

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

SEPTEMBER, 1925.

CLERGY :

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

Rev. Robert W. Johnston, L.Th., 35 Church Street, Portadown.

CHURCHWARDENS :

Mr. Robert Price (Rector's).

Mr. Thomas Martin (People's).

Death of Mrs. Murray.

It is with very sincere regret that we record the death of Mrs. Murray, of Ballinary House. Her death occurred after a comparatively brief illness. She had got a paralytic stroke, and at first seemed to be rallying from it but her weakness increased and death supervened. Mrs. Murray and her late husband, Mr. Joseph Murray, were very loyal supporters of Seagoe Parish and helped on the good work in every way in their power. Mr. Murray was for many years a member of the Select Vestry, and had also filled the office of Churchwarden. He was a trusted friend of the late Dean Dawson and of the present Rector. The interment took place at Ardmore, and the Rev. R. W. Johnston officiated. The Rector was unavoidably absent, being on holiday. We sympathise very deeply with Mr. and Mrs. David Murray and with the other members of the family in their bereavement.

Death of Miss Annie Lavery.

Death has visited another home in the Parish. Miss Annie Lavery, of Kilvergen passed to her eternal rest after a comparatively short illness and at a time when she seemed to be gathering some strength. She had suffered from a severe heart attack some months ago, but it was hoped that with rest and medical attention the illness would be overcome. But our Heavenly Father has ruled it otherwise and has summoned her into His nearer Presence. We deeply lament her death and desire to express our sincere sympathy with Mr. J. E. Lavery and Miss Lavery on the loss of a beloved sister.

The Rev. J. N. Mackenzie.

The Rev. J. N. Mackenzie, formerly of this Parish and now Rector of St. Stephen's Grand Island, Nebraska, preached in Seagoe Church on Sunday morning, August 16th. He also assisted at the early celebration of Holy Communion on the same day. Many of his old friends in the Parish were glad to see him once again. Mr. Mackenzie occupies an important position in the Diocese of Nebraska. During his stay in this country he attended a course of Theological Lectures in the University of Oxford.

Harvest Thanksgiving Services.

The Annual Service of Harvest Thanksgiving will be held (p.v.) in Hacknahay School on Sunday, September 27th, at 3-30 p.m., and on the following Monday at 8 p.m. The collection on the Sunday will be in aid of local School expenses, and on the Monday for Foreign Missions.

The Harvest Services in the Parish Church will be held (p.v.) on Thursday, October 8th, at 8 p.m., and on the following Sunday at 11-30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Further announcements in our next issue.

Seagoe P.E. School.

Seagoe School re-opened after the summer holidays on Monday, August 10th. There was a good attendance of the pupils. A deputation from the Regional Committee of the Co. Armagh inspected the School premises on August 17th. The Regional Committee has been formed under the recent Education Act and will be the governing body under the new system. They will report on the suitability of the various schools which may be transferred. Now that the Act has been so amended as to provide for the continuance of daily religious instruction in the schools, the difficulties which hindered the transfer of schools have been removed.

Levaghery School.

This School, which was originally built about 1817, out of the material remaining over after the building of the present Parish Church, has recently been renovated externally. The walls have been pebble-dashed, and necessary repairs and painting have been carried out. The repairs have been effected by the Trustees out of the funds at their disposal. The School has a residence house attached to it which provides a revenue for keeping the premises in repair. The photographic block of Levaghery which appears on the cover of this Magazine will give readers some idea of the picturesque old buildings on the Gilford Road.

Seagoe Mothers' Union.

Mrs. Donaldson, of Comber, Diocesan Treasurer of the Mother's Union and a former parishioner of Seagoe, has written to the Rector suggesting that some of the Seagoe members might be able to attend a meeting to be held in the G.F.S. Lodge, Donegal Pass, Belfast, on Tuesday, 8th September, at 3-30 p.m., when Miss Ella Frances Lynch, U.S.A., Founder and Director of the National League of Teacher-Mothers (membership 25,000) will speak on "The Education of the Child." Tea will be provided for those who attend.

The Seagoe Branch of the Mother's Union will meet (p.v.) in Edenderry Parochial Hall on Tuesday, September 8th, at 4 p.m. A punctual attendance of the members is requested.

COUNTRY IN TOWN.



Through the courtesy of "Grocery," a London trade journal, we reproduce above a strikingly original window show.

The transporting of country into town was the art of Mr. Charles Montgomery, of Messrs. T. J. Montgomery & Son, the well-known blenders of Tea and the "serve right" grocers.

Seago played quite an important part in the display—the real grass bottom being taken from the Church Lane.

"Grocery," applauding the display, says:—"Of the great number of selling window displays illustrated in these pages during the past few years, it is doubted if any were so studically planned as the one shown on this page."

Messrs. Montgomery hold over fifty awards for Tea Blending, Window Dressing and general trade knowledge, and we heartily join in our congratulations, on this further proof of their skill.

Nine Years Ago.

(Extracts from the War Diary of the late Private Herbert M. Murray, P.P.C.L.I.)

Monday, March 20th, 1916—Breakfast 7 o'clock. Packed kit, ready to march off to the trenches. Halted for the night at Outerdom, a few kilometres from Ypres. Weather fair and warm.

Tuesday, March 21—Fatigue during day. Evening, Battalion moved up to support trenches. No. 5 Platoon moved into tents. Weather wet and cold.

Wednesday, 22nd, and Thursday, 23rd—Did nothing all day.

Friday, March 24th—Guard duty. Guarding a prisoner. Relieved at 9-30 p.m. Snowing in morning and very cold.

Saturday, March 25th—Got up at 8-30. Saw aeroplane fight. British aeroplane descended in field a few hundred yards away from our camp. Went over to see it. Started off for trenches at 5-30 and reached dug-outs about 11 o'clock, after a very long and tiresome march. Dug-outs in supports situated in "Sanctuary Wood," so called from the number of dead soldiers buried in it.

Sunday, March 26th—Stayed in dug-out most of day. Violent artillery bombardment by Germans on our left in afternoon. Night, called out on working party. Machine gun turned on us.

Monday, March 27th—Woke up at 4 o'clock by terrific bombardment by our guns. Huns retaliated by throwing a few "whiz-bangs" at our dug-outs. Bombardment continued a few hours. Two mines exploded, and from reports heard in the trenches the attack was carried out with success. Evening, moved to supports nearer the firing line in pouring rain. No dug-outs, nothing but a rubber sheet and few sandbags fixed on firing platform of trench to protect us from the rain. Fairly comfortable, when called out on a ration party, wading up to ankles in mud, and raining very heavy. Turned into shelter about 11 o'clock. Very little sleep. Called out at 3 o'clock in morning to do sentry-go, give gas alarm, etc.

Tuesday, March 28th—Nothing to do in daytime. Very little artillery action. Relieved by 43rd about 10 o'clock in morning. Got very cold and pretty hard to keep warm. Expected the 43rd to arrive about 9 or 10 o'clock, so waited, shivering with cold until 10 o'clock. Started to rain as we moved off, then sleet. Marched for four hours without a rest. Sometimes on trench mat, sometimes in the mud. Arrived at the famous City of Ypres about 4-30 a.m. as dawn was breaking. Nothing to be seen but a few bare walls or the tower of a church partially blown to pieces. Everything in ruins. Marched right through City and got the train to our billets. Arrived about 6 a.m.

Wednesday, March 29th—Stayed in bed most of day.

Friday, March 31st—Concert in Y.M.C.A. by P.P.'s, under Pipe-Major.

Saturday, April 1st—Physical jerks 7-15. Bath parade to Poperinghe in morning. Afternoon did nothing.

Sunday, April 2nd—Big bombardment all night towards St. Eloi. Inspection of Battalion at 10-30 by Brigadier-General Loomis, Commanding 7th Brigade. Evening service in Y.M. Weather fine and warm.

Monday, April 3rd—Physical jerks 7-15. Parade for pay in morning. Paid 20 francs. Afternoon, football match between P.P.'s and 42nd. Score 4-2 in favour of 42nd. Evening, ventriloquist entertainment in Y.M.C.A.

Wednesday, April 5th—Red-letter day in history of P.P.'s. Battalion inspected by Russian Prince, General Gillinsky. Drawn up for inspection at 10-30 on arrival of Prince, attended by large number of officers, including General Alderson, Officer Commanding Canadian Forces in field. Band played Russian National Anthem. Col. Buller gave the command "Royal Salute." Battalion stood motionless at "Present" while Colonel was introduced to Prince, afterwards accompanying Prince during inspection. Battalion then marched past in column of route. Band played Russian National Anthem when Prince was leaving. Comments by eye-witnesses state Battalion never looked smarter, and every movement was carried out perfectly. Afternoon, moved to another camp, G.

ITEMS.

At a meeting of the Roads Committee of the Rural District Council held last month the subject of dangerous corners was considered. We hope that some of those to which we referred in our last issue will be made safe. The danger is so great both to pedestrians as well as motorists that it calls for immediate attention. Motor traffic is increasing annually by 24 per cent. This means that in four years' time the number of motors using the roads will be exactly double what it is to-day.

We are once again approaching the season of Harvest, which promises this year to be fairly favourable. The ingathering of the fruits of the earth is always an anxious time for the farmers, but it may also be a season of rejoicing when man gathers in the results of his labour and also the gifts of the Lord of the Harvest.

* * *

At a recent meeting of the Select Vestry a long discussion took place as to the possibility of having houses built in the neighbourhood of the Parish Church, so as to relieve the present shortage in house accommodation and also to take advantage of the resolution of the General Synod expressing their readiness to advance money to Parishes where suffi-

cient security was obtainable, to enable Vestries or Parish Committees to build on available ground. No definite decision was arrived at, but further enquiries are to be made.

* * *

Seagoe School has been transferred to Circuit 2, Section B, the Senior Inspector being Mr. J. S. Mahon, of Belfast, and the Section Inspector Mr. P. J. Honan, of Belfast.

* * *

Mr. Joseph Pearson, of Bridge St., met with a serious accident while putting up telegraph wires in Armagh. He fell from the top of a telegraph pole. Fortunately, he managed, when falling, to catch hold of some wire, which helped to break his fall. His arm was fractured and he suffered from shock. We congratulate him on his providential escape from more serious injury, and we hope he will soon be quite restored again to his former health and strength.

* * *

The annual collection on behalf of the Poor Parishes Diocesan Fund will be made (p.v.) in the Parish Church on Sunday, September 13th, at morning and evening Prayer.

Parish Register for August.

Baptisms.

The following were baptized in Seagoe Parish Church on August 1st:—

Freeburn—Winifred, daughter of Thomas Henry and Anne Elizabeth Freeburn, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Anne Elizabeth Freeburn, Ann Elizabeth Freeburn (jun.)

Finn—Gladys Margaret, daughter of Moses Henry and Margaret Finn, of Portadown.

Sponsors—Isabel Wright, Margaret Finn.

PRIVATE BAPTISM.

Neill—August 11th, Joseph Cecil, son of James and Sarah Neill, of Killicomaine.

Marriages.

M'Cabe and Burrier—July 20th, at Baltimore, Maryland, P.S.A., James M'Cabe to Eelma Burrier, of Baltimore.

Strain and M'Knight—August 27th, Thomas Strain, of Tandragee, to Rachel M'Knight, of Drumnacanvey.

Burials.

Lavery—August 8th, Annie Jane Lavery, of Kilvergan, aged 48 years.

Murray—August 9th, Emily Murray, of Ballynery, aged 68 years.

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.

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.

MARRIAGES must be performed between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Licenses are issued by Rev Canon Hannon, Rector, 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