

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

SEPTEMBER, 1936

CLERGY :

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

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

CHURCHWARDENS :

Rector's— Mr. ROBERT SCOTT.

People's—Mr. THOS. E. MAGINNIS.

Service of Dedication.

On Sunday, August 16th, at Morning Prayer, after the Second Lesson, the handsome new oak Pulpit Balustrade and Brass Handrail, the gift of Mr. James McDowell and his sister, Miss Sarah McDowell, were dedicated by the Rector. The gifts were given in memory of their parents, Thomas and Elizabeth McDowell, of Killicomaine, who were honoured residents in the Parish during a long lifetime. Mr. Thomas McDowell passed to his rest seven years ago, at the age of 85, and Mrs. McDowell died four years ago, at the age of 87 years. There has been a difficulty in connection with the Pulpit as regards its approach. The beautiful marble steps were unprotected by a balustrade. When Mr. McDowell heard of this he offered to give the balustrade of oak and the necessary brass rail as gifts in memory of his father and mother, who were so closely connected with the Church. The Vestry accepted this kind offer with gratitude, and a design by Mr. Binks, of Portadown, was adopted. At the Dedication Service the Rector asked Mr. and Mrs. McDowell and Miss Sarah McDowell to come to the Pulpit steps and also the Churchwardens, Mr. R. Scott and Mr. T. E. Maginnis. The Rector standing on the lowest step and laying his hand on the gifts, dedicated them in the following words, while the congregation stood:—

To the Honour and Glory of Almighty God and in Beloved Memory of Thomas and Elizabeth McDowell, of Killicomaine, in this Parish, I dedicate this gift of a Pulpit Balustrade of Oak and Brass from a devoted son and daughter, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

The Rev. W. F. Hayes, curate, then said the first collect from the Burial Office. After this the Rector then said two collects from the Service for the Consecration of a Church. Morning Prayer was then resumed. Appropriate Hymns

were sung. The Rector preached from the text Proverbs x., 8: "The memory of the just is blessed." He spoke of the form which memorials of the departed had taken in primitive and later Christian times, and dwelt on their value as preserving the memory of holy lives and virtuous characters.

Our Sunday Schools.

Our Sunday Schools resumed work on Sunday, August 16th, and there was a good attendance of children and teachers. A few did not attend on the first Sunday, but they have since put in an appearance. We are fortunate in having a most loyal and devoted band of teachers who follow closely the Diocesan Calendar and use the very helpful book of Teachers' Notes. It is very important that the teachers should see that the children learn for each Sunday the portion prescribed for "Repetition." There is a tendency to teach only the study portion. What we learn by heart in childhood is never forgotten. A correct knowledge of the Church Catechism is something that every Church child should possess.

Bocombra Church Hall.

This Hall has recently been extensively renovated. The walls are now lined with timber sheeting, and the windows have been covered with coloured designs. It is one of our finest halls and is fully equipped for all kinds of Parish work. Our energetic Superintendent, Mr. James Twinem, is to be congratulated on the result of his efforts.

Harvest Services.

September always brings with it the message of Harvest, and this year the time of ingathering seems to be earlier than usual. Great difficulty attended the hay harvest except for those who took advantage of the early heat wave. The heavy downpour of rain which followed made it almost impossible to secure any prolonged period of dry weather. Since then the weather has become more seasonable and the crops are ripening fast. The first of our Harvest Services will be held (D.V.) in Hacknahay School on Sunday, September 27th, at 3.30 p.m., and on Monday, 28th, at 8 p.m. The offerings on Sunday will be for the local Sunday School, and on the Monday for Foreign Missions. The dates for our other Harvest Services will be published in our next issue.

Across the Seas.

Mr. and Mrs. McDowell, of Killycomaine, sail for the States, leaving here on Saturday, September 5th. Their ship is the "Carintina." They have had a longer stay than usual among us this year and we will miss them very much when they leave us. Their visits to the old Parish are much appreciated by their many friends on this side of the Atlantic. We wish them a safe and pleasant voyage to the New World and a happy stay in their villa "Seagoe," in Providence, Rhode Island. Another of our parishioners, Miss Isobel Atkinson, of Eden Villa, has safely reached her destination at Salisbury, Northern Rhodesia. She has had a very pleasant voyage to Capetown, followed by a four days' train journey to Salisbury. Passing through Bechuanaland she was much amused by the groups of natives who gathered at the railway station, selling home-made toys. Another day was spent visiting Cecil Rhodes's grave in the rocks of the Matoppo Hills. When the ship called at Las Palmas, which belongs to Spain, a warning was issued to the passengers. When Miss Atkinson returns she will have many interesting stories to relate of her adventures in Africa.

Improvements at Drumgor.

On returning to Sunday School after the holidays the pupils attending Drumgor Sunday School were delightfully surprised to find that during their absence a new heating stove had been installed. An examination of the old stove had been made, and it was discovered that it was so badly out of repair, that a new one was necessary if the winter's work was to be carried on in comfort. This "venture of faith" on the part of the Superintendent and teachers has meant considerable expense. As the balance in hands of the school is considerably reduced, it is hoped that this special effort will be remembered by the residents of the district when the Harvest Festival comes round. Drumgor Church Hall is now one of our best equipped buildings. The fine set of chairs for the teachers is a great improvement, and the new stove will add greatly to the comfort of the room. We heartily congratulate our energetic Superintendent, Mr. W. Hutchinson, on the great work he has done, and we hope his appeal for generous gifts at the local Harvest Festival will be responded to by the parishioners.

A Good-Bye Social.

On August 21st a good-bye social was held by Seagoe Choir in Seagoe School to mark the departure of Mr. and Mrs. McDowell from Seagoe on their return to the States. There was a large attendance, which included Mr. and Mrs.

McDowell and Miss Sarah McDowell. The Rector presided, and after a hearty tea all present enjoyed some of our favourite Seagoe games. During an interval the Rector explained how the choir felt that they must not let Mr. and Mrs. McDowell go back across the ocean without marking in some way how much all in Seagoe had appreciated their presence amongst them. He then said that the members of the choir were giving their guests that night a small token of their regard and affection for their visitors. He then called on Mrs. T. H. Wilson to hand to Mr. and Mrs. McDowell gifts from the choir. Mr. McDowell, in reply, thanked the choir for their thoughtful gifts and spoke of the pleasure which their visit to Seagoe, the old parish, always gave them. He then told a story of his schooldays, how on a snowy day he was following Mr. T. H. Wilson, then a boy, who was carrying a big open umbrella. Jim McDowell thought he would play a trick on Tom Wilson, so he made a big, hard snowball and lobbed it on to the top of Wilson's umbrella. Unfortunately the snowball went through the fabric and the umbrella collapsed. This happened some 55 years ago, but the destruction of the umbrella and its gaunt protruding ribs had ever since been torturing his conscience. Now on this auspicious occasion he wished to make amends. Mr. McDowell then, amid roars of laughter, presented to Mr. T. H. Wilson a handsome umbrella. Mrs. McDowell also thanked the choir for the gift they had given her. Another presentation followed to another member of the choir who was leaving for a post in England, Mr. Ashdown. The Rector handed Mr. Ashdown the gift and Mr. Ashdown thanked the choir for their kindness and regretted very much his leaving the Parish, where he had had such a pleasant time.

Further List of Brick Cards.

Amount already acknowledged	...	£61 13 6
Mrs. Hutchinson (omitted from first list)	...	0 10 0
W. J. Watson	...	0 3 3
Mr. T. Porter, Melbourne, Australia	1	0 0 0
Miss Sally Gracey	...	0 6 0
Mrs. Dick Porter	...	0 2 0
Miss Millicent Coulter	...	0 9 0
Miss Peggy Brownlee	...	0 2 6
Miss Elizabeth Gracey, Balteagh	...	0 6 6
Mrs. Pickering, Edward Street	...	0 5 0
Total amount	...	£64 17 9

Mrs. J. H. Twinem sends us the above encouraging list. If any reader has not yet sent in their card will they please do so without further delay.

New Buildings.

Several new bungalows are being erected in Upper Seagoe and in other parts of the Parish. We hear also of several new roads about to be made. We hope nice and appropriate names will be given to all such, if possible embodying links with local history.

"Saurin Lodge."

Mr. McDowell, of Killycomaine, has given the above interesting name to his fine house in Killcomaine. It is a good example of a name embodying a local historical reference. The Saurin family had a large share in local history and such a name perpetuates their memory.

Parish Register for August.**Baptisms**

Tedford—August 1st, 1936, John George son of Thomas and Mary Jane Tedford, of Portadown.

Sponsors—Thomas Tedford and Jane Currie.

PRIVATE BAPTISM.

Robinson—August 12th, 1936, Alan, son of Thomas John and Anne Robinson, of Edenderry.

Marriage

Donald and Webb—Sept. 2nd, 1936, James M'Donald, of Ballyhannon, to Margaret Webb, of Lylo.

Burial.

Anderson—Aug. 23rd, 1936, John Anderson, of Balteagh, aged 83 years.

Baptismal Correction.

In our Parish Register for June the Christian name of the infant daughter of Hugh and Phoebe had been wrongly read "Joan" instead of Jean.

Sympathy.

We regret to have to announce in this issue the death of Mr. William John Anderson, of Balteagh. Mr. Anderson was very highly esteemed in the Parish. He was greatly interested in everything. He was very fond of birds and bees and to the very end showed great interest in Nature. He did splendid service in the Ulster Volunteer and War Days and served in the "B" Specials when quite advanced in years. We sympathise very deeply with Mrs. Anderson and her family. Only a short time ago we noted the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Anderson.

Board of Education.

The annual collections for the Diocesan Board of Education will be made in the Parish Church on Sunday, September 13th, at Morning and Evening Prayer. Special envelopes will be placed on the pews on Sunday, September 6th, and we

ask for liberal offerings towards this most important object. The Board of Education controls the Religious Education given in our Day and Sunday Schools.

Choir Excursion.

On Saturday, August 15th, the Choir had a very enjoyable excursion to Newcastle. They made an early start, the charabanc leaving Seagoe at 8.30 in the morning. The route lay through Banbridge and Kilkeel. A special permit had been obtained so that the excursionists might view the Silent Valley and the wonderful Waterworks. Then the journey was continued to Newcastle, where a splendid dinner was provided. The return journey was made under fine conditions and altogether the day was much enjoyed. The Rev. W. F. Hayes accompanied the excursion, also Mr. T. H. Wilson. The weather, though at times threatening, kept fine and the country in its summer growth looked its best.

Our C.L.B.

September brings the C.L.B. into action once again. The officers are just now arranging the winter programme, which is sure to be very attractive and useful. The Brigade keeps the lads on the lines which are most helpful. It encourages boys in their attendance at Church and Sunday School, and the older lads also at the Men's Bible Class. There are just now many young boys in the Parish who are reaching the age for joining the Training Corps and others who are old enough to enrol in the ranks of the Cadets. They should come to the Parochial Hall on Tuesday evening and give their names to Captain Mitchell or any of the officers. The recent magnificent display by the Seagoe Company at the annual inspection proves what splendid results have been achieved by our lads. Our Seagoe C.L.B. football team heads the list of our local corps in the number of matches they have won. Come along, boys, and join the Brigade.

Seagoe Mothers' Union.

A meeting of the S.M.U. will be held (D.V.) on Tuesday, Sept. 8th, in Seagoe School, at 7.30 p.m. Tea will be provided. Mrs. S. M'Cormick has kindly consented to give an address.

Old Seagoe Notes.

The Great East Window, 1896.—A particularly interesting service was held in the Parish Church of St. Gobhan, Seagoe, near Portadown, on the 6th March, 1896. The occasion was the dedication of a beautiful east window, just placed in the Church by the Baroness von Stieglitz, of Carrickblackler. The weather was cold and stormy, frequent squalls of rain following each other; but, notwithstanding this drawback, the Church was well filled.

Evensong began at three o'clock, when the Bishop and his chaplain, preceded by twenty-eight clergymen, entered the church during the singing of "For all Thy Saints." Dean Dawson, Dr. Quirk, and Mr. Leslie said the prayers; and Archdeacon Harding and Canon Blacker read the Lessons. Psalms 84 and 132 were chanted to Elvey No. 27, and Bentham No. 128. Mr. C. M. Wilson, Mus.Bac., organist of the Cathedral of Down, played the accompaniments, and I was glad to see him wearing his surplice and hood. There was a large choir, and they rendered the psalms, canticles, and hymns with precision and devout expression.

A word of commendation is deserved by the order of the Service, with copies of which all present were supplied. It was well and clearly printed, and contained the complete words, together with a brief note of the special gifts that were being dedicated.

Immediately after the Creed, the Bishop, standing near the east window, with uplifted hand, pronounced the form of dedication, saying, "We dedicate this window to the praise and glory of God, and in sacred memory of Stewart Blacker: in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen."

The Anthem was by C. Darnton, from Psalm 68, "Thou art gone up on High," etc., and was creditably rendered by the choir. The hymn before the sermon was "Golden Harps are Sounding." The Bishop preached on the subject of the "Heavenly Mansions," from St. John, xiv. After the sermon came the hymn, "See the Conqueror mounts in Triumph," the

Collect for Ascension Day, and a prayer for the donors. While the clergy were leaving the church the hymn, "Ten Thousand times Ten Thousand," was sung.

The stained-glass window is a fine work of art, and has been executed by Messrs. Heaton, Butler, and Bayne, at a cost of £300. The subject illustrated is the Ascension. Our Blessed Lord, rising towards the glory which streams from above, occupies the centre; below in the distance are the roof tops of the city of Jerusalem. In the foreground are "the eleven" in various postures of devout wonder, gazing up into heaven. While in the tracery of the beautiful perpendicular stone-work are angels and stars above "the cloud," the apex being occupied by a crown, presumably that of glory. The colouring is delicate and subdued, and the drawing most lifelike. Mr. Drew, the architect of the Church, gave the instructions to the artists, which is a guarantee for the propriety of the treatment and execution.

On the north wall of the chancel has been placed a large brass, the work of Messrs. Singer & Sons, of Frome. This has been presented by the parishioners to record their gratitude to the generous family of Carrick-Blacker, to whom their parish owe so much. This brass bears the following historical and deeply interesting inscription:—

"To the glory of God, and in record of the munificence of Stewart Blacker, of Carrick-Blacker, Esquire, deceased anno 1881, and his surviving sister, Dame Hester Anna, Baroness Von Stieglitz, to this parish of Seagoe."

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 at 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 Searoh Fee is chargeable in certain cases arrival of new Church families in the Parish. It will be a help to the Clergy if they are notified of the

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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.