

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

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The Confirmation

The Lord Bishop will (D.V.) hold a Confirmation in Seagoe Parish Church on Tuesday, June 30th, at 8 p.m.

Classes for the Candidates will be held as follows in Seagoe School :—

Adults on Sundays at 4 p.m., beginning on Sunday, May 3rd.

Girls on Mondays at 8 p.m., beginning on Monday, May 4th.

Boys on Fridays at 8 p.m., beginning on Friday, May 8th.

Candidates must be not less than 14 years of age.

Candidates will please bring Bible and Prayerbook with them to the Classes.

The Easter Vestry.

The Easter Vestry was held in Seagoe School on Thursday, April 16th, at 8 p.m. The Rector presided. The Minutes of the last General Vestry having been read and signed the Chairman spoke on the general state of the Parish during the past twelve months. He referred to the Mission recently held by Canon Forrester, which had been productive of much spiritual benefit to all who had attended the Services. The addition of a second Curate to the staff was a notable event, and had been made possible by a generous grant from the Central Church Fund. The purchase of the Rectory was another important forward move. Services were begun last October in Edenderry Parochial Hall on Sunday and Thursday evenings, and had been well attended. The financial position of the Parish was stronger, and there had been a considerable increase in the number of sets of Envelopes taken this year, but still the amount received was inadequate to cover the necessary expenses. The Rector also referred to the approaching Confirmation to be held by the Lord Bishop on June 30th in the Parish Church. During the year there had been an increase in the Congregations and in the number of the Communicants. The Sunday Schools were large and efficient, and were doing a splendid work. The annual elections were then made (as given above) and the Hon. Treasurer (Mr. Hugh Stoops) made a statement as to the financial position of the Parish. The amount received through the Weekly Envelopes in 1924 was £269. Annual subscriptions to Sustentation amounted to £87, and ordinary Church collections to £71. The Rector also stated that the sum collected for Foreign Missions amounted to £70, Special Collections to £47, Poor Fund £25. The Hon. Treasurer spoke of the need of more liberal giving on the part of the Parishioners if the liabilities of the Parish were to be met. The Rector drew attention to the fact that the Parish of Seagoe was still ranked as only a Curacy-in-charge owing to the fact that it had not yet attained to the Minimum Stipend. A further

sum of £70 subscribed each year would remove the Parish from the Diocesan "Black List." He hoped that this would be done before the next meeting of the Diocesan Synod in Belfast in November. A small increase in the sums subscribed through the Envelopes would soon effect the desired change. There are some 340 sets of Envelopes now in use. If each holder of Envelopes put in 1d extra into the Envelope each week the Parish would at once become a Minimum Stipend Parish and be removed from its present dishonourable position in the Diocese. There are few who could not afford to do this. Many amongst us could easily increase the Weekly Envelope gift by 2d, and if only half of the 340 did this the desired result would be achieved. We hope our Envelope-holders will act without delay on this suggestion.

The Alan Bell Fund

A sum of £25 was distributed this Easter through the Parish in connection with the Alan Bell Memorial Fund. In each envelope a card was enclosed bearing the words "A gift in memory of Alan Bell. Faithful unto Death." The Fund is distributed each Easter, the list of recipients being made out by the Rector and Churchwardens of the Parish. The number who received benefit from the Fund this year was 27.

Death of Mr. T. A. Robb

Much regret was occasioned by the death of Mr. Thomas Archer Robb in Glasgow, at the early age of 17. He was employed in the Post Office, Glasgow, where he was very popular. Some time ago he contracted an abscess in the ear, which in the end turned to Meningitis, which caused his death. His father is Inspector Robb of the Glasgow Police Force. His mother is a daughter of W. J. Tate, of Tarson. Thomas Archer Robb was baptized in Seagoe Church and paid frequent visits to his grandfather in Tarson. His funeral in Seagoe was largely attended, and at the request of the Glasgow Postal officials a deputation attended from Portadown Post Office to lay a wreath on the grave. Canon Archer officiated at the Funeral. Mr. Robb, although only 17 years of age, was 6ft. 6 inches in height. We express our sympathy with his parents and brothers and sisters in their affliction.

S. A. M. S.

The following Box and Card Collections have been received for the South American Missionary Society 1924-1925 :—**Boxes**—Mrs. M'Dougall, 7s ; Miss Elizabeth Reid, 10s ; Miss S. Montgomery, 6s 7d ; Miss Calvert, 7s 10d ; Mrs. Lewie, 11s 3d ; Mrs. Walker, 3s 6d ; Miss A. Guy, 3s 5d ; Miss S. Price, 2s 6d. **Card**—Miss Isobel Atkinson, £7 1s 0d ; Harvest Collection Hacknahay, 7s.—Total, £10 0s 1d.

C. M. S.

The following Box Collections have been received for the Church Missionary Society.—

Edenderry—£1 4s 9½d. Mrs. H. Stoops, 2s 6d ; Mrs. C. Magee, 1s 1½d ; Mrs. Flannigan, 1s 11d ; Mr. Thos. Metcalf, 2s 11d ; Miss G. E. Atkinson, 5s 3d ; Mrs. Thos. Dawson, 5s 6d ; the Misses H. I. and D. Atkinson, 5s 7d.

Seagoe—£1 0s 2d. Mrs. Rennix, 7s 3d ; Mrs. Ramsey, 2s 6d ; Miss Isa Best, 2s 6d ; Miss Maisie Ruddell, 4s 10½d ; Seagoe Afternoon Sunday School, 3s 0½d.

Drumgor—19s 4½d. Mrs. M'Mullan, 9s ; Miss Lizzie Gracey, 4s 4½d ; Mrs. W. Gracey, 2s ; Miss Madge Gracey, 2s 6d ; Mrs. Hopps, 1s 6d.

Hacknahay—£5 5s 9d. Miss Rachel Black, 2s 3½d ; Miss Sarah Maginnis, 8s 11d ; Mr. W. J. Calvert, 2s ; Mr. Samue Jennett, 13s 10½d ; Mrs. Bradshaw, 2s ; Mrs. N. England, 5s ; Mrs. Henry Neill, 7s 4d ; Miss Jane Currie, 3s 2½d ; Mrs. Thos. Neill, 3s 6d ; Miss Calvert, £1 17s 3d ; Miss Minnie England, 4s 11d ; Master George M'Neill, 1s 3d ; Miss Rodgers, 6d ; Mrs Doyle, 7s 1d ; Miss Grace Best, 5s 1½d ; Miss Sophia M'Murray, 1s 6d. Total, £8 10s 1d.

Box received late—Mrs. Ephraim Collins, 2s 6d.

The Sunday School Excursion

At a largely attended meeting of the Superintendents and Teachers of the Sunday Schools held in Seagoe School on Tuesday, April 28th, it was decided to have the Annual Excursion to Warrenpoint on Thursday, June 25th. The price of the Tickets (including two refreshments) will be as follows:—

Children under 8	...	9d.
Children under 14	...	1s 3d.
Over 14	...	1s 9d.
Teachers and Members of Bible Classes	...	2s.
Outsiders	2s 6d (with refreshments.)	

Refreshment Tickets for outsiders (two meals) 1s.

Tickets for outsiders can be obtained from the Superintendents of Sunday Schools, and at local shops.

For further particulars as to hours of trains, etc., see our next issue.

Seagoe at the Musical Festival

Seagoe School Choirs (Senior and Junior) scored a great and notable success at the Musical Festival held in the Town Hall, Portadown, from April 20th to 25th. The Senior Choir had won the Shield in 1923 and 1924, but the Junior Choir was competing for the first time. The other choirs who were in competition were from Mullavilly and Markethill. The Test Pieces sung by the Choirs were (a) Unison, "Will you Buy any Tape?" (b) Two-part, "A Poppyland Lullaby." Mr. Rennix, who had trained the Choirs, conducted, and the Judge was Mr. T. F. Dunhill, of the Royal College of Music, London. We give here the judgments pronounced on the singing of the Seagoe Choirs by Mr. Dunhill:—"I wonder what P.E. can mean, "P.E. School." I think it must mean 'Partly Excellent.' The singing of the Senior Choir was quite good. In the 1st song the rhythm

and tone were capital, and the expression not overstressed. In the second song there was some ugly pronunciation. The word 'beautiful' was the difficulty. It is really a word in 3-4 time. The accent on the middle syllable was too strong. Why, too, is 'littl' always pronounced as if it was 'littel' with the accent on the last syllable. And why do some say 'for ever' as if the r of 'for' was part of the word 'ever.' But after all the choir sang with smoothness of tone and in a charmingly rythmical manner. The song was indeed a perfect lullaby. They get 85 for the first song and 84 for the second—total 169. Seagoe Junior Choir—The tone was fair, not much sweetness, but rythm was excellent. There was delicacy, and they were safe in the time and notes. The balance was good, and they had got the spirit of the song. They get 82 marks for the first song and 80 for the second—total 162."

Seagoe Senior Choir thus obtained the first place, winning the Shield for the third time, with a bronze medal for each child. The Junior Choir got second place, Mullavilly Choir getting third place, and Markethill fourth place.

We congratulate Mr. Rennix and the children on their success, which we hope will be continued at future Musical Festivals.

The following is a list of the names of the children who competed at the Festival—

Senior Choir—Isa Walker, Ivy Ruddell, Emma Macaulay, Maud Coulter, Mamie Coulter, Annie Ruddell, Maggie Costello, Elsie Dunlop, Ethel Brown, Charlie Magowan, Ernest Allen, Ernest Guy, Samuel Ruddell, Robert White, James Harra, Willie Best, George Brownlee, Carson Brownlee, James Walker, Jamse Allen.

Junior Choir—Hannah Coulter, Maggie Ruddell, Lily Ruddell, Maud Livingston, Sarah Harra, Sophia Porter, Isabella Freeburn, Florrie Forsythe, Lily Killops, Lizzie Major, Olive Guy, Eileen Dunlop, Myrtle Brown, May Vennard, Evelyn Glassey, Doris Livingston, Dinah M'Cabe, Annie Watson, Agnes Graham, Fred Walker, Moody Johnston, Willie Robinson, Joseph Preston.

Parish Register for April Baptisms

Vennard—April 4th, Walker, son of Edward and Jane Vennard, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Matilda Graham, Jane Vennard.

Gilpin—April 4th, Eric, son of Richard John and Ellen Gilpin, of Carne.

Sponsors—Sarah Jane Gilpin, Ellen Gilpin.

Moore—April 12th, David, son of David and Caroline Moore, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Albert Caddeil, Mary Caddell.

Burials

Robb—April 10th, Thomas Archer Robb, of Glasgow, aegd 17 years.

Ellis—April 12th, Florence Winifred Ellis, of Portadown, aged 3 years.

Magee—April 21, Sarah Magee, of Edenderry, aged 53 years.

Our Summer Migrants

The first Swallow was seen by George Calvert of Ballymacrandle on Easter Eve (April 11), and the first Corncrake was heard by Ruddell Calvert of Breagh on April 17th. The Cuckoo has apparently not yet been heard.

In Memoriam

A Brass Tablet has been erected in the Parish Church. It is placed under one of the windows in the Transept and bears the following inscription:—

In loving memory of Carleton Richard Buckby Atkinson, M.B.E., only son of John Buckby Atkinson, of Portadown, born 29th May, 1890, educated at Marlborough College and Cambridge. Entered Levant Consular Service 1911, proceeding to Morocco, where he served with distinction till his death 4th September, 1922. This Tablet is erected by his sorrowing mother and sisters.

Enterprise in Drumgor

Drumgor Sunday School children have entered for the Sunday School Championship Competition, the Rules and Conditions of which were given in the January and February Numbers of the Parish Magazine. Questions are given each month, and the Drumgor children have for January gained 22 points out of a total of 30; for February 28 out of 28½ total. For March Drumgor is one of 16 schools gaining full marks, and has the distinction of being the only Irish school mentioned, the others being chiefly English schools. We congratulate Mr. Hopps, Miss Agnes Guy and the Teachers and children of Drumgor Sunday School on their success. We hope other Sunday Schools in the Parish will follow the good example set by Drumgor. We will be glad to publish the results each month.

New Members of Vestry

The list of the new Select Vestry contains the names of three Parishioners who have not previously been members—Messrs. W. H. England and Isaac Dickson, and Miss Nellie Montgomery. Miss Collen had resigned her place owing to the fact that she has gone to reside in Llandudno, North Wales.

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

Select Vestry—Miss Atkinson, Messrs. M. Gilpin, John Montgomery, J. G. Gracey, James Twinem, Hugh Stoops, J. E. Lavery, Isaac Dickson, W. H. England, Miss N. Montgomery, Messrs. T. E. Maginnis, and R. M'Clements.

Hon. Sec.—Mr. Moses Gilpin.

Hon. Treas.—Mr. Hugh Stoops.

Sidesmen—Messrs. J. Twinem, J. G. Gracey, R. M'Clements, R. Hoy, J. Sands, I. Dickson, J. Carson, J. Ford, D. W. Murray, S. Rennix, J. Reid, and W. H. England.

Friends Abroad

The Rector has received the following kind letter from the descendant of a Parishioner of Seagoe, who many years ago emigrated to the United States:—

Vincent H. Potter, 36 School Street, Burnside, Conn.
March 26, 1925.

Canon Archer, Seagoe Parish Church,
Portadown, Ulster.

Reverend Sir,—Please pardon my delay in writing you to thank you for so kindly remembering me with the Seagoe Church Magazine containing an item in regard to my visit to the Church. It was very thoughtful of you, and much appreciated.

I would very much like to become a subscriber to the Magazine, and am enclosing my check for Five Dollars. You will please deduct my subscription from this amount, as well as one for my cousin, Miss Judith Robinson Cain, 74 Birge Street, Brattleboro, Vermont, whose mother was christened in Seagoe Church. Miss Cain expressed the desire to become a subscriber also. The balance of the check I wish given to the poor fund of the parish.

With all kind thoughts and best wishes,

Very sincerely,

VINCENT H. POTTER.

ITEMS

The Sunday Schools of Drumcree and St. Saviour's Parishes are, we hear, joining in with Seagoe for the Sunday School Excursion on June 25th.

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A pretty view of Old Seagoe Church appeared in the "Belfast News-Letter" of Friday, April 17.

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The Portadown Musical Festival this year was a great success. It will encourage the study of music in our midst.

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Sermons on "Confirmation" will be preached in the Parish Church on Sunday, May 3rd, at Morning and Evening Prayer.

The Mothers' Union.

The monthly meeting of the Mothers' Union will (D.V.) be held in Seagoe School on Tuesday, May 5th, at 4 p.m. Tea will be provided for the members.

SOCIETY FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIANITY AMONG THE JEWS.

The following Box Collections have been received—Miss Montgomery, £1 6s 7d; Miss Halliday, £1 5s; Miss Gretta Atkinson, £1 0s 9½d; Miss R. Hawthorne, £1; Mrs. Rennix, 13s 6d; Miss Lily M'Kerr, 12s 4d; Miss Charlotte Allen, 11s 6½d; Mrs. Vance, 10s; Miss Hannah Martin, 9s 9½d; Miss Nannie Hynes, 8s; Mrs. Flannigan, 7s; Mrs. Robert Magee, 4s 2d; Miss Florrie Hynes, 4s 2d; Master Harry Hynes, 4s 2d; Miss Woolsey, 4s; Mrs. Best, 3s 9d; Miss M'Clements, 3s 8½d; Mrs. Johnston, 2s 10d; Miss Amy Cox, 2s 4d; Miss Clara Kirby, 1s 6d—£9 15s 2d.

Subscriptions—Miss Armstrong, £2; Miss E. Halliday, 10s.—Total, £12 5s 2d.

Collectors—Miss Halliday, Secy. for Edenderry.

Our Emigrants

Mr. and Mrs. Johnston and family have arrived safely at Thompsonville, Springfield, Mass, U.S.A. The sea was rough, especially at the beginning of the voyage, and the passengers suffered from sea-sickness. There were many entertainments on board the "Scythia," including one for the children.

Mrs. Patton and her family left a week later by the "Megantic" for Detroit, and have also arrived safely at their destination.

Old Times in Seagoe

[We are uncertain as to the exact date of this meeting, but it was apparently some forty-five years ago.]

A meeting of the Parishioners of Seagoe was held in the Parish School-House on Thursday evening, the 23rd inst., for the purpose of giving an address and presentation to their late Scripture Reader, Mr. John Montgomery, as well as expressing regret at his departure, he having discharged his duties for the past twelve years in a faithful, conscientious, and satisfactory manner. The meeting was well attended.

Owing to the unavoidable absence of the respected Rector, the Rev. A. Dawson, on the motion of Mr. Joseph Munro, seconded by Mr. C. W. Reid, the chair was taken amid applause by Mr. George Calvert.

The Rev. R. Quirk opened the meeting with prayer, and acted as Honorary Secretary and Treasurer.

The object of the meeting having been explained,

and apologies offered for the absence of the Rector and the people's churchwarden, Mr. David W. Walker, who regretted being unable to attend owing to a previous engagement, a series of readings and recitations were gone through, given respectively by Mr. Charles Collins and Mr. Capel Reid. Mr. T. H. Wilson presided at the harmonium with his usual ability and greatly interested the meeting by singing some choice and favourite songs.

The address was read by the Secretary, and the presentation—which consisted of a small purse of gold—was made by the Chairman, to which Mr. Montgomery gave a suitable reply.

The following took an interest in the getting up of the presentation, and received the thanks of the meeting—A. Costello, J. Connelly, J. H. Hughes, J. Patton, T. H. Collins, W. Webb, W. Hamilton, A. Kelly, J. Greene, J. Bradshaw, W. J. M'Dowell, R. Gilpin, W. J. Beckett, J. M'Cann, R. Burrell, R. Bullick, T. Burrell, J. M'Mullen, T. Dawson.

Mr. Joseph Munro having been called to the second chair, a vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. Thomas Gilpin, Rector's churchwarden, and seconded by Mr. C. J. Collins, was accorded to the Chairman.

The following were the principal subscribers:—Rev. A. Dawson, Baroness Von Steiglitz, Miss Wade, Mrs. White, Messrs. W. Robinson (Lylo), George Calvert, James Calvert, W. J. Calvert, D. W. Walker, Watson Walker (Upper Seagoe), John Lavery, James Atkinson, James Wright, Thomas Gilpin, Alexander Russell, James Twinem, W. Jas. M'Dowell, John Cooke.

**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.

EDENDERRY PAROCHIAL HALL.

EVENING PRAYER—Sundays at 7 p.m., Thursdays at 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.

Girls' Friendly Society meets at Breagh (Miss Calvert's) on alternate Tuesdays at 7.

Seagoe Scouts in Seagoe School and in Edenderry Parochial Hall, on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7.30.

Seagoe Girl Guides meet in Seagoe School on Saturday at 3.

Mothers' Union, Edenderry 1st Tuesday, at 4 p.m.

DAY SCHOOL—Seagoe, 9.30 a.m. Principal—Mr. S. Rennix.