

# Seagoe Parish Magazine.

MAY, 1935.

## The Silver Jubilee.

A Seagoe Wish.

God Save our gracious King and Queen!  
Long may they reign!

### THE EASTER VESTRY.

The following appointments were made at the Easter Vestry held on Thursday, 25th April, 1935, in Seagoe School, at 8 p.m.:—

#### CHURCHWARDENS :

H. MURRAY GIBSON, Rector's.

THOMAS MARTIN, People's.

#### SELECT VESTRY.

THOMAS E. MAGINNIS,  
JAMES TWINEM,  
MOSES GILPIN,  
MISS ATKINSON,  
HUGH STOOPS,  
WILLIAM WHITE.

GILBERT PRICE,  
J. G. GRACEY, J.P.  
ISAAC DICKSON,  
ROBERT M'CLEMENTS,  
JOHN H. TWINEM,  
WILLIAM HUTCHINSON.

**Hon. Sec.**—MOSES GILPIN, Drumnagoon.

**Hon. Treas.**—HUGH STOOPS, Killicomaine Rd., Portadown.

**Asstt. Hon. Treas.**—THOMAS H. HALL.

**Hon. Auditors**—J. R. REID and H. MURRAY GIBSON.

#### SIDESMEN:

ROBERT M'CLEMENTS,  
ROBERT SCOTT,  
W. J. M'KINNEY,  
JAMES ALLEN,  
HUGH STOOPS,  
ALPHONSO KIRK,  
ARTHUR ALLEN,  
JOHN WALKER,  
CHAS. S. A. TWINEM,  
JOHN H. TWINEM,  
NICHOLAS CAMPBELL,  
THOMAS GRACEY,

JAMES REID,  
WM. HUTCHINSON,  
JOHN G. GRACEY, J.P.  
ISAAC DICKSON,  
ERNEST MITCHELL,  
WM. A. CASEY,  
JOHN R. REID,  
THOMAS STANFIELD,  
GEORGE WILSON,  
ROBERT SHERMAN,  
WILLIAM HEWITT.

#### W.F.O. COMMITTEE:

HUGH STOOPS,  
THOS. H. HALL,

GEORGE WILSON,  
THOMAS STANFIELD.

The Easter Vestry, although not largely attended, discharged its important duties in an efficient manner. The meeting was opened with

Prayer by the Rector, after which a portion of Scripture was read by the Rev. W. F. Hayes. The Rector then, in a short speech, reviewed the

work of the Parish during the past year. The minutes of the last meeting of the General Vestry were read and signed. The Rector nominated as his Churchwarden Mr. Herbert Murray Gibson, of "Rathlin," Edenderry. Mr. Gibson is a son of the late Ven. W. Gibson, Archdeacon of Ferns, and has recently come to reside in Seagoe Parish. His father occupied for many years a leading position in the Church in Southern Ireland, and we welcome Mr. Gibson to the Parish. Mr. Gibson served throughout the Great War.

Mr. Thomas Martin, of Kilvergan, who has been appointed People's Churchwarden, has for many years occupied positions of responsibility in the Parish. He has on several occasions filled the post of Churchwarden and has for many years been a member of the Select Vestry.

The only new name on the Vestry is that of Mr. William Hutchinson, who has helped in Parish work in many ways during the past year. We welcome him to the Vestry. Mr. Thomas Stanfield, of Levaghery, who has given excellent help in connection with the Weekly Freewill Offering Fund, has been elected a member of the W.F.O. Committee. A statement of Finance was made by the Hon. Treas., Mr. Hugh Stoops.

### **The Easter Services.**

The Services during Holy Week and Easter were very helpful and the quiet contemplation of the great verities of the Faith within the walls of the Parish Church on each evening of the week enabled the worshippers to realise more fully the meaning and significance of the Cross and Passion.

On Easter Day there was a large number of Communicants present at the Services. The Church looked very bright with its decoration of flowers and palms, and the musical portion of the Service was very reverent and devotional. The Anthem was Clare's "Hallelujah, for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth." The solo was taken by Miss Clara Kirby, who sang it with fine expression.

### **Easter Service at Drumgor.**

On the afternoon of Easter Day a Young People's service was held in Drumgor Church Hall. There was a large attendance. The Rev. F. M'Cullough, Curate of Shankill, gave an address. The children's choir sang the special Hymns and Miss Gracey kindly presided at the harmonium. Mr. W. Hutchinson, Superintendent, had arranged the service, in which the Rector and he took part. The collection was in aid of the improvement and furnishing of the Hall and amounted to £1 15s 2d. The Hall was prettily decorated with flowers.

### **The Silver Jubilee.**

We will all join in wishing our gracious King and Queen hearty and respectful congratulations on reaching the 25th anniversary of their Accession. Special Services will be held in the Church on Sunday, May 12th, at Morning and Evening Prayer. The collection at Morning Prayer will be on behalf of the Jubilee Trust Fund.

### **Our Summer Migrants.**

The cornrake was first heard in the Parish at Ballyhannon on Saturday, April 20th, and the welcome note of the cuckoo broke silence at Seagoe on Friday, April 26th. The swallow has not yet been observed. She seems to have delayed her coming this year. The cold easterly and northerly winds have no doubt held her back in southern climes.

### **G.F.S. Egg Collection.**

Mrs. Scott and the members of the G.F.S. wish to thank all those who kindly gave their contributions of eggs towards their Easter "Good Turn." 900 eggs were collected, of which 732 were distributed among the sick and poor of the Parish and 168 given to Lurgan Hospital.

### **Twenty-five Years Ago.**

MAY, 1910.

In looking over the copy of the Magazine for May, 1910, there is no intimation of the shadows then overhanging the nation. King Edward is not referred to. There is a reference to the Confirmation about to be held on June 26th. Two Baptisms are recorded and four Burials. One of the latter is that of Martha Allen, of Balteagh, aged 79 years. The cornrake was heard on April 13th, the cuckoo on April 26th, and the first swallow was seen on April 14th. It is noted that the roads have been badly cut up with heavy traction engine traffic. When we turn to the Magazine for June, 1910, the local matter is crossed with heavy black lines. King Edward is dead and King George 5th has begun to reign. There is a note on "The New King" as follows:—"King George the Fifth has ascended the Throne. We believe that in the providence of God he will accomplish great things for the Empire and for the world. The thing that appeals most to the nation is the purity and happiness of his home life. King George and Queen Mary shine in their domestic virtues and are happiest when enjoying with their young family the delights of an English home. We feel sure that all will join heartily in wishing King George the Fifth and Queen Mary a long and happy reign. God Save the King." On Friday, May 27th, the day of King Edward's funeral a Memorial Service was held in Seagoe Church at 3.30. The Church was draped for the solemn occasion.

**Parish Register for April.**

**Baptisms.**

The following were Baptized in the Parish Church on 6th April, 1935:—

**Morrison**—Joseph Ronald, son of John and Margaret Hester Morrison, of Lisniskey.

*Sponsors*—Elizabeth M'Mahon, Margaret Hester Morrison.

**Best**—Anne Adeline, daughter of Robert and Jane Best, of Edenderry.

*Sponsors*—Gertrude Quin, Jane Best.

**Private Baptism.**

**Whiteside**—April 6th, 1935, Mary, daughter of Ferguson and Mary Whiteside, of Edenderry.

**Marriages.**

**Ruddell and Pentland**—April 16th, Joseph Ruddell, of Kernan, to Sarah Jane Pentland, of Portadown.

**Gardiner and Ruddell**—April 17th, Thomas Geo. Gardiner, of Dollingstown, Parish of Maralin, to Ivy Kathleen Ruddell, of Lisniskey.

**Nesbitt and M'Keown**—April 20th, Thomas Nesbitt, of Levaghery, to Susan M'Keown, of Killicomaine.

**Walker and Giffin**—April 23rd, Norman Walker, of Kernan, to Rachel Giffin, of Edenderry.

**Matchett and Dickson**—April 24th, Joseph Frs. Victor Matchett, of Ballyhannon, to Mabel Dickson, of Tamnifglasson.

**Burial.**

**Black**—April 12th, Hannah Black, of Knock, aged 81 years.

**Congratulations.**

We offer our hearty congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Victor Matchett on the occasion of their marriage. Both of them have a large circle of friends in the Parish and both have given much help in Parish work. Mr. Matchett has been a member of the Select Vestry, and Mrs. Matchett has been a Sunday School Teacher in Drumgor and Seagoe, and also a distributor of the Magazine. Both of them have at all times been most ready in helping any Parochial effort. There was a large gathering in the Church at the wedding. The happy couple will be residing at their new home, Ballyvernet House, Bangor, Co. Down. We wish them much blessing and true happiness in their future life.

Another of our Church workers entered the estate of Matrimony during the past month. Mr. Norman Walker has been a valued helper in Seagoe Afternoon Sunday School as teacher of the Senior Boys' class, and he has shown much

interest in this important work. Mr. Walker now occupies an important position in Messrs. M'Gredy's Royal Nurseries in Portadown. We wish him and Mrs. Walker every happiness and prosperity in their future life.

There have been no less than five marriages in Seagoe this Easter. To one and all we wish a very happy and prosperous time.

**The Alan Bell Fund.**

This Fund was distributed in the week before Easter. The amount available this year owing to the reduction in the rate of interest was only £17 10s instead of £25. There were 35 recipients.

**Seagoe Mothers' Union.**

The next meeting of the M.U. will be held (D.V.) on Thursday, May 23rd, at 7.30 p.m. Mrs. Magill, the wife of the Rector of Milltown, will give an address.

**The Excursion.**

At a meeting of Superintendents and Teachers of our Sunday Schools held on April 15th in Seagoe School it was decided that the Excursion this year should go to Bangor. The date fixed was Thursday, June 27th. Mr. Scott was appointed Hon. Sec., and Mr. M'Clements and Mr. W. Hutchinson, Hon. Treasurers. The price of Tickets will be as follows:—Children (on S. School Roll) 8 years old and under, 1/3 each; 8 years to 14 years, 2/- each; 14 years and over 2/6; Teachers, Bible Class Members and Band, 3/- each. The above Tickets include Railway Fare and Two Refreshments. Outsiders' Tickets, 2/6 each, two Refreshments, 1/- each. It was suggested that children should be advised to pay in something each week in the Sunday School to their Teacher towards the cost of the Ticket. Bangor will be a specially attractive resort this year, and it is expected that some of the larger navy ships will be anchored there about the time of the excursion.

**Annual C.L.B. Inspection.**

Sergeants Martin and Walker, of the R. Ulster Rifles, conducted the Inspection of the Seagoe C.L.B. in the Parochial Hall on Tuesday, April 30th, at 8 p.m. It was a most interesting occasion and the lads, both the Training Corps and the Cadets, acquitted themselves with great credit. The Training Corps squad under Corporal Little, won first place, although Corporal Best's squad was only one mark behind. Simpson and Beatson won the drill down after a most strenuous competition. Cadet W. Best won in the senior competition. Mrs. Lynas, of Carne, kindly distributed the prizes. Captain Mitchell expressed the thanks of all present to the judges. In the Cadets drill down George Lynas and Billy Leake got 1st and 2nd prizes respectively. Sergeant Martin gave a very interesting and clever

exposition on the Bugle, sounding out the various military calls. He said of the C.L.B. Display, "It was a real good out-and-out show. The turning movements were splendidly done."

### **Seagoe C.L.B. and the Jubilee.**

Seagoe C.L.B. Cadets will give an exhibition of gymnastics in Portadown on Jubilee Day at 3.30 p.m.

### **C.L.B. in Belfast.**

The Seagoe Company, in three buses, journeyed to Belfast on Thursday evening, May 2nd, at 6, to attend the great C.L.B. Service in St. Anne's Cathedral. The Cathedral was crowded, and the Lord Bishop preached. The presentation of Banners and of a Commission of Membership to the Bishop was a very impressive part of the Service. Seagoe Band, with the Cadets and Training Corps, marched past the Bishop outside the Cathedral after the Service. The Rector, the Rev. W. F. Hayes, Captain Mitchell, and Lieuts. Currie and Hynes accompanied the Brigade.

### **Old Seagoe Notes.**

**A Note on the Rev. T. A. Jones, Curate of Seagoe, 1873—1875.**—Many in the Parish still remember the Rev. Thomas Absalom Jones, and speak kindly of his work and character. He was the last Curate who worked in the Parish while Archdeacon Saurin resided at the Rectory. He was ordained Deacon in 1870, and Priest by the Bishop of Down in 1871. He was Curate of Moira from 1870 to 1873, and Rector of Woods Chapel from 1876 to 1882. In the latter year he became Curate of Killyman, and in 1883 Rector of that Parish until 1886, when he resigned.

The following are interesting advertisements and notes of a past day:—

### **RE-OPENING OF SEAGOE PARISH CHURCH THE CONCLUDING SPECIAL**

### **RE-OPENING SERVICES**

Will be held (D.V.) in

### **SEAGOE CHURCH,**

AT MORNING AND EVENING SERVICES,  
ON SUNDAY NEXT, AUGUST 10th Inst., 1891.

The Sermons will be Preached by

**REV. R. R. KANE, LL.D.,**

Rector of Christ Church, Belfast.

A COLLECTION will be made at each of these Services on behalf of the CHURCH ENLARGEMENT FUND.

The Evening Service will commence at 6.30 p.m.

**Seagoe Church.**—The concluding special re-opening services are to be held in Seagoe Church on Sunday next, 16th inst. The preacher at both morning and evening services is to be the Rev. R. R. Kane, LL.D., rector of Christ Church, Belfast. Above £3,000 have been expended in the

reconstruction, enlargement, and ornamentation of this church, besides many munificent gifts which have been presented by the parishioners and friends. The collections at the re-opening services will be applied to the reduction of the balance due. The evening service on this occasion will commence at 6.30 o'clock p.m.

### **SERMONS.**

REOPENING OF SEAGOE PARISH CHURCH THE SERVICE FOR THE REOPENING OF SEAGOE CHURCH. and the CONSECRATION of the CHANCEL and AISLE by the LORD BISHOP OF DOWN AND CONNOR AND DROMORE will be held (D.V.) in SEAGOE CHURCH, on FRIDAY, August 7th inst., at Three o'clock p.m.

Preacher:

The Very Rev. the DEAN OF CONNOR, LL.D.

A Collection will be made after the Sermon in behalf of the Church Enlargement Fund.

The Train leaving Belfast at 1.30 p.m. is due at Portadown in time for the Service. Conveyances will be provided to bring Visitors from and to Portadown Station.

**Seagoe Church.**—The concluding services connected with the re-opening of Seagoe Church were held on Sunday last, 16th August. Very crowded congregations attended both morning and evening. The Rev. Dr. Kane, rector of Christ Church, Belfast, preached on both occasions and gave earnest and able expositions of the texts. That at morning service was taken from Psalms xxvii., 4—"One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to enquire in His temple," and at evening service from St. Luke xv., 6—"And when he cometh home, he calleth together his friends and neighbours, saying unto them, Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost." The collectors at both services were—Thos. D. Atkinson, Esq., Thomas D. Gibson, Esq., R.M.; Dr. Dougan, Messrs. John Collen, J.P.; Wm. J. Locke, J.P.; J. Malcomson, Charles Montgomery, S. M'Gredy, Wm. Paul, John Walker, jun.; Hugh Wallace and Henry J. Uprichard. They were assisted by Messrs. Jas. Atkinson, Jas. Albin, George Calvert, Chas. J. Collins, Thomas Gilpin, Joseph Munroe, Capel W. Reid, and David W. Walker. The total collections at the re-opening services amounted to £103 3s 6d.

### **Seagoe P.E. School.**

Seagoe Public Elementary School will share in all the Jubilee festivities. Each pupil will be presented with a handsome Jubilee Medal, also a cinema ticket for the King's Jubilee Film exhibit, and also a pretty booklet on the King's Jubilee.