

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

MARCH, 1935.

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 Collect for Lent.

Almighty and everlasting God, who hast nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent; create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wickedness, may obtain of Thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Special Lent Services.

During the season of Lent, which began on Wednesday (Ash Wednesday), March 6th, Special Services will be held in the Parish Church on each Wednesday evening at 8 p.m. On Sundays, at Morning and Evening Prayer, special subjects suitable to the season will be dealt with.

Temperance.

On Sunday, March 10th, at Morning and Evening Prayer, Temperance Sermons will be preached in the Parish Church. The offerings will be on behalf of the Diocesan Temperance Society and the Irish Temperance Alliance.

C.L.B. Parade

On Sunday, March 10th, at Morning Prayer there will be a Parade of the Seagoe and Carne Companies of the Church Lads' Brigade. Captain Mitchell will be in command. The C.L.B. Training Corps and Cadets meet in the Parochial Hall on Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m.

A Missionary Play.

On Thursday, March 14th, a Missionary Play will be performed in the Parochial Hall at 8 p.m. The tickets, 9d and 1/6 are now on sale. The Play is of great interest and the performers are members of Shankill (Lurgan) Parish Church. Special costumes and accessories will be used by the players. The play is being most kindly given on behalf of our Church Funds.

Sunday School Concert.

What promises to be a most enjoyable concert will be given in the Parochial Hall on Thursday, March 28th, at 8 p.m. The object of the concert is to raise funds to cover the cost of the Sunday School prizes for Edenderry Sunday School.

Lurgan Conference

On Saturday, February 16th, a largely attended Conference of Sunday School Teachers was held in Lurgan. It had been organised by the Rev. J. Hamilton, Curate of Donagheloney. The Conference began at 3.50 with a service in Shankill Parish Church, at which the Bishop gave an address. After the service the Teachers gathered in the large Parochial Hall, when an address on Sunday School work was given by Miss Millington, Organising Secretary of the Church of Ireland Sunday School Society. The address was very practical and useful, dealing with the various difficulties and encouragements of Sunday School work. Tea followed, and then the second session opened with a further address by Miss Millington. Among those who spoke at the Conference were the Rev. Chancellor Archer, Mr. T. E. Maginnis and Mr. R. Scott. The Bishop having expressed his sense of the importance of the Conference, the proceedings terminated.

Visit of Miss Millington.

On Thursday, February 28th, our Sunday School Teachers attended a meeting in Seagoe School, at which Miss Millington gave an important address on Sunday School work. There was a large attendance of the Teachers. The proceedings began socially with tea, and this was followed by the Conference. Preparation and Punctuality were the two points emphasised by Miss Millington. Speeches were made by the Rev. W. F. Hayes, Mr. R. Scott, Mr. Harry Hynes, Mr. M'Clements, Mr. Stanfield and Mr. W. Hutchinson.

Useful Suggestions.

At the Parish Social Mr. J. H. Twinem suggested that work parties should be organised in each of the seven districts of the Parish and that each should strive to raise £50. It was also suggested that a large Sale of Work should be held towards the end of the year. The proceeds to be used to pay the balance on the New Burial ground and also the cost of the Repair of the Church Tower and the painting of the interior of the Church.

Supervisor of Envelopes.

Mr. Thomas Stanfield, of Levaghery, has very kindly consented to supervise the Envelope System on the invitation of the Select Vestry. For this purpose the Parish will be divided into four sections. Edenderry will form one of the sections. Mr. George Wilson and Mr. Tom Hall, who check and enter the envelopes as they come in, will furnish Mr. Stanfield with a list each month. This system has been followed in many parishes with excellent results. It is the system adopted in the Parish of Shankill (Lurgan) and of St. Mark's, Portadown. The system will come into force in Seagoe without delay.

The Parish Social.

The Parish Social was a great event in our Parish life of last month. It was held on Tuesday, February 19th, in Seagoe School. Members of the Select Vestry and the Churchwardens had made a thorough canvass of the Parish, and tickets had been widely sold in every townland. The result was very gratifying. So many of the Parishioners assembled that there was scarcely room enough for them in the School. The three large rooms were quite filled. Everyone was in the best of humour and a very friendly spirit prevailed. The tea was very good. We have never before seen such a display of beautiful teapots, and the tea was made separately in each teapot. All kinds of wonderful cakes adorned the tables. Grace was heartily sung before tea. Mr. Albert Wilson most kindly had his band, which played very nice selections during tea. Owing to the numbers present the arranging of the forms and removal of the tables took some time, but when all were seated the Rector took the chair. After prayer and the singing of "The Church's One Foundation," the chairman spoke a few words of welcome to all present. An interesting programme of songs and recitations followed. At the close of the evening short addresses were given by the Rev. W. F. Hayes and by the Ven. Archdeacon Hanon. During the programme Mr. J. H. Twinem made a very clear statement as to the Finances of the Parish and suggested that the best way to increase the Sustentation Fund was by a more regular and punctual payment through the Weekly Freewill Envelopes.

The ladies who assisted at the tea-tables were:—No. 1, Mrs. Sloan, Miss H. Walker, Miss Hynes, Miss Anderson; No. 2—Mrs. Stoops, Miss Monroe, Mrs. Richard Hoy, Miss Mayes; No. 3—Miss Maginnis, Miss Bradshaw, Miss Coulter, Miss Matchett; No. 4—Mrs. Jack Walker, Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Porter, Miss May Bell; No. 5—Miss M. Dickson, Miss S. Gray, Mrs. M'Cormick, Miss Betty Hynes; No. 6—

Mrs. J. H. Twinem, Mrs. Metcalf, Mrs. John L. Gilpin, Miss Johnston; No. 7—Miss Guy, Miss Lizzie Gracey, Miss C. Kirby, Mrs. Watson Walker; No. 8—Miss M'Clements, Miss Jennett, Miss Primrose Preston, Miss J. Waters; No. 9—Mrs. J. G. Gracey, Mrs. Ballentine, Miss Margt. Gracey, Mrs. Bertie Pickering; No. 10—Mrs. James Twinem, Miss M. Webb, Mrs. Cairns, Miss S. Hoy; No. 11—Miss White, Miss Isa Best, Miss R. England, Miss Cox; No. 12—Miss Atkinson, Miss M'Dowell, Miss Sara Dawson, Mrs. John R. Reid; No. 13—Mrs. Mitchell, Miss Mabel Best, Mrs. Betty, Miss P. Robinson; No. 14—Mrs. Moses Gilpin, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. M'Clatchey, Miss M'Laughlin. Mr. John H. Twinem had charge of the arrangements, and he was ably assisted by Mr. James Twinem, Mr. R. M'Clements and other members of the Select Vestry.

The following is a statement of accounts up to date:—Receipts—Collection at door, £1 10s, Cake, per Miss Atkinson, 2s; Subscriptions—Miss N. K. Montgomery, 5s, Friend, per Miss M. Dickson, 3s, 422 tickets at 1/-. £21 2s—£23 2s 0d. Expenses:—Printing and cleaning, 19s 6d. Balance—£22 2s 6d.

Cash:—Handed to Mr. Stoops, £20 18s 6d; cash in hand, 4s 0d; tickets outstanding, £1—£22 2s 6d.

Prize Distributions.

All the Sunday Schools of the Parish have now had their Prize Distributions. February was indeed a very busy month. In one week there were no less than three distributions. A very large number of Hymn Books and Prayer Books were given as prizes, also Bibles. Quantities of story books were also awarded, although the demand for stories was not as great as usual. All the books given were handsomely bound.

Distribution at Drumgor.

Drumgor held its social evening on Monday, February 4th, at 7.30. We have seldom seen the room so crowded with children and their parents. A splendid tea was provided, which was thoroughly enjoyed. Games of all kinds followed and a nice programme of songs and recitations followed. Then came the distribution of the prizes amid great excitement. Mrs. Hutchinson, wife of the Superintendent, Mr. Wm. Hutchinson, kindly distributed the books to the children. The Rector, in thanking all who had helped to make the evening so pleasant, referred to the energy and zeal shown by Mr. Hutchinson in the Sunday School. The School is now very large in numbers and has a fine staff of teachers. The Rev. W. F. Hayes also spoke and invited the children to attend the Morning School in Seagoe and to come to the Parish Church.

Bocombra.

On Thursday, Feb. 7th, the new Hall at Bocombra was crowded for the Prize Distribution. The active and genial Superintendent, Mr. James Twinem, to whose efforts we owe this fine new Hall, was present. The Rev. W. F. Hayes presided. After a splendid tea, games were played and at intervals music and recitations were given. Mr. Twinem sang several of his songs, which were much enjoyed and loudly applauded. Mrs. Twinem was also present and kindly distributed the prizes to the successful children. At the close of the evening the Rector thanked Mr. and Mrs. Twinem and Mrs. Mecaren and all who had helped. Mrs. Mecaren is most kind and helpful at the Hall.

Edenderry Prizes.

This Sunday School, Morning and Afternoon, is the largest in the Parish, and the annual distribution of prizes is a great and outstanding event. The Hall was crowded and at tea the children sat in their respective classes. After tea, a very interesting programme was given by the children and was greatly enjoyed by the audience. The performers gave their pieces with great taste and expression. Mr. Hynes had kindly arranged the programme. The distribution of the numerous prizes followed. The Rector, the Rev. W. F. Hayes, Mr. M'Clements, Superintendent of the Morning School, and Mr. Harry Hynes, who superintends the Afternoon School, all assisted at the giving of the books. All separated just at 10 o'clock. It was well that it ended then for the electric light failed all over North Armagh at 10.5 p.m.

Carne Sunday School.

On Thursday, February 14th (St. Valentine's Day) Carne enjoyed its social evening. The Hall was crowded as usual. Tea was provided and games followed. Carne enjoys its games to the full. "The Farmer wants a wife" is a special favourite, and the "Bone" was left alone a good many times that evening. Some pretty songs and recitations were given by the children and much to the delight of all Mr. Gilbert Price produced "M'Gurk's Cow." Mr. George Wilson, our capable Superintendent, was present and also Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Wilson. Mrs. T. H. Wilson kindly distributed the prizes. The Rev. W. F. Hayes having expressed thanks to the helpers, the Doxology was sung and all separated after a very enjoyable evening.

Hacknahay.

Friday, Feb. 15th, was the day fixed for the social at Hacknahay. It was the third distribution in that week. As usual there was a crowded room. Mr. T. E. Maginnis supervised every-

thing. The tea was very good, and the programme was still better. Great trouble had been taken and every item was first-rate. The sketches and dialogues were very well done. Hacknahay is distinguished for the good memories displayed by the children in their recitations. Mrs. Atkinson, of Glen Eyre, kindly distributed the prizes and also gave some splendid special prizes herself to children who had not missed a Sunday during the year. Miss Calvert very kindly gave each child a large juicy orange as it passed out at the close of the evening. The Rector and the Rev. W. F. Hayes were present and congratulated Mr. Maginnis on the efficiency of the Sunday School.

Seagoe Distribution.

On Friday, Feb. 22nd, the distribution of prizes for Seagoe Morning and Afternoon Sunday School took place in Seagoe School. There was a large attendance. Tea and cakes were in abundance and full justice was done to them. After tea, the children assembled in the Senior Schoolroom, and an interesting programme of music and recitations was provided. The Rector presided. The distribution of prizes followed. Mrs. Dunlop, from Dublin, and Miss Agnes Guy, Superintendent of the Afternoon Sunday School, handed the books to the successful children. At the close the Rev. W. F. Hayes and Mr. R. Scott spoke on the good work done in the Sunday Schools.

Parish Register for February.**Baptisms.**

The following were Baptized in the Parish Church on February 2nd, 1935:—

Bell—William Kenneth, son of Joseph James and Emily Bell, of Lurgan.

Sponsors—Margaret Jane Bell, Anne Jane Bell.

Harra—Beatrice, daughter of Victor and Ethel Harra, of Edenderry.

Sponsors Elizabeth Best, Ethel Harra.

Marriages.

Flannigan and Elliott—February 23rd, 1935, Richard Flannigan, of Upper Seagoe, to Muriel Moore Elliott, of Portadown.

Watson and Law—February 26th, 1935, Thomas John Watson, of Ballydougan, Parish of Knocknamucklev, to Caroline Louisa Law, of Edenderry.

Lynas and Freeburn—March 7th, 1935, Thomas Joseph Lynas, of Levaghery, to Violet Freeburn, of Edenderry.

Burial.

Preston—March 6th, Constance Preston, of Levaghery, aged 30 years. Interred at Loughgall.

Seagoe Mothers' Union.

Miss (Dr.) Minford, of Ardmore, has kindly consented to give a Health Talk at the meeting of the M.U. in Seagoe School on Tuesday, March 12th. This will be very interesting and useful. Tea will be provided at 7.30. At the last meeting, held on February 10th, the members brought their needlework, and the President, Mrs. J. H. Twinem, gave very interesting readings from the Mothers' Union Journal. Those from the Parish who wish to join the Mothers' Union should send in their names to the Hon. Sec., Mrs. J. H. Twinem.

Our Advertisements.

The careful reader will notice many changes in our advertisements this month. We are glad to say that all our old patrons continue to advertise, but the form and contents of many of the advertisements are necessarily changed. This is all to the good, because the eye gets quickly accustomed to the wording of an advertisement and even a slight change in the setting or wording will attract the attention of the reader, and the advertisement will thus fulfil its purpose. We claim the patronage of our many readers for the firms which advertise in our columns. Please say when you are about to make a purchase—"I saw your advertisement in Seagoe Parish Magazine and I made up my mind to give you an order."

ITEMS

The road through Upper Seagoe has been greatly improved and made much safer for cyclists and motorists during the past month. The steep camber at the side of the road has been filled in and made level with the centre of the road.

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Much regret has been expressed at the death of Molly Smyth, only daughter of the Rev. J. Smyth, of Ardmore. We deeply sympathise with her bereaved parents and only brother.

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The Rector preached at the Enthronement of the Bishop of the Diocese in Lisburn Cathedral on Wednesday, February 27th, at 3.30 p.m.

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G.F.S. Social.—On Tuesday, March 5th, a very pleasant social was held in Seagoe School. The Men's Bible Class were guests of the G.F.S.

**25 Years Ago
MARCH, 1910.**

In the issue of the Magazine reference is made to the approach of the Easter Festival, which in that year occurred on March 27th. On Sunday evening, March 20th, the preacher announced

was the Very Rev. R. J. O'Loughlin, Dean of Dromore and Rector of Shankill. Five Baptisms, one Marriage and three Burials are recorded. A Confirmation is to be held on June 26th. Regret is expressed at the departure of Mr. Leonard Twinem for the United States. He had for some years been Superintendent of Seagoe Morning Sunday School. A Sunday School Flower Show is announced for June, 1910. The burial is recorded of Robert M'Cully, of Upper Seagoe, aged 93 years. The Old Seagoe Notes have details of the Seagoe Yeomanry.

Old Seagoe Notes.**The Old Church and the present Church.**—

The Parish of Seagoe derives its name from the early Irish Saint, Gobba or Gobanus, who died A.D. 639. He is said by Colgan (Acta Sanctorum Hiberniae.—Vol. I. p. 750) to have lived at the bank of the river Bann, at Teg-da-Goba, or 'the house of Goba' which, through the form Suide-Goba, 'the Seat of Goba,' has been long known as Seagoe. Gobanus, it is probable, had his cell or oratory on the mound or fort which ever since his day appears to have been dedicated to the worship of God, and where the ruins of the old church of Seagoe are still standing.

Tradition records that the first church erected on this site was formed by studs, or rude posts interlaced with hay-ropes, and covered with yellow clay. Towards the close of Elizabeth's reign the English settlers who accompanied Essex here built a church which was destroyed after a few years. No doubt it is this building which is shown on the Plantation Map of 1609, standing here roofless, with a few trees around. Again the English colonists repaired or rebuilt the church, which was once more ruined in 1641. Soon after the restoration in 1660, the church was again rebuilt through the exertions of Valentine Blacker, an ancestor of the Carrick-blacker family, who died 17th August, 1677, at the age of 80, and was buried in the church he had helped to rebuild. The church was enlarged by the addition of a north transept in 1755. Ninety years ago, as described, it was a long, low building, about 60ft. by 22ft., having a small southern porch (built in 1701), a belfry on the West gable, and was roofed with oak shingles. It had a small gallery at the West end, ascended by a short flight of steps, inside the church, near the porch entrance, and on which the Sexton, or his assistant, stood while ringing the bell in the belfry overhead. The quaint old font, afterwards removed to the new church, stood under the gallery, near the stair foot. At the opposite or North-west corner, a wooden enclosure, about ten feet by eight, known as the 'Dressing Room,' served as a Vestry.