

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

MAY, 1928.

CLERGY :

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

Rev. W. A. Henry, 21 Edward St., Portadown.

CHURCHWARDENS :

Rector's—Robert M'Clements.

People's—William Dermott.

Confirmation.

The Lord Bishop of Down and Connor and Dro-more (Right Rev. C. T. P. Grierson, D.D.) will (n.v.) hold a Confirmation in Seagoe Parish Church on Friday, June 8th, at 8 p.m. Candidates must be 14 years of age or over.

Confirmation Classes.

Classes in preparation for the Confirmation are now being held as follows:—

Boys—Every Thursday, in Seagoe School, at 8 p.m.

Girls—Every Monday, in Seagoe School, at 8 p.m.

Adults—Every Sunday, in Seagoe School, at 4 p.m.

Young people who for any reason cannot attend the week-night classes can attend the adult class on Sundays.

A Cake Fair.

THURSDAY, MAY 10th, at 3 p.m.

IN EDENDERRY PAROCHIAL HALL.

The Committee of the Seagoe Mothers' Union and Sunday School Teachers met to discuss how sufficient funds might be raised to enable the poorer children of the Parish to participate in the annual Sunday School excursion.

A Cake Fair was proposed and agreed to. We will have various stalls—Flower, Farm Produce, Needlework, Pound and Afternoon Tea. The date fixed is Thursday, 10th May, at 3 p.m., in Edenderry Parochial Hall. We will have a cake and bread baking competition, and Miss Wallace, of Portadown Technical School, has very kindly consented to judge the entries. Prizes will be given and the classes are as follows:—Cake—sultana, seed; Bread—soda, wheaten. Entries, with name of competitor and entrance fee of threepence (3d), to be handed in at the Parochial Hall, Edenderry, not later than 12 o'clock on day of Fair.

Price of Admission to Fair—Threepence.

Tickets may be had on application to the Secretary—Mrs. John R. Reid, 5 Tavanagh Ave., Portadown.

Seagoe Select Vestry.

At a meeting of the Select Vestry held in the Parochial School on Tuesday, May 1st, it was announced that a sum of over £100 had been promised

by the parishioners towards securing the services of Mr. Robert Gracey as a Lay Helper in the Parish. This is a very gratifying response and Mr. Gracey will receive a very hearty welcome from the Parishioners when he comes amongst us as a permanent worker in the Parish.

Mission in Bocombra.

Mr. Gracey will conduct a week's mission in Bocombra Orange Hall, beginning on Sunday, May 6th, at 4 p.m. Bring your Church Army Hymn book. The members of the Bocombra L.O.L. have most kindly lent the Hall for the Mission.

Sunday School Excursion.

The date of the Sunday School excursion has been fixed for Thursday, June 21st. Further particulars will appear in our next issue.

A Serious Accident.

We regret to record a serious motor accident in which five of our Seagoe people were involved and in which three of them were seriously injured. The accident occurred last Sunday, some miles from Banbridge, on the Newcastle road. Mr. James Vance was driving his car and there were with him Mrs. Vance, Miss May Johnston and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Montgomery. Owing to a defect in the steering apparatus Mr. Vance lost control and the car overturned, pinning underneath it Mr. and Mrs. Vance, Mrs. Montgomery and Miss Johnston. Mr. Montgomery was thrown clear, but owing to the district being sparsely inhabited he could not obtain immediate help. For over twenty minutes the unfortunate occupants were under the car. When help came it was found that Mrs. Vance had her arm broken, Mr. Vance's arm was crippled, Mrs. Montgomery had sustained concussion of the brain, and Miss Johnston's eye had been injured. The greatest sympathy is felt for the sufferers and we are pleased to know that they are progressing as favourably as could be expected.

Seagoe in Florida.

The Rector acknowledges with many thanks the receipt of a letter from Tom Webb, formerly of Railway St., and now of Jacksonville, Florida. Mr. Webb has also very kindly sent the Rector a book of 350 pages entitled "Florida in the Making," which contains many illustrations and much interesting matter about that beautiful country. Mr. Webb writes under date April 8th, 1928—"Dear Sir,—To-day is our beautiful Easter Day, and like all people in this world there is everything beautiful if one could only see the real beauty of life itself. I hope you are well and all in your Parish successful at everything. Florida is as ever beautiful. I am leaving Jacksonville for St. Augustine, America's oldest town.—Yours truly, TOM WEBB."

Canon Taylor in Jerusalem.

During last month the Rector received a post-card from Canon Taylor, our old Curate, dated Jerusalem, March 23rd, 1928. It contains a picture of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Canon Taylor writes—"Just a line from the Holy City. I never had a more interesting tour, visiting Alexandria, Cairo, the Pyramids, Memphis, Kantara and the Philistine country to Jerusalem. We have had a donkey ride this morning round the Walls and up the Kedron Valley, and to-morrow I am preaching in Christ Church."

Holy Week and Easter

The services during Holy Week and Easter were largely attended. On Easter Day there were many Communicants and the services were very bright. The Church was prettily decorated. The special preachers during Holy Week were—the Rev. H. J. Armstrong, Rev. T. Martin (Loughbrickland), and our old friend, Rev. George Bloomer, of Killyleagh.

Missions.

Since our last issue Mr. Robert Gracey has conducted missions in Carne and Hacknahay. At both places the buildings were crowded each night. The services were very impressive and many have been much helped in their spiritual life. We are glad to think that further missions are being arranged, of which due notice will be given.

Seagoe in New Zealand.

Mr. T. Maxwell writes from Belmont Avenue, Mt. Albert, Auckland, New Zealand, under date 22nd March, 1928:—"Dear Sir,—I am sure you will pardon me for seeking information under the circumstances herein. My parents were married in Seagoe Church in April, 1863. My mother still lives with her family here in Auckland, whither she came from Seagoe as a bride in 1863. Her faculties have about left her, except for those memories of her girlhood up till somewhere about the time she got married and left Ireland. We, her children, are anxious for information concerning her age and connections. My father's name was James Maxwell, of Derryhale, Portadown, and my mother's name was Matilda England, of Ballydonaghy, Portadown. We think our mother must be 90 or over. She is still able to stroll about with a little difficulty and can talk and joke a little, but we can see her getting weaker every day."

[According to the Registers, Matilda, daughter of John and Mary England, of Ballydonaghy, was baptized by the Rev. S. M. West, Curate of Seagoe, on December 11th, 1837, and was married to James Maxwell in Seagoe Church on 21st April, 1863. Mrs. Maxwell is, therefore, 90 years of age and has resided in New Zealand for the long space of 65 years.]

C.M.S. Box Collections, 1927-1928

TOTAL—£8 11s 8d.

Edenderry—£1 8s 11d—Miss Atkinson, 2s 6d; Mrs. Stoops, 2s 6d; Mrs. C. Magee, 2s 1d; Mrs. Flannigan,

2s 7d; Mrs. Dawson, 6s 0½d; Mrs. Metcalf, 3s 2d; Miss G. Atkinson, 10s.

Seagoe :—12s 11d.—Mrs. Ephraim Collins, 3s; Miss Isa Best, 6s 8d; Seagoe Girls' Bible Class (1924-1925) 1s 4½d; Seagoe Afternoon Sunday School, 1s 10½d.

Drumgor :—17s 3d. Received after accounts closed.—Mrs. Hopps, 1s; Mrs. Dickson, 8s 4½d; Miss L. Gracey, 7s 10½d.

Hacknahay :—£5 12s 7d—Mrs. G. McNeill, 3s 1d; Miss Rodgers, 6d; Miss D. Montgomery, 4s 4d; Mrs. H. Neill, 8s 6d; Miss J. Currie, 3s 11½d; Miss S. Maginnis, 7s 9½d; Mrs. Bradshaw, 7s 9d; Miss G. Best, 3s 9d; Miss L. Thompson, 1s 3d; Mr. W. J. Calvert, 3s; Miss S. Gennett, 17s 3d; Mrs. Duke, 3s 9d; Mrs. T. Neill, 2s 3d; Miss M. McCormick, 3s 6d; Miss M. England, 4s 9d; Mrs. N. England, 6s 5d; Miss Calvert, £1 10s 9d.

Cake Fair.

Mrs. Val. Wilson, of Oakfield, Portadown, has kindly consented to open the Cake Fair which is to be held in Edenderry Parochial Hall on Thursday, May 10th, at 3 p.m.

Parish Register for April. Baptisms

The following were baptized in Seagoe Parish Church on April 7th, 1928 :—

M'Allister—Dorothy, daughter of David Frederick and Sarah M'Allister, of Hacknahay.

Sponsors—David Frederick M'Allister, Lily Beattie, Sarah M'Allister.

Costello—George, son of James Atkinson and Margaret Maria Kinnear Costello, of Ballygawley, Co. Tyrone.

Sponsors—Amy Louisa Reid, Margaret Maria Kinnear Costello.

Simpson—Edward Desmond, son of William and Deborah Maria Simpson, of Kilvergan.

Sponsors—Hannah Russell, Deborah Maria Simpson.

Marriage.

Conolly and M'Cormick—April 9th, 1928, James Conolly, of Carne, and Selina M'Cormick, of Edenderry.

Burials.

Neill—May 3rd, Elizabeth Neill, of Ballymacrandall, aged 77 years. Interred at Tandragee.

M'Cann—April 16th, John M'Cann, of Ballyhannon, aged 71 years.

White—April 20th, Anne Jane White, of Lylo; aged 70 years. (Interred at Knocknamuckley.)

ITEMS.

Two copies of last month's issue of this Magazine are unsold and those who wish to obtain them should apply at the Rectory.

The swallows arrived in Seagoe on Saturday, April 28th, and the first cuckoo was heard on the same day at the same place. The cornrake arrived two days earlier, on April 26th.

The Easter Vestry.

The Easter General Vestry was held in Seagoe School on Thursday, April 12th, at 8 p.m. The weather was very inclement and the attendance not very large. The Rector presided, and after prayer gave a short address on the Parish and its various organisations. The Hon. Treas., Mr. Hugh Stoops, read his annual financial statement. The following appointments were made:—

CHURCHWARDENS :

Rector's—Robert M'Clements.

People's—William Dermott.

SELECT VESTRY :

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| Miss I. Atkinson. | Mr. Hugh Stoops. |
| Mr. W. H. England. | „ James Twinem. |
| „ J. G. Gracey. | „ Moses Gilpin. |
| „ T. Martin. | „ John Lavery. |
| „ T. E. Maginnis. | „ John Montgomery. |
| „ Isaac Dickson. | „ J. R. Reid. |

SIDESMEN :

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| Mr. J. R. Reid. | Mr. W. Cox, junr. |
| „ T. E. Maginnis. | „ Jas. Allen. |
| „ T. Martin. | „ Jas. Forde. |
| „ J. G. Gracey. | „ W. H. England. |
| „ Jas. Twinem. | „ J. Gee. |
| „ Gilbert Price. | „ J. E. Lavery. |
| „ I. Dixon. | „ Arthur Allen. |

HON. SEC.—Moses Gilpin.

HON. TREAS.—Hugh Stoops.

HON. AUDITORS—Messrs. John Dermott and J. R. Reid.

“Seagoe” in the New Hebrides.

[The Rector has received the following letter, which he thinks will be of much interest to the readers of the Magazine. There are Seagoe people in many parts of the world but we never expected to find them in the New Hebrides and yet even there, there is to be found one or more persons who are proud of the name Seagoe. We have always hitherto regarded Seagoe as the name of a Parish but in future we must think of it also as a family name. Mr. and Mrs. Seagoe and perhaps Master and Miss Seagoe will be familiar to us in the future. The Rector has written to Mr. Seagoe and will hope to publish his reply when received. The New Hebrides, from which Mr. Seagoe writes, are a group of islands far out in the Pacific Ocean, about 2,000 miles from the coast of North Queensland. They are inhabited by a race of cannibals who in some of the islands still indulge their taste for human flesh. A peculiarity of the islands is that they are under the combined rule of the French and British Governments. It is called a Condominium. Mr. Seagoe lives in the British Residency at Vila, which is the capital and commercial centre of the Islands.]

Reverend Sir,—I take the liberty of writing to you with the hope that you will be able to assist me in a matter that has puzzled me for some little time; I ask your indulgence for troubling you in a matter which may perhaps appear to you somewhat trivial, but which to me, although not of great importance, is extremely interesting.

About 18 months ago I happened to be on a short visit to England, the first for some 20 years, when a newspaper cutting was brought to my notice which contained a reference to you as Rector of the Parish of Seagoe. I was immediately struck with the name Seagoe, which happens to be mine own. It is rather an uncommon name, and I must admit that outside the members of our family I have not come across it in my travels. I am ignorant of the origin of our family, and the only extent of my information is that we originally came from Norfolk. There may possibly be some connection between the parish of Seagoe and our family name.

If you would be so good as to furnish me with all the information you possess on the origin and meaning of the word Seagoe, and whether there are any inhabitants with the name in the district in question, I should be infinitely obliged. The cutting states that you have made a search of the records and family archives of Seagoe, so I think you would be in a position to supply me with information on the point as to whether any persons named Seagoe are living in your district. I am simply actuated by a genuine curiosity concerning the name of Seagoe, which I have never before seen in print save in connection with our family. Trusting you may be able to assist me, believe me, yours faithfully,—E. G. SEAGOE.

P.S.—I would wish to enclose a small donation for your poor, but in this remote part of the world money orders and postal notes do not exist, therefore I enclose a set of New Hebrides Condominium postage stamps which may be of interest to you if you are a collector (I am not), if not you may perhaps care to dispose of them and hand the proceeds to some needy person in your parish. If you are at all interested in this part of the Pacific I should be most happy to afford you all the information in my power.—E. G. Seagoe.

An Old Seagoe Soldier.

Sergeant T. H. Russell, of Clanrole, has already told us his experiences in the Matabele, Rhodesian and Boer wars. He now sends us a further interesting record of his experiences as a soldier. This time he writes of his service during the Great War.

On the mobilisation of the 3rd Batt. Royal Irish Fusiliers I joined up on 8th of August, 1914, at Armagh. My services were accepted as being an ex-serviceman. I was transferred to the Battalion in Derry and afterwards to Lisburn, when the 11th R.I.R. was formed. I went to Headquarters there as Sergeant under Colonel Pakenham. Some drilling went on until we arrived in Clandeboy camp. I was the Sergeant of “D” Company. We went then to Seaforde Camp, in Sussex, England, where we had some “evenings and dawns” with the Ulster Division. I may say I was pleased every field day in meeting old friends. The biggest surprise I got one day was to meet my old friend Johnston Robinson. I felt quite at home. I also met my old friend Willie Gracey. board we found we were in the Ægean Sea, near the coast of Macedonia. It was a

Terrible Zig-Zag Sail

around terrible rocks in the sea, off the coast of

This went on all right till we came to Bordon Camp, where we were fixed up for France. We had all our things packed up and were waiting to go out when a few of us got orders to go back to Belfast. I had to part with some of my best friends but not for long. I was posted as Drill Sergeant for a few months, and I can tell you it was heavy work. Then the

Sinn Fein Trouble

broke out in Ireland in 1916. A company of us was sent to Dublin from Victoria Barrack. Oh! Dublin was in a terrible state for a few days; sandbags across the streets and bullets flying in all directions. In a few days we came back and scoured the country through Co. Tyrone. Mr. Harrison Wilson, of Lisniskey was the driver of our armoured lorry, a good, stout-hearted fellow. On our way back we got a very warm reception coming through Portadown. This was our share in the Irish trouble. As soon as I came back I was told to hold myself in readiness to go somewhere. One morning at 4 a.m. I got orders to shift, and we were sent to Portobello Barracks, in Dublin. I was then posted to "A" Battalion, R.I. Fusiliers, in Tipperary. Suddenly we got the order to move. We understood we were going to join our comrades in France, but when we were five or six days on the water we thought we were a long time getting to France. About the ninth day out the sun began to get very warm, and on the eleventh day on Serbia, Adrianople and Greece. We landed in Salonika. In our Lord's time the inhabitants were called Thessalonians. It was a wonderful city, with fine, big flat-roofed houses but bad sanitary arrange-

ments. It was a town of many nations, French, Turks, Greeks, Serbs and many others. It was easy to know the Turkish quarter. They always build on a hill and their place of prayer seemed the highest building I ever saw. We marched into Buccaneer Gardens, a little camp, until we got our sea-legs. We then started for the central section on the Macedonian front. You know in those days there were no roads in that country. It was just like parts of Egypt. Some days were a bit sandy, others were very warm and others terribly cold. When we passed through the villages the dogs were always barking and the sheep bleating but you would seldom see the inhabitants. The villagers, who were French or Serb, used to sell us cigarettes. Sometimes when passing farmhouses, with their flat roofs, outside the villages you would see a native with a big humpy bullock treading out the corn and in some places watering the vines. It is a great country for vines and also for soda-water springs.

(To be continued.)

Presidential Address,

Mr. S. Rennix, Principal of Seagoe P.E. School, delivered his Presidential address at the annual gathering of the Ulster Teachers' Union in Bangor during Easter week. Mr. Rennix dealt with many interesting features of the modern educational system. The meeting was largely attended and amongst the speakers were the Right Hon. J. M. Andrews, Minister of Labour, and Sir Robert Lynn, under whom the important Lynn Report was issued some years ago.

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 8 p.m. during Advent and Lent.

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. 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.

CLASSES, &c.

ADULT CLASSES—Sundays at 10 a.m.

For Men—Edenderry. 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.

Mothers' Union, Edenderry, 2nd Tuesday of each month.

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