

# Seagoe Parish Magazine.

SEPTEMBER, 1928.

## CLERGY :

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

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

LAY READER (Bishop's Licence) :

Mr. Robt. Gracey, Edengarth, Bridge St., Edenderry.

## CHURCHWARDENS :

Rector's—Robert M'Clements.

People's—William Dermott.

## Harvest Services.

The season of Harvest is approaching and very soon our bright Services of Harvest Thanksgiving will be held throughout the Parish. The following Services have been already arranged :—

**Hacknahay**—Sunday, September 30, at 3-30 p.m.

„ Monday, October 1st, at 8 p.m.

**Carne**—Sunday, October 7th, at 3-30 p.m.

„ Monday, October 8th, at 8 p.m.

**Drumgor**—Sunday, October 14th, at 3-30 p.m.

„ Monday, October 15th, at 8 p.m.

**Edenderry**—Thursday, October 25th, at 8 p.m.

„ Sunday, October 28th, at 3-30 p.m.

**Levagherey**—Sunday, November 4th, at 3-30 p.m.

„ Monday, November 5th, at 8 p.m.

The Harvest Thanksgiving Services in the Parish Church will be held (d.v.) on Thursday, October 18th, at 8 p.m., and on the following Sunday, October 21st, at 8 a.m., 11-30 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Further particulars regarding the Services will be given in our next issue.

## Parochial Hall Services.

The Mission Services held in Edenderry Parochial Hall every Wednesday evening have been attended by large numbers of people. The Service begins at 8 o'clock, but prior to the Service an open-air meeting is held in one of the neighbouring streets, a different street each evening. Such gatherings have already been held in James St., Joseph St., Foundry St., Century St. and Florence Court. The residents have shown much interest in the Services. The fine Mission Choir of 50 voices has given good help. Mr. Gracey has spoken at each of the Services.

## District Open-Air Service.

In addition to the Services held in Edenderry on Wednesday evenings, an open-air Service is held on every Thursday evening at 8 o'clock in some out-lying district of the Parish. Such meetings have already been held at Blacker's Mill, Drumgor, and Ballinacor and other districts will be visited in the near future. These gatherings are largely attended and form a bright and happy feature in the spiritual life of the Parish.

## Seagoe P.E. School.

We regret to announce the approaching departure of Mr. and Mrs. Rennix from their posts in Seagoe School. Mr. Rennix has been appointed Principal of Dundrum P.E. School, Co. Down, and Mrs. Rennix as first assistant. Mr. and Mrs. Rennix came to Seagoe from Beary National School in 1918 and for ten years they have lived and worked in our midst. During those important years Mr. and Mrs. Rennix have given valuable help in the School and Parish. The musical successes of the Seagoe children at the Portadown Musical Festival each year have testified to the excellent musical instruction given by Principal Rennix. Mr. Rennix has done much useful work in the Parish. The great Sunday School in Edenderry Parochial Hall owes much to his diligent supervision. The Bible Classes taught by him and Mrs. Rennix in Seagoe have also been very helpful. The children in the Day School will be very sorry to part with their teachers. The work done by Mrs. Rennix as President of the Seagoe Mother's Union has been much appreciated. We are sure that all the parishioners will unite with us in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Rennix much blessing and prosperity in their new home. Dundrum is not, after all, so very far from Seagoe, and we will hope often to see them again in Seagoe.

## New Principal of Seagoe.

The Rector has appointed Mr. William Thomas Griffith, Principal of Drumbanagher P.E. School as the new Principal Teacher of Seagoe P.E. School and Mrs. Griffith as First Assistant. Mr. and Mrs. Griffith come to Seagoe with the highest possible recommendations. They have taught at Drumbanagher for the past 21 years, and they have uniformly all through those years received the highest commendation from the Government Inspectors for their work. Mr. Griffith has throughout the last 21 years been graded as "Highly Efficient" in the Inspector's reports. Mr. and Mrs. Griffith have also taken a most active part in the work of the Church at Drumbanagher and for many years Mr. Griffith has filled the post of Secretary and Treasurer in the Parish. We are sure the people of Seagoe will give a very hearty welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Griffith.

## Diocesan Board of Education.

The annual appeal for the Board of Education will be made in the Parish Church on Sunday, September 9th, at Morning and Evening Prayer. The Board of Education for the Diocese performs a most responsible work. It pays four Inspectors to examine the Public Elementary Schools each in Religious Knowledge and awards certificates to the successful pupils. It provides the prizes given to supplement the Bishop's Medal given each year in Religious Know-

ledge. It supervises the Sunday School programme and keeps a general oversight of the school buildings of the Diocese. The work is immense and can perhaps best be understood when we recall the fact that half the Church population of Ireland lives within the Diocese.

### **Parish Register for August.**

#### **Baptisms.**

The following were Baptized in Seagoe Parish Church on August 4th, 1928 :—

**Mullen**—Winifred, daughter of Horace Henry and Christina Mullen, of Portadown.

*Sponsors*—Emily Reid, Christina Mullen.

**Liggett**—Roy Adair, son of Isaac and Josephine Liggett, of Edenderry.

*Sponsors*—Alice Webb, Josephine Liggett.

**Allen**—Charlotte, daughter of Arthur and Anne Allen, of Edenderry.

*Sponsors*—Jane Eliza Hynes, Sarah Anne Allen.

**Roney**—Henry Lewis, son of James William and Mary Isabella Roney, of Edenderry.

*Sponsors*—Christina Roney, Mary Isabella Roney.

**Weir**—Thomas George, son of George and Maria Weir, of Edenderry.

*Sponsors*—Elizabeth Allen, Maria Weir.

#### **Marriages.**

**Milne and Yeates**—Aug. 7th, John Foster Milne, of Ballynagarrick, Parish of Knocknamuckley, to Sarah Jane Yeates, of Edenderry.

**Forster and M'Kinstry**—Aug. 22nd, Cecil Reginald Bertram Forster, of Holywood, Co. Down, to Jane M'Kinstry, of Edenderry.

#### **Burials.**

**Kinnear**—Aug. 6th, Margaret Kinnear, of Lower Seagoe; aged 85 years.

**Fletcher**—Aug. 6th, Mary Fletcher, of Killicomaine; aged 86 years.

**Cooke**—Aug. 25, Hester Cooke, of Belfast, daughter of the late Rev. Ralph Bullick Cooke, M.A.; aged 41 years.

**Cooke**—Aug. 28th, Elizabeth Cooke, of Glasgow; aged 45 years.

#### **The Late Miss Kinnear.**

We record with deep regret the death of Miss Margaret Kinnear, of Lower Seagoe. She died on August 4th after a few weeks' illness, at the advanced age of 85 years. Miss Kinnear was associated in a very special way with this Parish from her earliest years. She took up work as a teacher in Seagoe Schools some sixty years ago. At that time Archdeacon Saurin was Rector of Seagoe and Miss Kinnear received her appointment from him. Miss Kinnear was a most diligent and capable worker and all her conduct was marked by a high Christian principle. She was deeply interested in the past history of Seagoe and her great delight up to the

end was to read the Old Seagoe notes in the Parish Magazine. Miss Kinnear was a link binding the present with the past, and many among us will feel that in her death we have lost one of the few remaining links which still survive of those who took an active part in the life of the Parish in the old days of Archdeacon Saurin. Miss Kinnear, notwithstanding her age, preserved a wonderful degree of health and strength almost up to the last, and she attended regularly the Services in the Parish Church. In July she got a paralytic stroke and although she seemed for a time to rally her strength failed and she passed away on August 4th.

#### **Excursion.**

On Thursday, August 9th, the Edenderry Mission Choir had a most enjoyable excursion to Rostrevor. The party numbered about 120 and their departure in charabancs and buses from the Parochial Hall occasioned quite a stir in Edenderry. The Rev. W. A. Henry and Mr. Robert Gracey accompanied the excursion. The drive through the country was a delightful experience and on arrival in Rostrevor the party found a splendid field at their disposal in the late Mr. Canning's demesne. After a hearty meal, games were engaged in until a late hour. We were very glad to have with us Mr. Casey, of Edenderry, who added much to the gaiety and pleasure of the occasion.

#### **The Sewage Tanks.**

The result of the Government Inquiry recently held in connection with the Portadown Main Drainage scheme and the proposed sewage tanks at Seagoe has been published. We regret to say that in spite of the strenuous opposition offered to the placing of the sewage tanks at Seagoe the Inspector has said that they must be put there. We regard this decision as a serious injury to the welfare of Seagoe and as contrary to all the principles of hygiene which the authorities so much insist on in their efforts for the health of the people. There are many uninhabited areas in the neighbourhood of Portadown where such tanks could be placed. The extra expense would only consist in laying some further lengths of piping. The reason given in the Inspector's decision is that if another site were in the Inspector's decision is that if another site were chosen further expenditure would be rendered necessary. We sympathise greatly with Mr. Richard Forsythe, of Seagoe Villa, whose pretty residence will be destroyed by its proximity to the Tanks. The Rectory, although situated at a greater distance from the tanks, will also be rendered unpleasant. Can nothing yet be done to prevent this placing of the tanks at Seagoe? We believe that there is no engineering difficulty in placing them at the other side of the river, where there are no inhabitants in the immediate neighbourhood.

**Miss Norah Montgomery.**

Miss Norah Montgomery has left Seagoe on a visit to Canada. She sailed on Saturday, August 25th. Before leaving the members of Seagoe Choir presented her with a handsome Reticule mounted in amber as a mark of their esteem and affection. It was presented to Miss Montgomery at a social held in Seagoe School on Tuesday, August 21st. The Rector made the presentation and Miss Montgomery suitably replied, saying how much she had always enjoyed her work in the choir and her association with the Parish of Seagoe. On the next evening, Wednesday, August 22nd, the Edenderry Mission Choir presented Miss Montgomery with a Bible. Miss Montgomery will be much missed from Seagoe Choir and from our many social gatherings. She will be residing with friends at Humber Quay, near Toronto, Canada.

**Memories of Seagoe.**

Mrs. Mary Jane Ferris (formerly Gillespie) writes from 13 Underwood Road, Paisley, Scotland. She requires her certificate of Baptism, as she is about to pay a visit to her daughter in the United States. In writing to the Rector she says—"There was a large family of us, and I am the fifth, and am two years older than my brother William. I have been intending to take a trip over to Ireland to see dear old Seagoe. Many happy times I had in that Church choir, but I am not well able to get about. My feet are not so swift as they were but I am thankful for the measure of good health enjoy. I used to enjoy singing in the Choir, and when I am writing to you just brings back to me a pleasant memory. Rector Lawson was then in charge, and Mr. Quirk was the Curate. Miss Quirk used to teach me in the Choir. But I need not dwell on that, as I want my lines for the American Consul, and they are very hard to satisfy. I want to visit my family, who are all here."

[We are glad to have this interesting letter from Mrs. Ferris, and hope she will have a pleasant voyage to the States and when she returns we hope she will revisit the old Parish of Seagoe and her native townland of Drumnacanvey.]

**Seagoe Mothers' Union.**

A meeting of the Mothers' Union will be held (p.v.) in Edenderry Parochial Hall on Tuesday, September 10th, at 7-30 p.m. Tea will be provided for the members, and a full attendance is requested. The Mothers' Union has done good work in the Parish, and we look forward with hope to its future activities. We regret that we are parting with our president, Mrs. Rennix, who has filled that responsible post for some years and whose advice and counsel has always helped forward the work of the Union.

**The Annual Report.**

The Annual Report is in print and will be issued without delay. It is a most interesting record of Parochial Life and work. If readers should notice any errors will they please communicate with the Hon. Treasurer.

**ITEMS.**

Further building is proceeding along the Lurgan Road in Lisniskey. It seems as if the Lurgan Road will soon be lined with houses along its whole length.

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Hedges still remain to be cut at many dangerous corners. Why should not fences instead of hedges be put at such corners. Motor accidents are occurring at such corners every day, but it is not until someone gets killed that the authorities take action.

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We are glad to hear that Lurgan "Toc H" have undertaken to keep the wireless sets in Lurgan Infirmary in working order.

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Hilda Magill, of Tarson, was seriously hurt in a motor accident on the Lurgan Road a week ago.

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Seagoe P.E. School is well protected against motors. Being situated on a bye-road, the motor traffic is small, and prominent notices on the roadside near the school warn drivers to be very careful. The extensive playgrounds provide splendid and healthy accommodation for the children during play hour.

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In looking over the original plans for the building of Seagoe School we were struck with the important fact that all the building is on the ground level. It is an ideal arrangement where children are present in large numbers. There are no stairs in Seagoe School. The original architect had a sensible idea of school needs.

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Mrs. Griffith, who has been appointed First Assistant in Seagoe School, is a daughter of Rev. Dr. Taylor, LL.D., for many years Rector of Errigle Trough, in the Diocese of Clogher, and now retired from the active duties of the Ministry. Her brother is the Rev. W. M. Taylor, B.A., Curate of St. Mary's Parish, Newry. Mrs. Griffith is a capable musician and will have charge of the musical instruction of the children attending Seagoe P.E. School.

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A very pretty wedding took place in Seagoe on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Forster on August 22nd. Mrs. Forster (Miss Jeannie M'Kinstry) was a daughter of the late much-lamented Mr. Robert M'Kinstry, Lieutenant in the old Seagoe C.L.B. We wish Mr. and Mrs. Forster much happiness and blessing. Miss Yeates, whose marriage to Mr. Milne we also record, has been a most useful helper in Edenderry Sunday School, where she has

acted as teacher for some years. Our best wishes go out to Mr. and Mrs. Milne in their new sphere of life.

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The death of our aged parishioner, Mrs. Mary Fletcher, brings sorrow to many homes in the Parish. She was one of those old parishioners whose memory went back to the middle of the last century.

### Wasps.

Wasps are very numerous this year, and their stings are very sharp and penetrating. They inject a most unpleasant poison into the wound. We would recommend our readers to purchase without delay a bottle of Scrubb's Fluid Ammonia, and whenever, unfortunately, anybody gets stung to dab it well into the wound. The easiest way to destroy a wasp's nest is to dissolve Cyanide of Potassium (but it is a deadly poison, so be careful) in some warm water, then saturate a woollen cloth with the solution. Put the cloth and the rest of the solution into the nest and close up the entrance. The fumes of the cyanide solution are fatal to the wasp family. Ordinary vinegar or moistened camphor, or the blue bag are all useful in healing wasp-stings.

### Old Seagoe Notes.

**Seagoe Parish Under Water.**—It is a fact that in old days a large part of Seagoe Parish was actually under water. This did not take place as one might think in time of flood but it was so all the time. Up to 1764, when the District of the Montiags—the present parish of Ardmore—was cut off from Seagoe the Parish included in its area a large portion of the Lough Neagh. On the Ordnance Survey map the area of Seagoe Parish included the acres which lay submerged under the waters of the Lough.

The actual area of Lurgan Rural District submerged by the Lough is, according to the recent Census returns, no less than 14,952 acres 0 roods 14 perches. There are islands in the Lough. It is interesting to know their names and extent, for they formed part of Seagoe Parish. Croaghan Island is 4 acres 1 rood 2 perches in extent and is in the District of Brownlow's Derry. Another island is Phil Roe's Flat. It is 29 perches in extent. Reedy Flat is a much larger island and covers a space of 11 acres 1 rood 1 perches. The famous Coney Island, though not at any time a part of Seagoe Parish, is 8 acres 0 roods 18 perches in extent, and a neighbouring patch known as Coney Flat covers 24 perches.

## 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.

## 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.

**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.