the following letters regarding the old coin dug up in Balteagh recently by G. B. Gracey:—

101 Donegall Street,
Belfast, 25th Sebruary, 1926.

Dear Canon Archer,—I enclose a letter from Mr. Fletcher regarding the piece you showed me. The Mr. Baldwin to whom he refers is the well-known coin dealer in Duncannon Street, opposite Charing Cross.—Yours very truly,

WILLIAM MAYES.

Topwood, Caterham,

Surrey, 17th Dec., 1925.

Dear Mr. Mayes,—Please excuse my not having written again before this, but the delay was caused by a mishap. As a matter of fact, I wrote on 21st Nov., and the letter got mislaid, and I only found it again to-day, it having got mixed up among some business papers. It was written to mention that I had shown the drawing to Mr. Baldwin, who has as good a knowledge as anyone I know of coins in general. His opinion was that it was neither a coin nor medal, but was a roundel from a trencher with the family arms and motto, and he put it down as being of about the period of James I. The drawing is exactly similar to the heraldic "beacon." Fairbairn's "Book of Crests" gives a number of families bearing this as a crest, but the only specifically Irish name is, I think, "Redmond." The motto, however, is not given in "Fairbairn," nor can I trace it elsewhere. When I wrote last, I mentioned that I had an old halfpenny with an inscription relative to the "Antrim Regiment," but which I could not put my hand on at the time. I have since turned it up, and am enclosing it for your inspection, as I thought you might possibly be interested to see it. It is, of course, very roughly done, but may well be of some local interest. You need be in no hurry to return it.—Yours very truly,

LIONEL L. FLETCHER

Men's Social in Edenderry.

A very pleasant and largely-attended social for the members of the Recreation Room and the Air Gun teams was held in the Parochial Hall on Monday, February 15th, at 7-30 p.m. Tea was very kindly provided and dispensed by a committee of ladies. It was served at separate tables. After tea, the Rector took the chair and introduced a deputation of four members of the Belfast Air Gun Association, who had most kindly arranged to attend the meeting and give the men all information regarding the working of the Belfast Association. The deputation consisted of Mr. Tom Murphy, President, B.A.G.A.; Mr. Lattimer, Chairman; Mr. D. F. Adgey, Vice-Chairman, and Mr. M'Kerr, the well-known Belfast dart maker. Mr. Murphy, by the aid of a series of diagrams, explained the nature of a correct aim. Mr. Lattimer, a Belfast veteran, told the story of Ulster Air Gun Clubs. He also gave a very humorous reci-

tation, "When I was 21," and performed very skillfully on the "bones," much to the delight of the audience. Mr. M'Kerr told us how darts were made, and how important it is that they should be the very best. Mr. D. Adgey, in a few words, expressed his pleasure at being present, and his interest in air gun work. Mr. Murphy suggested that in the near future he would bring a team from Belfast for a friendly match. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the visitors, on the motion of the Rev. R. W. Johnston, seconded by Mr. D. W. Murray.

Presentations.

The Misses Hawthorne, who have helped so well in the work in Edenderry, were the recipients of a presentation from the children of Edenderry choir, at a social meeting held in the Parochial Hall on Friday, February 5th. The presentation consisted of two handsome writing cases. At the same time Miss Isobel Atkinson was presented with a handsomely bound Bible by the Band of Hope choir.

Parish Register for February.

Baptisms.

Russell—February 6th, Rebecca, daughter of William Alexander and Margaret Russell, of Drumgor.

Sponsors—William Alexander Russell, Edith Sinton, Margaret Russell.

M'Nally—February 6th, Esther, daughter of Joshua and Anne Elizabeth M'Nally, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Margaret Calvert, Lily Kerr.

Marriage.

Guy and Warnock—February 6th, 1926, Alexander Guy, of Upper Seagoe, to Margaret Warnock, of Edenderry.

Burials.

Eades—January 30th, Dorothy Charlotte Eades, of Killicomaine; aged 8 months.

M'Cann—March, 1st, Jane M'Cann, of Edenderry; aged 71 years.

Sale of Work at Drumgor.

A Sale of Work is being arranged and will be held (p.v.) in Drumgor Church Hall on Easter Tuesday, April 6th. All kinds of amusements will be provided. The sale is being held to clear off the balance of debt resting on the Hall. We want all the Parish to help to make the sale a great success.

Seagoe Select Vestry.

A meeting of the Select Vestry was held in Seagoe School on Thursday, February 25th, at 8 p.m., for the purpose of closing the list of the General Vestry of the Parish. The following names were added to the list—Messrs. John Dermott, Robert Morton, Thomas Coulter, John R. Reid, Wm. A. Casey, Misses Caroline Monroe, Nellie Montgomery, Norah Montgomery, Letitia Montgomery and Dinah Montgomery.

Old Seagoe Notes.

The Blacker Chancel in Seagoe Church.—The Blacker Memorial Chancel was designed by a famous Irish architect, Sir Thomas Drew, President of the Society of Architects in Ireland. It is a handsome and well-proportioned addition to the Church and was erected in 1890. The design adopted for the Mosaic flooring possesses a special interest. The in-laid pattern is taken from a design or symbol found on a coin which Sir Thos. Drew discovered lying on the breast of a body buried in the crypt of Christ Church Cathedral, in Dublin, when that Cathedral was being restored some 50 years ago. The coin dated from the 10th century and was of Norse or Danish origin. The reason why this decoration was chosen by Sir Thos. Drew for the Blacker Memorial was no doubt because of the intimate connection, which according to tradition, existed between the founder of the Blacker family, known as Blacaire, the Dane, and his cousin, the founder of Christ Church Cathedral, Sitric III, who was a Danish King of Dublin. The Blacker family are heirs to the title of "Hereditary Defenders of Ath-Claith, otherwise Dublin." The family are said to have settled in Yorkshire and to have returned to this neighbourhood in the person of Valentine Blacker in the middle of the 17th century.

Seagoe and the Education Act.

A report of the last meeting of the Regional

Committee of the County Armagh, which appeared in the "Armagh Guardian," began with the following statement—"The Transfer Committee of the County Education Committee, at their meeting on Wednesday received a letter from the Manager of Seagoe School declining to transfer the School unless it was recorded in the agreement that Bible Instruction be given by the teaching staff in accordance with the memorandum of the Ministry. It will be recollected that the County Committee some time ago decided not to include any such condition in Transfer Deeds, but instead passed a resolution to the effect that such instruction was to be given in all Protestant Schools."

[The letter referred to above was sent to the Regional Committee by the Secretary of Seagoe Vestry, with the approval of the Rector and by the unanimous wish of the Vestry.]

ITEMS.

We are glad to hear that the Rev. G. H. Daunt is making a good recovery from his recent illness.

Magazine distributors are asked to send in their returns for 1925 as soon as possible, also their returns for the sale of Almanacs.

The Annual Report for 1925 will shortly be published

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.

MARRIAGES must be performed between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Licenses are issued by Rev Canon Hannon, Rectory, 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

CLASSES, &c.

ADULT CLASSES—Sundays at 10 a.m.

For Men—Edenderry and Seagoe. 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.

A copy of the Magazine will be sent post free to any subscriber for 3s per annum.