

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

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CLERGY :

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

CHURCHWARDENS :

Rector's—Mr. James Twinem, Lylo and Edenderry.
People's—Mr. Moses Gilpin, Drumnagoon.

Seagoe in Connecticut, U.S.A.

[The Rector has received the following interesting letter from Mrs. David Johnston, who with her husband and family recently left Seagoe for the States. It will be read with interest by their many well-wishers in Seagoe.]

155 Spring St., Thompsonville, Conn.

July 20, 1926.

Dear Canon Archer,—This is just a few lines. Hope it will find you well, as this leaves us all enjoying the best of health. I was down in South Manchester on July 10, and saw the first Orange procession I have seen since I came to this country. I saw a lot of people from home; some from Seagoe. They all met in South Manchester. They were from about 40 miles around. The Orangewomen came first and then the men; next there were three men on horseback, and then a kiltie band heading them. I said here is Edenderry Kiltie Band. I saw the first arch; it was at the Orange Hall, and the Union Jack flying beside the Stars and Stripes. It was good to see them all. Then on Sunday I was at St. Mary's Church. The men went there. I was speaking to the minister there. He preached a nice sermon to them. He said he would have loved to have been in Ireland that day, but he could not get a boat to be there in time. He was leaving on Tuesday, the 13th, for a trip to the old country. He is to preach in St. Mark's Church on July 25th. I told him if he would be in Seagoe to tell you he had seen me. I saw Mrs. Coulter's brother in the choir. You will know Mrs. Tom Coulter, who lives at the Reservoir. I knew him on her. The choir all wear white surplices; they walk in from the vestry before the minister, and they were singing "Stand up for Jesus." It is a

Very nice little Church.

I met Mrs. Robinson there who I went to school with. We were in the one class together. She is a sister to Sarah M'Dowell, of Killicomain. Now, I think I have told you all the news. I may tell you that we are having very warm weather, and we have some very heavy thunderstorms, too. I hope that dear old Seagoe Church is doing well. I will see it some day. I saw the Mother's Union had their trip. I am sure they all enjoyed it. Though I am far from them I always think of them and the

good old days we had together. I was at a Missionary meeting and I sang the Mother's Union hymn for them. I told them about the Mother's Union at home, which is very dear to me. The lady said to me she believed God sent me over the sea to them to be a help to them. I told them I would never forget the Mother's Union and its cause. I hope it will grow year by year. My sister and daughter send me all the news about it, and I look for it, too. All my family are well. John still goes to High School and little David—he is

A real Yankee.

now, if you heard him talking. I don't know what he will be when he starts school. My husband and all the rest are working every day, and in good health. Thank God for all his goodness to us. Now you will get tired if I write any more, so I think I have told you the latest news. I hope dear old Seagoe is getting on well. I will close with the best of good wishes. From your old parishioner,

A. JOHNSTON.

A Serious Accident.

A serious motoring accident occurred to Mr. and Mrs. Rennix and their niece, Miss Lily Rennix, last month. In a collision at cross-roads their motor was overturned, and Mrs. Rennix had her left arm broken, and Miss Rennix sustained a severe injury to her head which rendered her for a time unconscious. Mr. Rennix fortunately escaped injury. Under the circumstances the results of the accident might have been much more serious. On behalf of the Parish we desire to express our sympathy with Mr. and Mrs. Rennix, and our hope that Mrs. Rennix will soon have made a good recovery. Several accidents have occurred at the place where this accident occurred, near Hillsborough, but no warning notice had been placed there. There are still in Seagoe Parish several places where accidents might easily occur owing to hedges being left uncut. We wish some of those in authority would take a tour through the Parish and make a note of such places, and at their next meeting see that an order is made for the removal of the obstruction.

ITEMS

The road past Seagoe Church has been asphalted and is much improved thereby. We hear that Church Lane, which has for some time been impassable in wet weather, is about to be put into thorough repair.

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Miss Isabel Best has been appointed Assistant Teacher in Knocknagor School, Parish of Tullylish. The Principal of the School is Mr. Boyle, a former Assistant Teacher in Seagoe School.

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Good hay weather has come at last, and the last of the meadows are being rapidly cut.

A Letter from Africa.

[Many of our readers will remember Capt. J. J. Dobson, who acted as Lay Reader in the Parish for a year and a half, up to the time when the War broke out. He is now in a Government post in Kenya, East Africa. Mrs. Dobson writes this interesting letter, giving their experiences since arriving in Africa some months ago.]

Nairobi, Kenya Colony, B.E.A.

July 6th, 1926.

Dear Canon Archer.—My husband asked me to write to you and tell you how we are getting along. As he is kept very busy, I generally do his letter-writing for him.

I hope you are keeping well, and that you are having a nice summer. We like Africa very much, and my husband has got a good job under the Government. He is at present 70 miles from here and 20 miles from a P.O., so I do not hear very much from him, but as soon as he can find a place we shall go and join him. It is really a lovely country, but living is very dear. When we first came out we were about 200 miles up country, and it was most lovely. We stayed with friends on Lord Delamere's estate. It was very wild, and we saw lots of hippo. and lovely birds, and several of the others saw a lion, but I did not. The climate is beautiful, not any hotter than a real summer day at home, and quite cool from 5 o'clock in the evening till 9 next day. Bobbie had a go of fever after we came to Nairobi and nearly died; had a temperature of 105. Dr. Berkett was so kind, and stayed with us for hours, and got him better by sponging him with cold water. Fever has been bad here for months, so we shall be glad to get up country. There is a very nice Church about a mile and a half from here. We like the service very much. We are sharing a bungalow here with some friends who came out a few months before we did. It is so nice for me having them to stay with. We had a day at Mareilles, Port Said, 3 days at Port Sudan, and a few hours at Aden, and then a day at Mombasa before we came up here. It was all very interesting. We find the black boys are good servants. We have six here—most of these we brought down country with us, as wages are very high here—a cook gets as much as 80s a month. Of course one maid at home would do what the six black boys do here. We have lots of lovely flowers. Roses do awfully well, and in the garden at my friend's house up country they had beautiful fruit. At present we get pineapples, oranges, cape gooseberries, mangoes and bananas. With very kind regards.—Yours sincerely,
MARIE F. DOBSON.

Seagoe Mothers' Union.

A meeting of the Mother's Union will (p.v.) be held in Seagoe Parochial Hall on Tuesday, Sept. 7, at 4 p.m. Miss Hartford, the head of the Women's Settlement in Belfast, has kindly consented to speak to the mothers. Tea will be provided for those who attend.

Parish Register for August. Baptisms.

The following were baptized in Seagoe Parish Church on August 7, 1926:—

Ellis—William Victor, son of James and Agnes Ellis of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Agnes Ellis, Margaret Ellis.

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

Sponsors—Sarah Kane, Minnie M'Cann.

Stanfield—Roy, son of Thomas Edward and Mary Jane Stanfield, of Levaghery.

Sponsors—Annie Best, Mary Jane Stanfield.

M'Kibben—Eileen, daughter of Hugh and Anne Ellis M'Kibben, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Emma Jane White, Anne Eliza M'Kibben.

Donaldson—Muriel Elizabeth, daughter of David and Margaret Agnes Donaldson, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Sarah Telford, Margaret Agnes Donaldson.

Abraham—George Henry, son of George Henry and Margaret Anne Abraham, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—George Henry Abraham, Margaret Anne Abraham.

Marriage

Dunlop and Chapman—August 11th, by special licence, the Rev. John Dunlop, Rector of Lissan, Co. Tyrone, to Violet Constan Chapman, Erindale, Edenderry.

Burials.

Magee—June 26th, at Boston, Mass., U.S.A., Thomas Joseph Magee, formerly of Kernan.

Ruddell—July 7th, James Ruddell, of Balteagh; aged 85 years.

Carville—Aug. 4th, Joseph Carville, of Killicomaine; aged 3 years.

Yewdall—Aug. 26th, Frank Yewdall, of Elland, Yorkshire; aged 3 months.

M'Dowell—Sept. 1st, William James M'Dowell, Levaghery.

Rainey—Sept. 2nd, Samuel Rainey, of Edenderry; aged 5 years.

Hacknahay.

The annual Harvest Thanksgiving Services will be held (p.v.) in Hacknahay School on Sunday, Sept. 26th, at 3-30 p.m., and on Monday, Sept. 27th, at 8 p.m. Announcements regarding the other district Harvest Services and also the Services in the Parish Church will be made in our next issue.

Rector of South Manchester, U.S.A.

The Venerable Archdeacon Neill, Rector of Mary's, South Manchester, U.S.A., preached in Mark's Church, Portadown, on a recent Sunday. Archdeacon Neill is well known to many from Seagoe who have emigrated to South Manchester. A large proportion of his parishioners came from Seagoe and Portadown. He is a faithful pastor and is much interested in the spiritual welfare of his people. His father came originally from Ulster.

Obituary.

The list of burials this month reminds us of the losses we have sustained recently in the deaths of well-known parishioners. Mr. James Ruddell, of Balteagh, whose death occurred in July, had reached an advanced age. He formerly resided in Lower Seagoe, and was always much respected for his kindness of manner. It was always said of him that he was "a good neighbour" and ready to help and sympathise with all. He will also be remembered for his love of order and neatness. All through his long life to the very end he held to this habit. We will miss him much from our Parish life.

The tragically sudden death of Mrs. Louisa Fox, which occurred on July 25th, has removed from our midst one who was known to many amongst us. Great sympathy is felt for her husband and family in their sad and sudden bereavement.

The death of Mr. William James M'Dowell, of Levaghery, which took place after a brief illness, removes from our midst one who was much beloved by everyone. His straightforwardness and readiness to help everybody endeared him to all who knew him. Until some years ago he had been a member of the Select Vestry and had from time to time done useful service for the Parish. He leaves behind him a large family of young children, with whom, and with Mrs. M'Dowell great sympathy is expressed.

Three little children have been called away—Frank Jewdall, Samuel Rainey and Joseph Carville. Our sympathy goes out to all those who have suffered the loss of their dear ones, but "We sorrow not as those without hope for them that sleep in Him." Many will regret to hear of the death of Thomas Joseph Magee, late of Kernan. Particulars concerning him have not yet been received by his relatives.

The Weekly Envelopes

We would like to remind those who have the Weekly Envelopes of the importance of not allowing them to get into arrears. Sometimes quite a large batch of envelopes is brought or sent in. It is a good thing, of course, to pay up arrears which are due, but it is much more satisfactory to have the envelopes brought in each week. We hope, too, that some at least of those who now contribute but a small sum each week will endeavour to increase their gift, on which the welfare of their Parish so largely depends. Is a penny a week a worthy offering, remembering that it represents your contribution to the Sustentation Fund as well as to the offertory. The amount at present being subscribed through the envelopes each week is not sufficient to cover the ordinary annual expenditure of the Parish. Those who give should keep before them the thought of Him to whom the gift is given, our gracious Heavenly Father, whose we are and Whom we ought to serve.

Our Graves in France

The Rector, during a recent visit to France, had

an opportunity of visiting three of the British Military Cemeteries where our dead heroes rest. He saw in the Communal Cemetery at Wimereux the grave of John Matthews, younger son of the late Mrs. Matthews, of James St. He served in the 26th Battalion of the Australian Infantry Corps. He died from wounds on 21st June, 1916. Two other Cemeteries visited were Etaples and Abbeville the former is the resting place of Private Thomas Flannigan, of Edenderry, who served in the Canadian Medical Corps and was killed in the air raid of 19th May, 1918. The grave of Private Thomas Kilpatrick is in Abbeville Communal Cemetery. He died from wounds on 11th July, 1916. He served in the 9th Batt. Royal Irish Fusiliers. The British Cemeteries in France are beautifully kept. English flowers are growing in profusion round the upright stones. The grounds are cared for by English gardeners, ex-soldiers. At Etaples there are 11,000 graves to be tended, at Abbeville 2,000, and 1,500 at Wimereux. The grass sod is kept closely cut, and the edges are kept perfectly neat. There is a space of about one foot between the graves. There is a printed register of the names of all who are buried in the Cemetery placed in a small metal receptacle at the entrance to the Cemetery.

Men's Recreation Room

We hope to re-open the Men's Recreation Room in Bridge St. for the winter session on October 1st. When the dark evenings come the men will value the warmth and brightness of the old room. We believe the new session will be very successful.

Old Seagoe Notes.

Exemption from Hearth Money, 1705.—In the old Seagoe Records the following entry occurs—"Form of certificate to exempt a poor man from payment of Hearth Money—

"County Ardmagh. We doe hereby certifie that K.R. of the Parish of Seago is a very poor man, and lives upon Alms, and is not able to get his living by his work or labour, and soe not lyable to be charged with the payment of Hearth-Money by neither of the Acts. Dated ye 3rd day of April, 1705."

Curfew Bell in Seagoe, 1782—The Curfew Bell was rung in Old Seagoe Church for many years. Before people had clocks or watches they could not tell what time it was. The rising and setting of the sun was the only way of determining the time of day. It was, therefore, a very useful thing to have a Curfew Bell rung at regular hours, and so the sexton would make his or her way into the old Church in the early morning or when the shades of evening fell and would tug at the rope which hung from the bell in the little belfry at the west end of Old Seagoe Church. The following entry occurs in the Seagoe Vestry Records under date 1782:—"At a Vestry held in Seagoe Church on Easter Tuesday, April 2nd, 1782, the following sum was apploited—To Mary Porter (sextoness) for ringing the bell morning and evening—at six in ye morning, from ye 25th

of March to ye 29th of September, and at eight in the winter; and at nine at night throughout the year, the sum of £1 8s 3d."

The Ven. James Saurin, Vicar of Seagoe, 1826.—In continuation of last month's notes giving Biographical details of the successive Vicars of Seagoe, we give here particulars and dates regarding the Ven. James Saurin. Archdeacon Saurin was born in 1796. He passed through Trinity College, Dublin, taking his B.A. degree in 1820, and his M.A. in 1822. He succeeded Dean Blacker as Vicar of Seagoe in 1826 (just 100 years ago), and signed the Act of Vestry for the first time on April 17th, 1827 as "James Saurin, Vicar." He became Rector of Seagoe and Archdeacon of Dromore in 1832. To the latter office he succeeded on May 10th, 1832, on the resignation of Archdeacon Meade. He signs the Act of Vestry for the first time as Rector on May 22nd, 1832. He died at Warrenpoint on Sunday, May 11th, 1879, aged 83 years, and was buried in the vault under the Communion Table (as the Church then was) on Wednesday, May 14th, 1879. He was 52 years Vicar and Rector of Seagoe. The actual date of his collation as Vicar of Seagoe was December 18th, 1826, being inducted by the Rev. John Beattie on February 18th, 1827.

The Stable at Old Seagoe—The old stable building which was recently pulled down to make room for the new caretaker's lodge, was built in the year

1744. The following note regarding its erection inserted in the Vestry Records:—

"A Memorandum—That the under-named persons have subscribed and built a stable at the Pa Church of Seagoe, in the year 1744—

William Blacker, Esq.	...	...£1 10
Tho. Newil	...	... 0 5
Jno. Gilpin	...	... 0 5
Thos. Bradshaw	...	... 0 2
William Thompson	...	... 0 3
William Dixon	...	... 0 5
Richard Joyce	...	... 0 5
Ralph Dynes	...	... 0 5
John Ackles	...	... 0 2
James Bomer	...	... 0 2
William Robinson	...	... 0 11
James Harison	...	... 0 5
Wolsey Mathers	...	... 0 5
William Buck	...	... 0 2
Thos. Murrel	...	... 0 2
Robert Blacker	...	... 0 5
John Wall	...	... 0 5
John Dixon	...	... 0 5
Val. Joyce	...	... 0 5
Art. M'Cann	...	... 0 3
James Toulerton 0 2
David Millar 0 2
Thos. Hardine 0 2
Will. Luton 0 2
Ralph Wilson 0 5

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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.

DISTRICT SERVICES.

Hacknabay—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 Hannock Rectory, Lurgan. Due notice (48 hours) must be given to the Rector of intended weddings. **FEEES** 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. **FEEES FOR CERTIFICATES** BAPTISM, 3/7; Children (Factory), 1/- and 2/- (non-residents); **MARRIAGE**, 3/7. An extra search fee is chargeable in certain cases

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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, Hacknabay, Carne, Drumgor.

Men's Recreation Room, Bridge St., open every night from 7 p.m.

Seagoe C.L. Brigade in Edenderry Parochial Hall on Tuesdays at 8 p.m.

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

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