

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

MARCH, 1932.

CLERGY :

Rev. Canon Archer, B.D., The Rectory, Seagoe,
Rev. W. F. Hayes, B.A., Edendale, CarrickBlacker
Road, Edenderry, Portadown.

CHURCHWARDENS :

Rector's—Mr. Robert Scott.
People's—Mr. Isaac Dickson.

Special Services.

During Holy Week special Services will be held in the Parish Church on each evening except Saturday at 8 p.m. The Services will begin on Monday, March 21st. Addresses will be given on subjects connected with the closing days of our Lord's life on earth—Gethsemane, Judas, Pilate, the Last Supper.

Good Friday.

On Good Friday (March 25th) Services will be held as follows:—

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 Jews' Society.

Easter Day.

The following Services will be held on Easter Day (March 27th):—

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 these Services will be on behalf of the Parochial Sunday School Fund.

Holy Week and Good Friday carry with them solemn and sacred memories of our Lord's Cross and Passion. Prayer and Meditation in the quietude of the House of Prayer will help us to spend the "Week of Calvary" in the true spirit of Penitence and Resolution. Easter Day will then be to each devout worshipper a season of Hope and Rejoicing in the prospect of Life and Immortality.

The Easter Vestry.

From time immemorial the Easter Vestry has been held. In former centuries it was always held in the Parish Church on Easter Tuesday at 12 noon. The Church bell was rung and the parishioners assembled. The business brought before the Vestry in those days was largely that which is now transacted by Urban and Rural Councils. The upkeep of the roads and the Relief of the Poor and the levying of the Parish Cess was then the duty of the Vestry. The cess was levied at 1d or 2d or more per acre. Pay-

ments to the Parish Clerk, Vestry Clerk, and Schoolmasters were then made. The Churchwardens were elected and received payments for Visitation Fees, Provision of the Sacramental Elements, cost of washing Surplices, and always a small sum for contingencies.

The Annual Vestry this year will be held in Seagoe School on Thursday, March 31st, at 8 p.m., for the Nomination and Election of Churchwardens and Select Vestry, also to receive from the Treasurer a statement of accounts for 1931.

Seagoe Mothers' Union.

The members of the Mothers' Union have arranged to attend the Service in the Parish Church on Wednesday, March 9th, at 8 p.m.

St. Donard's Concert.

Tickets are now on sale for the Dramatic Concert to be given by the St. Donard's (Belfast) Dramatic Society in the Town Hall, Portadown, on Friday, April 1st, at 8 p.m. Reserved seat tickets are 2/- each and ordinary tickets 1/-. The proceeds will go towards the Seagoe Bazaar Fund for Seagoe Church and School. This will be a very important occasion and we feel that we owe a debt of gratitude to Canon Moore, Rector of St. Donard's, and to Rev. R. Gracey and the St. Donard's people for so kindly offering to give this entertainment at their own expense. The St. Donard's Dramatic Society have a great reputation in Belfast and they are going to give us of their best. Secure your ticket at once. A reserved seat ticket will ensure you the certainty of getting a place on this interesting occasion. You can book your seat at once at Mr. J. H. Twinem's, Market Street, where a plan of the Hall may be seen. The Rev. R. Gracey and two leading parishioners have visited Portadown to make preliminary arrangements. A printed programme of the entertainment will be issued shortly.

Sunday School Excursion.

At a meeting of Sunday School Superintendents and Teachers held in Seagoe School on Wednesday, Feb. 24th, it was decided that the Excursion this year would be held on Thursday, June 16th, and that we should go to Bangor. Bangor is a splendid place on the open sea, with plenty of sand for building sand castles, good bathing and all kinds of amusements. It is possible now to get a direct through train from Portadown to Bangor. Further particulars regarding the Excursion will be published later on.

Our Sunday Schools.

The Sunday Schools of the Parish, seven afternoon and two morning, are doing a great work in the religious education of our young parishioners. There is a vacancy for a Superintendent in Drumgor Sunday School. **Seagoe** afternoon School is now very large, and **Carne** Sunday School has got an increased staff of teachers and larger classes. **Hacknahay** had its distribution of prizes on Friday, Feb. 19th. There was a large attendance of parents and children. After tea, a splendid programme of music, recitations and sketches was performed and gave great pleasure. Mrs. Bunbury Atkinson distributed the prizes and also kindly gave special prizes to the children who had not missed a Sunday during the year. The Rev. W. F. Hayes presided during the earlier part of the evening and the Rector later. The Rector thanked all who had kindly helped, and the Rev. W. F. Hayes also spoke. At the close Miss Calvert distributed oranges to all the children. Mr. T. E. Maginnis, the Superintendent of the School, was present and helped greatly towards the success of the evening.

Correction.

There were a few errors in the financial statement of the Bazaar Receipts published in our last issue. No. 1 Work Stall was credited with the total made by No. 2 Work Stall, viz., £20 15s 4d, and No. 2 was credited with the total for No. 1 Work Stall. Miss R. Guy's subscription should have been entered as £1 1s 0d.

February Weather.

The weather during February has been unusually fine and dry. The barometer at Seagoe has been well over 30 inches ever since January 18th, and on two occasions rose as high as 30.85 on January 27th and February 20th. The belt of fine weather has extended over the whole of Europe and shows no sign (March 3rd) of any change. Farming operations are in an advanced stage.

The Advent of Protection.

The introduction of a Tariff on Imports will greatly benefit conditions in industry, farming, and gardening in Seagoe as elsewhere. Our competitors abroad can no longer dump their commodities freely on our shores.

Service of Song.

The Edenderry Choristers, under Miss Hilda Walker, are very busy practising for the Service of Song to be given in Edenderry Parochial Hall on Tuesday, March 15th, at 8 p.m. The tickets, 1/- each, are having a good sale. The music and story of the Service of Song and the lantern slides are very nice. The proceeds are on behalf of Edenderry Sunday Schools.

Sympathy.

During the month two of our Parishioners have been called away. Mrs. Watson, of Railway St., had been a sufferer for a long time and bore her burden with great patience. Mrs. Twinem, of Lylo, had been seriously ill for only a few days. She had passed fourscore years, but had enjoyed wonderful health almost up to the last. The shock she received a few weeks ago when burglars entered her house undoubtedly led to her fatal illness. We offer our sincere sympathy to Mr. Watson and his family and to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Twinem and Mrs. Boyce in the sorrows they have experienced in the death of those so dear to them.

The Choral Festival.

The Lurgan Choral Festival, in which Seagoe Choir takes part, will be held in Knocknamuckley Church on Saturday, May 21st. The rehearsal will be at 3, the Service at 4.30, and the choirs will have tea together in the Knocknamuckley Parochial Hall at 6. The music is specially chosen with reference to the St. Patrick Commemoration. The Rector's Hymn, "Lift thy banner, Church of Erin," will be the Processional. It is set to an interesting old Seagoe tune, "Edenderry." This tune was a great favourite in the Parish 100 years ago and in 1859 during the Revival movement was heard everywhere. With some slight changes, it is found in a collection of Hymn tunes known as "Nettleton's" Collection, which was published by the Rev. Averell Nettleton in the United States in 1824. The Nettletons resided in Seagoe Parish in the eighteenth century, and their names occur in the Baptismal Registers of Seagoe.

Seagoe P.E. School.

Miss Ruth Matchett, Assistant Teacher in Shrigley P.E. School, Killyleagh, Co. Down, has been appointed Assistant Teacher in Seagoe P.E. School. Miss Matchett is a native of Portadown, her family residing at Riverside, on the Tandra-gee Road. She comes to us with the highest recommendations. She has had a long experience as a teacher and has been consistently rated by the Inspector as "highly efficient." Miss Matchett will enter on her work in Seagoe School early in April.

A Seagoe Success.

Mr. William Robert Gracey, of Balteagh, a member of Seagoe Choir, has been appointed to the responsible post of Assistant Town Clerk of Lurgan. We congratulate Mr. Gracey very heartily on his success, which is a source of much pleasure to his many friends in the Parish.

Congratulations.

We offer our hearty congratulations to Mrs. Thomas Gracey (Miss Jane Porter, of Drumcart, Lower Seagoe) on the occasion of her marriage. Mrs. Gracey, while resident among us was most helpful in every way. The Porter family, of which she is a member, has been closely associated with Seagoe Parish Church for many generations. We wish her and her husband much happiness and prosperity. Mr. and Mrs. Gracey will reside in Boconnell, a former townland of Seagoe Parish.

C. A. Van in Seagoe.

Captain Stevenson, of the Church Army, is coming to Seagoe with the Church Army Van on Saturday, March 19th. He is at present working in Donacloney. Captain Stevenson is a Tyrone man and has considerable experience in the Mission work of the Church Army, both in England and Ireland. We welcome him to the Parish. During the first week of his stay he will help in connection with the Special Services in the Parish in Holy Week and will then undertake Mission work in various centres through the Parish. This is Jubilee year of the Church Army, which was founded by Prebendary Carlile just 50 years ago. Many among us get the Church Army Gazette and know the great and good work which under God's blessing is being accomplished by the Army.

Old Seagoe Notes.

THE FIERY FAGGOT IN SEAGOE PARISH.

A remarkable prophecy was current in Seagoe Parish in days long, long ago. Sitting round the cosy turf fires in their thatched cabins, the old grey-haired fathers and mothers used to tell with bated breath of the fearsome "fiery faggot" which would one day sweep through the Parish to the consternation of the people. Little children and even grown boys and girls used to shiver with fear when they heard of it. Year after year, and century after century the prophecy lingered. In the course of time the site of the "fiery faggot" became localised, and it was firmly believed that the place where the apparition would be seen was in one of the lower ditches of the Cuppaige demesne at Silverwood, which then and until 1874 formed part of Seagoe Parish. Then one day it was murmured that some great change was about to be made in Seagoe. The country people saw engineers with weird instruments passing through the fields, then labourers with pick and shovel began to fill up hollows and remove hillocks, then came skilled labourers laying sleepers and fixing rails, and then one awful day in the year 1839 there came along the rails a giant monster hissing steam and spitting fire, and rushing along at a speed that had never before

been seen. The secret was out, and the old time prophecy was fulfilled, and as the fearful spectacle rushed along the ditch at Silverwood, old and young, as they watched it flying past, declared that at last they had seen the "fiery faggot" of their anxious dreams.

St. Patrick's Day

On March 17th (St. Patrick's Day) in accordance with the wish expressed by the Archbishops and Bishops of the Church, there will be a celebration of Holy Communion in the Parish Church at 11.30 a.m.

A United Service in which Seagoe and the neighbouring choirs and Parishes will take part will be held in St. Mark's Church, Portadown, at 8 p.m. on the evening of St. Patrick's Day.

Seagoe G. F. S.

Our G.F.S. spent a very pleasant and profitable evening in Seagoe School on Monday, Feb. 22nd. Miss Greer, of Lurgan, and her sister, with over 30 members of Lurgan G.F.S., came over to Seagoe to join with our members in a Missionary gathering. Miss Greer, who was at one time a C.M.S. Missionary in China, gave a most interesting lecture on "Missions in China." The lecture was illustrated by many objects brought from China. At the close of the lecture the Rector, on behalf of the Seagoe branch, thanked the Misses Greer and their G.F.S. for their presence and for the very interesting lecture. The Rev. Canon Hannon came in for a few minutes during the evening.

Bocombra and Carne.

Bocombra and Carne Sunday Schools had their prize distributions on Monday, Feb. 8th. The Rector presided at Bocombra, and the Rev. W. F. Hayes at Carne. At both schools the rooms were crowded and most interesting programmes of music and recitations were provided. Splendid books and Bibles were given as prizes. At Bocombra Mr. Jas. Twinem, the energetic Superintendent, sang and spoke, and at Carne Mr. David Murray had arranged everything so well that everybody said it was the best evening Carne ever had.

Our Advertisements.

Careful readers of the Magazine will notice many new advertisements, and wise readers will patronise the firms which advertise. Attention is also directed to the pithy sentences at the head of our advertisement pages which if remembered and acted upon will save customers from worry and needless expense.

ITEMS

The Diocesan Council of Down and Connor and Dromore has approved of the grant of a loan

from the Representative Church Body towards the Renovation of Seagoe Parochial School.

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The Installation of the Rector as Chancellor of Dromore Cathedral Chapter will take place in Dromore Cathedral on Tuesday, March 15th, at 3 p.m.

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A splendid new mat measuring 24 square feet has been placed in the Church porch. It will help greatly in keeping the Church floor free from dust.

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Carne Bible Class is held in the Church Hall every Thursday evening at 8 p.m. It is conducted by the Rev. W. F. Hayes.

Parish Register for February.

Baptisms.

The following were Baptized in Seagoe Parish Church on February 6th, 1932:—

Conlon—George, son of George and Sarah Conlon, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Jane Pentland, Sarah Conlon.

Roney—Robert, son of Samuel and Christina Roney, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Mary Isabella Roney, Christina Roney.

M'Cormick—Jane, daughter of Robert and Emily M'Cormick, of Portadown.

Sponsors—Elizabeth M'Cormick, Emily M'Cormick.

Marriage.

Gracey and Porter—Feb. 24th, Thomas Gracey, of Boconnell, Parish of Shankill, to Jane Porter, Drumcart, Lower Seagoe.

Burials.

Watson—Feb. 19th, Mary Watson, of Edenderry, aged 54 years.

Twinem—Feb. 25th, Mary Anne Twinem, of Lylo, aged 82 years.

Twenty Five Years Ago

FEBRUARY, 1907.

Three Baptisms and three Burials are recorded in the Magazine for February, 1907. At a prize distribution at Carne amusing dialogues were performed by R. Montgomery, S. Currie and Miss L. Fox. The prizes in Edenderry were distributed by Mrs. Hadden. A dialogue entitled "The Three Nots" was performed by David Livingstone and Victor Irwin. The words of a new Vesper Hymn used in the Church are printed. A song-singing class has been started in Seagoe by Mr. Horace Wilson. Gas has been installed in Seagoe School. A description of Old Seagoe Church is inserted under Old Seagoe Notes.

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In the March, 1907 issue of Seagoe Magazine regret is expressed at the approaching departure of the Curate, the Rev. John Taylor, from the Parish, he having been appointed to the Curacy of St. Thomas's Church, Belfast. There are six Baptisms and six Burials recorded. Among the latter is the funeral of our popular C.L.B. Lieutenant, Robert M'Kinstry. The Brigade, under Lieut. Wm. Reid, were present. The death of Emma Robinson, of Ballinacor, is noted at the age of 87 years. An account of Drumgor prize distribution is inserted. The Superintendent, Mr. Wm. Bickett, kindly entertained all to tea. George Rowland gave selections on a new instrument called the "gramophone," which created much wonder. Mrs. Porter, of Portadown, gave sweets to all the children. In the Men's Recreation Rooms Monday evening lectures were continued. The Rev. J. Taylor lectured on "An Evening with the Stars," and Mr. Thos. Atkinson, B.L., on "Irish Dogs." At Levaghery Alick Steenson, Ernie Holland and Sam Currie kept a concert audience greatly amused.

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. 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.