

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

MAY, 1931.

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.

The Easter Vestry.

The annual Easter Vestry was held in Seagoe School on Thursday, April 9th, at 7.30 p.m. The Rector presided. After prayer a portion of Scripture was read by the Rev. W. F. Hayes, Curate. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the Chairman spoke on the present state of the Parish. He referred also to the very generous grant of £150 per annum made to the Parish by the Representative Church Body in Dublin towards the income of a second Curate. The following appointments were made:—

Rector's Churchwarden—Mr. Robert Scott.

People's Churchwarden—Mr. Isaac Dickson.

SELECT VESTRY:

Miss Isabel Atkinson.	Thomas Martin.
Miss R. Matchett.	Robert McClements.
W. H. England.	Gilbert Price.
Moses Gilpin.	Hugh Stoops.
J. G. Gracey, J.P.	James Twinem.
T. E. Maginnis	John H. Twinem.

Mr. Robert McClements was elected as Supplemental Parochial Nominator in the place of Lt.-Col. S. W. Blacker (resigned).

SIDESMEN:

R. McClements.	J. R. Reid.
J. Dermott.	A. Allen.
J. Twinem.	R. Scott.
T. Martin.	V. Matchett.
J. G. Gracey.	J. H. Twinem.
I. Dickson.	H. Stoops.
W. Cox.	T. Coulter.
J. Allen.	M. Loney.
W. A. Casey.	G. Wilson.

Hon. Sec.—Moses Gilpin, Drumnagoon.

Hon. Treas. Hugh Stoops, Killicomane Road.

Hon. Auditors—Messrs. J. Dermott and J. H. Reid.

Ascension Day.

Thursday, May 14th, will be Ascension Day, and the following Services will be held in the Parish Church:—11.30 a.m.—Holy Communion. 8 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon. The offerings at both Services on Ascension Day will be for Foreign Missions.

Classes for Confirmation.

The following classes are now being held in preparation for the forthcoming Confirmation:—

Classes for **Girls** on Tuesday evenings at 8 o'clock. Class for **Boys** on Thursday evenings at 8 o'clock.

The Classes are held in Seagoe School.

A Class for **Adults** is held in the Parish Church on Sunday afternoon at 4.30 p.m.

The Confirmation will be held in the Parish Church by the Lord Bishop on Wednesday, June 24th, at 8 p.m.

Seagoe Mothers' Union.

The next meeting of the Mothers' Union will be held in Edenderry Parochial Hall on Tuesday, May 12th, at 7.30 p.m. Tea will be provided for the members, and Mrs. Magill, wife of the Rev. J. F. G. Magill, of Portadown, has kindly consented to address the members. We expect a full attendance. The meeting last month was very largely attended. Two of the members read papers which were much appreciated by all present.

Whitsunday.

Whitsunday this year falls on May 24th. The Festival of Whitsuntide corresponds with the Jewish Feast of Pentecost. The word "Pentecost" means "fifty," and Whitsunday is the fiftieth day after Easter Day. It has always been observed as one of the Great Festivals of the Christian Church. On Whitsunday the following Services will be held in the Parish Church:—

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 Whitsunday will be on behalf of the upkeep of Seagoe School.

Rogationtide.

The three days preceding Ascension Day are called the Rogation Days. They are now observed as days of special prayer for God's blessing on the seed that is sown. An Injunction of 1559 orders that at this season "the people shall be admonished to give thanks to God in the beholding of God's benefits, for the increase and abundance of His fruits upon the face of the earth, and that they be enjoined to say Ps. 104. The Services in the Parish Church on Sunday, May 10th, will have special reference to asking a Blessing on the seed sown in the fields.

Seagoe School Excursion

The date and place of this important event will be announced in our next issue. A meeting of the superintendents and teachers will shortly be held to make final arrangements.

The Choral Festival.

Seagoe Choir is busy practising for the Choral Festival, which will be held (n.v.) in Waringstown Church on Saturday, May 30th, at 4 p.m. The special music for the Festival comprises many new tunes for Hymns, and the Psalms are set to the new pointing. We hope to see many of the Parishioners in Waringstown Church at the Festival. Everyone is welcome.

Parishioners' Meeting.

In accordance with a wish expressed at the General Easter Vestry a meeting of the Parishioners was summoned for Friday, April 17th, in Seagoe School to consider the offer of a grant from the Central Church Fund towards the income of a Second Curate. The Rector presided, and there was a fair attendance of Parishioners. The decision arrived at was that the Parish should avail itself of the generous grant and that the Sustentation Fund collectors in each district should be asked to consult with the subscribers as to the raising of the balance of £70 per annum required to complete the income of a second curate. The meeting was adjourned to Monday, May 4th, at 8 p.m., in Seagoe School to receive the report of the collectors.

Sympathy.

Our sincere sympathy goes out to those amongst us whose homes have been visited during the month by the Angel of Death. David Cordy, of Carne, was an old and much respected Parishioner and was called away after a long and trying illness. Emma Jane McKerr, so well-known to many in Seagoe, passed to her eternal rest after a time of much weakness. Robert McLoughlin's death occurred with startling suddenness on Thursday, April 23rd. While conversing with an acquaintance at one of the new villas in Upper Seagoe, he suddenly collapsed and died. James McNeill has also been called away at an advanced age. Those who have lost their dear ones will be sustained by the hope of a joyous Resurrection, when sorrow and mourning shall flee away.

Acknowledgment.

We acknowledge with many thanks the receipt of £1 from Mr. T. D. Gibson, of Peacefield, towards the games gymkhana.

Our Summer Migrants

This year our summer migrants have delayed their coming. The prevalence of cold northerly winds has no doubt been the cause of the delay. The first swallow arrived up to date on April 10th, but the corncrake only spoke for the first time on April 25th, a week late. The cuckoo has also been heard on April 25th. The Mayfly at Ardmore has been very prevalent. The Rectory was sheeted over with layers of flies. It is said that when the Mayflies swarm in great abundance a hot summer invariably follows.

S.A.M.S.

The following sums have been forwarded to the South American Missionary Society from Seagoe Parish. We are glad to see that the Sunday Schools are giving good help towards the support of the Indian child.

Boxes—Miss Calvert, 16s 10d; Miss A. Guy, 4s 6d; Mrs. Lewie, 14s 6d; Miss S. Montgomery, 2s 0d; Mrs. McDougall, 5s 6d; Miss Jane Porter, 2s 7d; Miss Sarah Price, 5s 8d; Miss Margaret Reid, 10s 0d; Mrs. J. Walker, 2s 3d.

Collection—Service at Hacknahay—8s 9d.

Card—Miss Atkinson, £5 18s 0d.

Seagoe Mothers' Union for support of Indian Baby, £3.

Support of Indian Child—Drumgor Sunday School, 13s 8½d; Seagoe Afternoon S. School, £1 4s 0½d; Hacknahay S. School, £1; Levaghery S. School, 7s 2d.—£15 15s 6d. Less amount from S. Schools over £3 which is held over—4s 11d. Total sent—£15 10s 7d.

C.M.S.

Hacknahay—Mr. W. J. Calvert, 3s 0d; Miss S. Maginnes, 5s 0d; Miss Jane Currie, 1s 9½d; Mrs. Bradshaw, 9s 6½d; Mrs. G. McNeill, 1s 6d; Mrs. Nixon, 7s 3½d; Miss Minnie England, 6s 8d; Miss Sophie Jennett, 13s 8d; Mrs. Henry Neill, 8s 10d; Mrs. N. England, 9s 0d; Miss Minnie McCormick, 3s 6d; Miss Annie Magee, 1s 8d; Miss Rodgers, 2s 0d; Miss D. Montgomery, 2s 10d; Miss M. McKane, 6s 8d; Miss Calvert, £1 18s 4d.

Drumgor—Mrs. Dickson, 5s 3½d; Miss Lizzie Gracey, 9s 9d.

Carne—Mrs. Kirk, 2s 0d; Mrs. Brennan, 2s 0d; Mrs. E. Collins, Kernal, 2s 6d.

Edenderry—Mrs. Stoops, 2s 6d; Miss Atkinson, 2s 6d; Mrs. Flannigan, 3s 8d; Mrs. Metcalf, 3s 5d; Mrs. Dawson, 13s 6d; Miss G. Atkinson, 10s 0d; Mrs. C. Magee, 1s 2d. Total—£8 19s 7d. 4/- of the above was received too late to be included in C.M.S. accounts up to 31st March.

The Jews' Society.

The following box collections have been sent to the Jews' Society from this Parish:—

The Misses Montgomery, £1; Mr. Art. Allen, 13s 2d; Miss Woolsey, 9s 6d; Mrs. Richard Hoy, 9s 5d; Miss Gretta Atkinson, 8s 5d; Miss Hannah Martin, 8s 3d; Miss Amy Cox, 8s 0d; Miss Monroe, 7s 6d; Mrs. J. Shanks, 6s 5d; Master Harry Hynes, 6s 0d; Miss Florrie Hynes, 5s 6d; Miss M. Twinem, 5s 3d; Mrs. W. Neill, 4s 4d; Mr. Joe Hynes, 4s 1d; Mrs. Robert Magee, 3s 7d; Mrs. Arthur Allen, senr., 3s 6d; Mrs. Flannigan, 3s 2d; Mrs. Arthur Allen, junr., 3s 0d; Miss Cox, 2s 9d; Mrs. Robert Henry Porter, 2s 5d; Mrs. J. Walker, 1s 6d; Miss Armstrong, £1; Miss Halliday, £1; Miss E. Halliday, 10s 0d; A Friend, 10s 0d; Mrs. Vance, 5s 0d.—£10 0s 9d.

Secretary for Seagoe Branch—Miss Halliday.

Seagoe G.F.S.

A very pleasant evening was spent on Thursday, 3rd April, when the members of the Seagoe Branch of the Girls' Friendly Society entertained their friends to a social. Several musical items were rendered and the usual games played. During an interval prizes were distributed by Rev. Canon Archer to winners of guessing and advertisements' competition taken from the Parish Magazine, the "Porta-down News" and the Belfast "News-Letter." 1st prize was won by Miss May Bell, and 2nd prize by Miss Aggie Wallace. A 1st prize for attendance was won by Miss Sarah Hoy, and 2nd prize by Miss Lily Corder. At a drill display in the Arts and Crafts competitions for the Girls' Friendly Societies of the Diocese of Down and Connor and Dromore, held in the Ulster Hall, Belfast, on Wednesday, 22nd April, Miss Elizabeth Allen won a 1st prize in the cooking section. She received a beautiful copy of Rupert Brook's Poems, also Miss Millicent Coulter was the recipient of a very nicely bound copy of "The Wind in the Willows" as 2nd prize for the knitting section. Mrs. Scott, Miss Aggie McClements and the Misses Aggie and Margaret Webb were present at this wonderful display of drill, recitations, singing and folk dancing. The prizes at above were distributed by the Hon. Mrs. Mulholland. Five members entered for these competitions. The weekly meetings were discontinued until October.

The Seagoe Branch of the Girls' Friendly Society is arranging an excursion to Dublin at a most reasonable fare of 7s 6d in the month of June. This excursion is open to all who wish to avail themselves of the cheap trip.

Old Seagoe Notes.

Choir Practices in Seagoe in Olden Days.—Mrs. Dickson, of Drumnagoon, was in her early years a member of Seagoe Choir. She retains a clear recollection of the happy gatherings which took place in the hall of Seagoe Rectory in the sixties of last century. The choir met twice a week in Seagoe Rectory for practice. Forms were placed at the right hand side of the hall, and a harmonium, at which Mrs. Saurin presided, was on the left. A distribution of sugarbarley sweets was made to clear the voices of the youthful singers. Mrs. Saurin conducted the practice and put the choir through the Psalms and Canticles for the next Sunday. There were no hymns in those days. Occasionally Archdeacon Saurin would come into the hall from the dining-room or the library. He was always in jovial spirits. The choir often joined in singing "Rounds." Mrs. Dickson remembers one of them which was very startling. Originally the words were "Scotland is burning, Scotland is burning," but the "Deacon" would always get them to sing, not Scotland is burning, but "Seagoe is burning," and so they would all join together and sing with smiles on their faces, "Seagoe is burning, Fire, Fire, Fire, Pour on Water, Pour on Water, Fire, Fire, Fire." The words Fire,

Fire, Fire were sung by the youthful vocalists with tremendous gusto. Mrs. Saurin got them to sing it over and over again, each taking their part and she would say "it sounded like the waves of the sea." Always before the practice came to an end they joined in singing the following verse:—

Good-night to you all,
And sweet be your sleep,
May Angels around you
Their vigils now keep."

and then all the members would sing out "Good-night, good-night, good-night." In those days and up to the year 1890, when the Church was restored, the choir sat in the gallery, which then stretched quite half-way down the Church.

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Canadian Memories of Seagoe Church.—Mrs. Cull, sister of Mrs. Stevenson, of Drumgor, in writing at Christmas from Canada, says—"Dear Sister,—Many thanks for the picture of our Seagoe Church. It just looks like our Church here in Strathroy. It minds me of old times. It does me good to see it. Bye-bye; write soon." Mrs. Cull emigrated to Canada many years ago but she does not forget the old Church in Seagoe. She now attends her Parish Church in Canada, St. Luke's Church, Strathroy, Fort William, Ontario.

Parish Register for April.

Baptisms.

The following were baptized in Seagoe Parish Church on April 4th, 1931:—

M'Cann—Harold, son of James and Minnie M'Cann, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Sarah Kane, Minnie M'Cann.

M'Murray—Margaret Elizabeth, daughter of James Henry and Margaret M'Murray, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Rachel M'Murray, Margaret M'Murray.

M'Minn—Thomas, son of Robert and Elizabeth M'Minn, of Kernan.

Sponsors—Lily Webb, Elizabeth M'Minn.

Marriages.

Hall and Gregson—April 15th, William Hall, of Lurgan, to Martha Gregson, of Drumgor.

Hynes and M'Gammick—April 25th, John Hynes, of Edenderry to Matilda M'Gammick, of Portadown.

M'Kane and Gillespie—April 28th, David M'Kane, of Ballymacrandle, to Margaret Gillespie, of Stramore, Parish of Gilford.

Burials.

M'Kerr—April 17th, Emma Jane M'Kerr, of Edenderry, aged 39.

Cordy—April 17th, David Cordy, of Carne, aged 78.

M'Neill—April 20th, James M'Neill, of Killicomaine, aged 75.

M'Loughlin—April 25th, Robert M'Loughlin, of Edenderry, aged 74.

ITEMS.

Thirty-eight recipients benefited by gifts from the Alan Bell Fund at Easter. The gifts varied from 10/- to £1.

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Great improvements have been made where the new villas are built in Upper Seagoe, and a new macadamised pathway has been put down. We hope soon to see the pathway continued to the top of the hill.

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Dr. Reid, Medical Inspector under the Ministry of Education, conducted a medical examination of the children attending Seagoe School on March 27th and 30th. The average results were, we believe, very satisfactory, proving the healthiness of the school and neighbourhood.

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Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Wilson very kindly entertained the Choir to a social on Thursday, April 23rd. A very pleasant evening was spent.

The sewage works at Lower Seagoe are now approaching completion and have been enclosed by substantial wire fencing. Some of the machinery installed is of a very elaborate and complicated kind.

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Bridge St. is being relaid with tar macadam. The pathways in Edenderry have recently been "up" and gas-pipes of a new and improved type have been laid down.

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Seagoe C.L.B. played a football match against Stewartstown C.L.B. on Easter Monday. It resulted in a draw. The Stewartstown lads have kindly invited the Seagoe Company to Stewartstown, Co. Tyrone.

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Portadown Musical Festival was a great success. Some Seagoe names appeared among the competitors. We congratulate Henry M'Court on winning prize for violin playing at the Dungannon Festival.

**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.

DISTRICT SERVICES.

Hacknahay—Last Sunday of Month at 3.30 p.m.

Drumgor—Second Sunday of Month at 4 p.m.

Edenderry—Wednesdays at 8 p.m.

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, Bocombra.

Mothers' Union—2nd Tuesday of each month.

DAY SCHOOL—Seagoe, 9-30 a.m. Principal—Mr. R. Scott.

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.