

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

FEBRUARY, 1936.

God Bless King Edward VIII.

CLERGY :

Rev. Chancellor Archer, B.D., The Rectory,
Seagoe.

Rev. W. F. Hayes, B.A., The Bungalow, Lower
Seagoe, Portadown.

CHURCHWARDENS :

Rector's—Mr. H. MURRAY GIBSON.

People's—Mr. THOMAS MARTIN.

Death of the King.

Little did we think last month when issuing our January number of the Magazine that we should this month be announcing the death of our beloved King George the Fifth. He seemed so active and so full of life that no sign of failure or weakness was perceptible in his public life. To-day the Empire mourns his loss and certainly no part of it more deeply and sincerely than does Northern Ireland, for no part has made greater sacrifices than our Province for the union with the British Empire and its crowned Head. During the late King's reign Ulster shed its blood freely in the Great War in defence of the Empire, and as King George himself expressed it: "Ulster knew how to fight and to die" for the cause she had at heart. The Memorial Pillars at the gate of the Parish Church with their long list of those who made the supreme sacrifice from this Parish are a proof of the readiness with which the flower of our youth went forth to fight for God and King and Country. The wonderful outburst of sorrow and sympathy displayed at the death of the King proves the place he held in the hearts and minds of the Nation. We welcome to the Throne our new King, and the prayers of our people will ascend to the King of Kings that he may have the Divine Blessing and guidance throughout his reign. Nor must we omit from our thoughts and prayers Mary, the Queen Mother, who has showed herself such a splendid Queen.

Two Minutes' Silence.

On Tuesday, January 28th, the day of the King's funeral, a short service was held in the Parish Church at 1.15 p.m. Psalm xxxix was

read and a Lesson from I. Corinthians, chap. xv. The Rector suggested some suitable subjects to occupy the minds of those present during "The Silence." At 1.30 p.m. a stroke of the Church bell marked the beginning of "The Silence," and at its close, 1.32 p.m., the bell rang once again.

Seagoe Mothers' Union.

The next meeting of the Mothers' Union will be held (D.V.) in Seagoe School on Tuesday, February 11th, at 7.30 p.m. A full attendance of members is requested. The meeting held on January 14th took the form of a business meeting, when the officers and committee for the ensuing year were elected. Our new President for 1936 is Mrs. James Twinem, of Lylo. Mrs. Twinem held the office once before and made an excellent President. She has also held the office of Hon. Treasurer. Much of the success of Seagoe Mothers' Union has been due to Mrs. Twinem, and we welcome her very heartily back again to that post.

Lecture by Dean Myles.

The Very Rev. E. A. Myles, M.A., Dean of Dromore and Rector for many years of Tullylish, has kindly consented to deliver a lecture in Edenderry Parochial Hall on Thursday evening, February 27th, at 8 p.m. This will be illustrated by a set of very special slides made by the Dean for the Lecture. The subject of the Lecture is "From Derry's Walls to Limerick Treaty Stone." Tickets are now on sale for the Lecture, price 2/- and 1/-. The proceeds are on behalf of a very fine object, our Seagoe C.L.B. The Band has recently been fitted with new Highland uniforms, on which a deficit still remains, and we wish to clear it off. Those who enjoy an evening replete with knowledge conveyed in a most attractive garb should secure their tickets without delay. Please remember the date of the Lecture, Thursday, February 27th, at 8 p.m.

Concert in Edenderry.

On Thursday, March 26th, a Concert will be held in Edenderry in aid of Edenderry Sunday School Prize Fund at 8 p.m. Tickets, 9d each, are now on sale. A very attractive programme has been arranged. Edenderry children's choir will sing.

Memorial Services.

On Sunday, January 26th, special Services in memory of King George V. were held in the Parish Church. There were large congregations. The preacher at Morning Prayer was the Rector, who took as his text Rev. xix., 12, "On His head were many crowns." At Evening Prayer the preacher was the Rev. W. F. Hayes. The Hymns chosen were appropriate to the solemn occasion, and the music was led by a large choir. Mr. T. H. Wilson presided at the organ.

Seagoe in Australia.

We offer our hearty congratulations to Mr. James Porter, formerly of Kernan, now of Officer, Melbourne, Australia, on his recent marriage. Mr. Porter was very popular when resident here and was a member of Seagoe Choir. He never forgets his old home, and the Rector has recently received from him a beautiful illustrated copy of "The Australasian," a famous Australian paper. Several former parishioners of Seagoe now reside in Melbourne, and as you walk through the suburbs of the city your eye will rest on a pretty bungalow bearing on its front in clear letters the name "Seagoe."

Sympathy.

Last month we recorded the death of our old and much respected parishioner, Mr. Nicholas England, of Ballymacrandle, this month we regret to have to record another bereavement in the same household, the death of his wife, Mrs. Ellen Jane England. Mrs. England was well known throughout and beyond the Parish, and her death causes a sad blank in many homes. We desire to express our deep sympathy with all the members of her family, but especially with Miss Rachel and Mr. Jack England, who have themselves been seriously ill. Sympathy has been expressed for them on all sides at the double bereavement they have suffered while themselves so seriously ill. Another death which has caused much grief in our midst has been that of Mrs. Elizabeth Abraham, of Kilvergan, who passed away after a brief illness. She leaves many to mourn her loss. "In the midst of life we are in death."

The Season of Lent.

Ash Wednesday, the First Day of Lent, occurs this year on February 26th. Special Services will be held on that day in the Parish Church. A Penitential Service will be held at 11.30 a.m., and Evening Prayer and sermon at 8 p.m. The

Church has two special Mission Seasons in the year, Lent and Advent. During Lent a special Lenten Service will be held in the Parish Church on each Wednesday at 8 p.m., beginning on Ash Wednesday. The loss which the Nation has so recently sustained in the death of the King must have stirred the minds and hearts of the people and reminded them of the shortness and uncertainty of all earthly things. The duty of preparation for the Life to come has surely been brought home to us in a very vivid and striking manner. We will during these coming weeks think more seriously about things Eternal.

Prize Distributions.

Bocombra Sunday School held its Prize Distribution on Thursday, January 23rd, at 7.30, in the Church Hall. There was a large attendance of children with parents and teachers. A splendid tea was partaken of and after tea games were enjoyed to a late hour. Songs and recitations were given. Mr. James Twinem, the founder and builder of the Hall and Superintendent of the Sunday School, also sang and recited. The Rev. W. F. Hayes presided and congratulated all on the success of the evening. At the close of the evening the prizes were distributed to the successful children.

Drumgor held its social for the Sunday School on Monday, January 27th, at 7.30 p.m. The room was crowded with eager groups of children. The Rev. W. F. Hayes presided, and Mr. and Mrs. Hutchison were also present. Mr. Hutchison had gone to great trouble as Superintendent of the School to make the evening a success. The Hall has recently been greatly improved and looked very nice. A splendid tea was arranged, which was thoroughly enjoyed. Then games followed and songs and recitations were given. The Rev. J. M'Cullough, Curate of Shankill, was present and gave a helpful address to the children. The prizes were presented to the children by Mrs. Hutchison. At a late hour all separated after a most enjoyable evening.

Seagoe P.E. School.

A very pleasant social took place in Seagoe School on Friday (January 31st, at 3 p.m. Through the kindness of Miss Calvert and others the children attending the School were entertained. After tea, a happy programme of songs and recitations was given by the children. The Rector and the Rev. W. F. Hayes were present. Miss Matchett conducted the musical part of the programme.

A Coming Pleasure.

The teachers of Seagoe Afternoon Sunday School have arranged for a musical evening to be held in Seagoe School on Thursday, 12th March (D.V.) commencing at 8 p.m. Tickets now on sale, 9d. The programme, which is in the capable hands of Mr. S. Robinson, promises to be both varied and interesting. Part of the proceeds, which are on behalf of the Sunday School Prize Fund, will be given to help the Morning School Fund. There are now eighty-five names on the roll of the Afternoon School, with an average attendance of sixty-seven, and sixty prizes have to be given this year; one of the senior girls, Emma Walker, has now completed four years' attendance without an absent Sunday. The teachers make an earnest appeal for the loyal support of all who are interested and who wish to encourage the children.

Parish Register for January Baptisms

Campbell—January 4th, 1936, Samuel Anthony, son of Edward and Rebecca Campbell, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Rebecca Watters, Rebecca Campbell.

Sandford—January 4th, 1936, Elizabeth Anne, daughter of Jacob and Jane Sandford, of Hacknahay.

Sponsors—George M'Nally, Jane M'Nally, Margaret Sandford.

Marriage

King and Freeburn—January 25th, 1936, Joseph King, of Lurgan, to Margaret Freeburn, of Edenderry.

Burials.

England—January 10th, 1936, Ellen Jane England, of Ballymacrandle, aged 74 years. Interred in Knocknamuckley.

Abraham—January 13th, 1936, Elizabeth Abraham, of Kilvergan, aged 45 years.

Sunday School Conference.

A Sunday School Teachers' Conference is to be held in Lurgan on Saturday, February 1st. It will begin with a Service in Shankill Parish Church at 3 p.m. This will be followed by the Conference in the Parochial Hall, opposite the Church. When the Conference adjourns tea will be provided at a charge of 6d per head, after which the Conference will be resumed. Miss Millington, Lecturer under the Sunday School Society of Ireland, will give an address on "Sunday School Work."

Seagoe C.L.B.

Our local company of the C.L.B. has been very busy during the past month. The very attractive programme which they gave in the Parochial Hall in December has been repeated in several other places by special request. Drumcree Parish got a benefit performance in Richmount School-house last month. The room was crowded and a most attractive programme was provided by the Seagoe Lads. Captain Mitchell was in command. The sketches were not merely arranged by Captain Mitchell but were composed by him and do him great credit. On another evening in the month the C.L.B. Lads gave a performance in Knocknagor School, in the Parish of Tullylish, and all the items were excellently performed and elicited loud applause. Lieut. Joe Hynes's song, "The Farmer's Boy," always brings the house down. A third performance of the same programme was given last month in Carne Church Hall on behalf of the Sunday School Prize Fund. The Hall was crowded with an enthusiastic audience.

A Battalion Service.

The Down and Connor and Dromore Battalion of the C.L.B. has arranged with the Rector to hold its annual Battalion Service in Seagoe Parish Church on Sunday, April 19th, at 3.30. Further particulars in our next issue.

Lecture at Seagoe.

On Thursday, February 6th, Miss Millington will give an address to Sunday School Teachers in Seagoe School at 8 p.m. All our Teachers are heartily invited.

Levaghery Sunday School.

On Tuesday, February 4th, a social will be held in Levaghery School at 7.30 p.m., and the Sunday School Prizes will be distributed.

A Curious Figure.

Mr. Isaac Walker, of Seagoe Farm, has in his possession a curious figure or statue. It is about 30 inches in height and is partly carved out of wood and partly made of metal. The face has a weird and somewhat fierce expression. The hair on the head is most carefully arranged in long locks. In the left hand the figure carries what looks like a book suspended by a cord, the right hand, which is broken, apparently held a sword. The figure is well-proportioned and the clothing is carefully arranged and neatly modelled. We believe the figure came originally from England, but its origin and purpose are a mystery.

A Diocesan Leaflet.

A small Diocesan leaflet appearing each month has been issued by the Bishop of Down. It is edited by the Rev. Canon Blackwood Price, of Saintfield, and is on sale throughout the various Parishes in the Diocese.

Old Seagoe Notes.

Seagoe Yeomanry.—The following Circular was received by Colonel Blacker re the equipment of the Seagoe Yeomanry:—

A Military Cap, Red Jacket, one pair of White Breeches or one pair of Pantaloon, and one pair of Black Leggings.

Dublin-Castle, 2d. October, 1820.

Sir,—I have it in command from the Lord Lieutenant to acquaint you, that Government have been pleased to determine that the effective Members of the Corps under your Command, as well Non-commissioned Officers, as Privates, shall be furnished with compleat New Clothing, as heretofore; to consist of the Articles specified in the Margin; and which are to be ready for delivery, on, or before the 25th day of December next: And it is therefore His Excellency's desire that you will adopt the necessary measures for carrying this Arrangement into Compleat Effect.

The usual Allowance, for the Clothing which is

to be so provided, at the rate of Two Guineas per Man, will be granted, under the customary Certificates, that the Men have been fully and serviceably Clothed according to the Orders of Government, blank Forms of these documents will be supplied to you by the Brigade Major of your District; The Brigade Major has also, been directed to furnish you with a statement of the Effective Strength of the Corps, as returned by him to Government, in order to prevent the possibility of a greater proportion being Clothed than that prescribed by the present Order.

An Erroneous opinion appearing to have prevailed amongst the generality of the Members of Yeomanry Corps, that the Clothing, after a certain Period, becomes their own Property; The Lord Lieutenant, with a view of doing away this impression, desires me to refer you to the Yeomanry Act of the 42nd of Geo. 3rd. Chap 68, by which it is clearly defined that the Clothing, as well as all other of the Stores issued by Government, are exclusively the property of the Public; and His Excellency trusts that you will, as Captain of the Corps, promulgate the same to the Members, and make such an arrangement as will prevent any part of the Clothing, now about to be issued, from being worn, except whilst the Corps shall be upon actual Duty.

CHAS. GRANT.

Officer Commanding the Seagoe Corps of Yeomanry, at Portadown.

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 each Month at 3 p.m., and during any Service in the Parish Church, 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 thankoffering. (See Book of Common Prayer.)

MORNING PRAYER—Sundays and Chief Festivals, 11-30 a.m.

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 8 p.m.

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 3/- per annum.

CLASSES, &c.

BIBLE CLASS FOR MEN in Edenderry on Sundays at 10 a.m.

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 at 7-30 p.m.

CHURCH LADS' BRIGADE in the Parochial Hall on Tuesdays and Fridays.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY in Seagoe School on Mondays at 8 p.m.

SEAGOE P.E. SCHOOL, 9-15 a.m. Principal—Mr. R. Scott.