

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

JUNE, 1937

CLERGY :

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

CHURCHWARDENS :

Rector's—JOHN H. TWINEM.

People's—ROBERT M'CLEMENTS.

THE CLERGY WILL ESTEEM IT A FAVOUR
IF IN CASES OF SICKNESS THEY ARE
INFORMED IMMEDIATELY.

CALENDAR FOR JUNE.

June 4th—Visit of the Diocesan Inspector of
Religious Education to Seagoe P.E.S.

June 6th—2nd Sunday after Trinity.

June 8th—Mothers' Union Meeting at 7.45 p.m.

June 10th—Parochial Tea at Seagoe Rectory,
at 7 p.m.

June 12th—Choir Excursion to Portrush.

June 13th—3rd Sunday after Trinity.

June 20th—4th Sunday after Trinity.

June 24th—Sunday School Excursion to Warren-
point.

June 27th—5th Sunday after Trinity.

Somme Anniversary Service in Parish
Church at 11.30 a.m.

June 29th—Confirmation Service, at 8 p.m.

THE CORONATION.

On Sunday, May 9th, the Services in the
Parish Church were of an intercessory nature in
preparation for the crowning of the King at
Westminster Abbey on May 12th. Special forms
of service, recommended by the Bishop as suit-
able for the occasion, were used, and the National
Anthem was heartily sung at the conclusion of
each service.

On Coronation day it was encouraging to see
so many at the Holy Communion service at 9
a.m. It was a fitting way to begin such a
solemn day for it was by that same service that
King George VI. and Queen Elizbaeth dedicated
themselves to the service of God and their sub-
jects.

It is no exaggeration to say that the whole Eng-
lish speaking world listened in to the broadcast
of the service, and to His Majesty's speech. In
this locality a fine day added to the enjoyment
of the public celebrations and the display of flags
and bunting in the town was worthy of the great
occasion.

CONFIRMATION.

The Lord Bishop will visit Seagoe on Tuesday,
June 29th, and will hold a Confirmation Service
in the Church at 8 p.m. All candidates must be

in their places in Church at 7.30 p.m. The girls
will meet in the School at 7.15 to put on their
veils.

This Service should mark a turning point in
the lives of over seventy of our young people. Let
us remember them in our prayers at this critical
point in their lives. Their parents are especially
requested to encourage them not only by their
words but by their example. One aspect of Con-
firmation is that those who are confirmed openly
proclaim themselves as soldiers of Jesus Christ,
they dedicate themselves to the service of God
and resolve to put God first. But the sad thing
is that such a good beginning is often spoiled by
the carelessness and indifference of parents, who
put a stumbling block in the path of their child-
ren, and we know what a stern condemnation this
provokes from our Lord. If parents are slack and
careless about worshipping in God's House on
Sunday, if they neglect the reading of the Bible
and private prayer in their homes, if they never
come to the Lord's Table as He has commanded
them to do, what else are they doing than sug-
gesting to their children that these things do not
matter?

LAYMEN'S DIOCESAN ENDOWMENT FUND APPEAL.

Already acknowledged in the April issue of this
magazine:—£53 0s 10d.

Thos. Martin ...	...	£0 10 0
Mrs. Turkington, Kernan ...	...	0 5 0
John E. Lavery, Kilvergan ...	...	0 5 0
Mrs. Martin, Balteagh ...	...	0 5 0
Alphonso Kirk, Ballinacor ...	...	0 5 0
Charles Twinem, Lylo Villa ...	...	0 5 0
Mrs. R. J. Archer, Drumgor ...	...	0 5 0
Thomas H. Walker, Kernan ...	...	0 5 0
Ephraim Collins, Kernan ...	...	0 5 0
Mrs. H. M. Campbell, Killicomaine ...	...	0 3 6
Andrew Costello, Tamnificarbet ...	...	0 2 6
Mrs. J. Roney, Goban St. ...	...	0 2 6
Dynes Turkington, Killicomaine ...	...	0 2 6
Wm. Lyness, Clanrole ...	...	0 2 0
Mrs. S. Gracey, James St. ...	...	0 1 0
Mrs. Hall, James St. ...	...	0 1 0
Mrs. Rehill, James St. ...	...	0 1 0
Miss Eileen Dunlop, James St. ...	...	0 1 0
Arthur Forde ...	...	0 1 0
D. W. Kyle, Clanrolla ...	...	0 1 0
Miss Martha Russell, Knockmena ...	...	0 1 0
Anonymous ...	...	0 1 0
Mrs. Sharpe, James St. ...	...	0 0 6

Total

£56 12 4

The above is the complete statement of the re-
sult of the Lenten self-denial appeal for the Dio-
cesan Endowment Fund and the money has been

forwarded to the Diocesan Office. We are grateful to all those who returned envelopes.

THE MOTHERS' UNION.

The usual monthly meeting of the above was held in Seagoe P.E. School on Tuesday, May 11th, at 7.30 p.m. There was a good number of the members present. The Rev. W. F. Hayes presided at the opening and after tea, he introduced Mrs. Bell, who had kindly motored from Whitehouse to give the address. Mrs. Bell spoke of the part mothers could play in maintaining the traditions of the Empire; her address was a most appropriate one for the eve of Coronation Day. At the conclusion of her remarks the Rector expressed, on behalf of Seagoe Mothers' Union, their best thanks to Mrs. Bell for her kindness in coming to speak to them.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, June 8th, in Seagoe School, at 7.45 p.m., when the speaker will be Mrs. C. Lamb of Richhill. As this will be the last meeting until the winter session commences a full attendance is requested.

CORONATION TEA.

On Tuesday, May 18th, in Seagoe School, the superintendents and Teachers of the Morning and Afternoon Sunday Schools had a guest tea in order to supplement the funds. In spite of the bright summer evening there was a fair attendance and all present enjoyed the good things provided for tea. After tea, various musical items were contributed—Mr. Stewart, piano-accordion; Mr. W. D. Morrow, vocal solo; the Misses Hanna, step dancing; the "Harmonica Rascals"; Miss Ellie Tweedie, solo; Mr. T. Leeman, mouth-organ; and Mr. C. Lawson, harmonica. All the artistes were loudly applauded and encouraged. As a result of the entertainment £5 9s was realised.

At the conclusion the Rector thanked the organisers and the artistes for their help.

Among those present we were glad to see old Seagoe friends who are home from abroad, viz., Mr. and Mrs. M'Dowell, from U.S.A., and Mrs. Porter, from Australia.

MR. AND MRS. M'DOWELL.

Their many friends in Seagoe Parish are delighted to welcome amongst them again Mr. and

Mrs. James M'Dowell, who are at present on a visit to Seagoe from U.S.A. We hope they will have a happy stay in these parts, where, doubtless, they will renew many old acquaintances.

Some years ago, our readers will remember seeing on this Magazine cover a photograph of Mr. M'Dowell's bungalow, which he built at Providence, Rhode Island, U.S.A., which he named "Seagoe."

PAROCHIAL TEA.

The Select Vestry, with the help of a committee of the ladies of Seagoe Parish, are arranging to hold a congregational tea party at the Rectory on Thursday, June 10th, at 7 p.m. Invitation cards will be sent out in due course. Provided the weather is favourable, it should be an enjoyable event; if the evening is wet it will be held in Seagoe School.

SUNDAY SCHOOL EXCURSION.

This annual event will take place to Warrenpoint on Thursday, June 24th. The train leaves Portadown at 9.50 a.m., and returns from Warrenpoint at 8.35 p.m. Children's tickets, 2/- per head, including refreshments. Adults, 3/- per head, including railway ticket and two meals; adult's ticket without refreshments, 2/-. The children from the various Sunday Schools are asked to meet at Seagoe Church at 8.45 a.m., punctually, when they will proceed to the station.

The Superintendents will supply tickets to their pupils and adult tickets can also be had from them.

OBITUARY.

We regret to have to record the passing of two parishioners this month. Robert Nicholson was called Home after a tedious illness, when in his teens. He was a bright young lad of much promise and at one time a valued member of the C.L.B., but though young he had a deep experience of the Saviour's power.

Mrs. Gracey had been in failing health for a number of years, but she bore her increasing weakness with courage and cheerfulness. She was a kind, good woman, and will be greatly missed by those who knew her. To the bereaved we extend our respectful sympathy, and we pray that God may comfort and strengthen them in their great sorrow.

CHURCH LADS' BRIGADE.

The annual Training Corps Camp will be held at Bangor. Co. Down, this year, from Saturday, 17th July, to Saturday, 24th July. An ideal site has been secured on the outskirts of Bangor, convenient to the shore. Over 100 lads will be in camp from the Battalion.

Rev. W. F. Hayes, B.A., will be in camp for the full period as Camp Chaplain.

The Officers of our Seagoe Company are making an effort to encourage boys to attend the camp; a few have already promised to go.

The charge for the week is 15/- per Lad. As a special encouragement to the Training Corps it has been agreed that the boy will pay 10/- . Company funds will give the other 5/-.

A saving fund is already started and boys can pay in each week what they wish towards their camp payments.

The Officers in charge of the Training Corps Camp give their full time to make the boys' holiday complete.

Parents can rest assured that the boys are well looked after.

Advantage should be taken of the fact that the Rev. Hayes will be in camp this year.

How many will Seagoe send? (E.M.)

(In next month's issue we hope to print an account of the C.L.B. annual inspection.)

BURIALS.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth, yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours."

May 3rd—Robert George Nicholson, 13 Eden Avenue, aged 18 years.

May 10th—Priscilla Gracey, Balteagh, aged 56 years.

THE DUTY AND PRIVILEGE OF WORSHIP.

Church-going is not Religion. Neither are Prayer, Praise, and Bible Reading. But these are divinely appointed means of grace, food for spiritual life, without which souls perish, as our bodies would be deprived of their natural food.

The true man goes to Church to offer God a service, which it is his duty and his privilege to offer. He goes because God says "Whoso offereth Me thanks and praise he honoureth Me"; because his Saviour said, "Where two or three are gathered together in My name there am I in the midst of them"; because He said,

Whosoever will confess Me before men, him will I confess before My Father"; because Christ set example Himself; because He solemnly bade us to remember Him in His Holy Supper; because He founded the Church, loved the Church, and made it the one means of proclaiming His love and His sacrifice through all ages and in all lands; because His Word tells us that if we forsake the assembling of ourselves together, we cut ourselves off from Christ and from all hope in His Cross.

Plenty of hypocrites go to Church, no doubt, but far more hypocrites claim to be quite good Christians without it. Christian duties are often observed by hypocrites, to gain credit with men. Many people give to charities from hypocrisy. That does not make almsgiving less a Christian duty, nor does it make it possible for one to be a Christian without it.

For those who claim to be Christians to neglect Church-going is a mean thing. It is disloyalty to God. It is a slight to Christ. It refuses God what He declares is an honour to Him. It is a refusal to seek the promised presence of Christ. It is a refusal to follow His example. It is a refusal to obey His commands.

And it is a selfish thing. It encourages others to disobey God, and to despise the helps to faith and a right life which He has ordained. Parents guilty of it, teach their children by their example to despise God, His will, His word, His honour, His day, and to neglect prayer. They teach their children to slight their Saviour. They kill the faith of their children, telling them indeed to be good and to seek God, but, at the same time, setting them an example of despising God's Name, God's House, and God's Commandments, their conduct proving their words the merest empty mockery.

And it is a foolish thing. For where else are we encouraged to do right and to lay hold on eternal life? Where else are we reminded of the sinfulness of sin? Where else are we warned of the duty of knowing ourselves, and of the eternal consequences of our lives here? Where else is Christ proclaimed as the Saviour every one of us has need of, the only Saviour man ever has known?

Oh, I can read my Bible just as well at home, says one. Thou hypocrite! No reading of the Bible ever did any man any good whatever, unless

it sent him out determined to obey the Bible, to practice what it teaches.

And neglect of Church-going is a cowardly thing. It is a refusal to confess Christ. Men are ashamed to acknowledge their Master, yet want to be called Christians. That is cowardly. It is dishonest. They deny Him on His day before the world. They deny Him the honour due unto His Name. They deny Him the loyal obedience which is His right. They despise the means of grace and of help He has appointed. And He has said, "Whosoever will confess Me before men, him will I confess." But what confession then do they make? And how can they honestly confess Him in the face of their open public denial of His right to their obedience, to their time and to their worship?

This neglect always kills faith. You cannot trust a God whom you slight, neglect, dishonour, and disobey in this matter. It kills love. "If a man love Me," said Jesus, "he will keep My words." "Ye are My friends if ye do the things that I command." "This," says S. John, "is the love of God, that we keep His Commandments." It kills hope. One can expect nothing from a God he thinks little of disobeying, whom he is careless to honour, whose promised presence he despises. Every one of us must, individually and personally, approach the Saviour of the world and obtain from Him salvation and life eternal. But as well as this, God has made it most plain that each must enter His family and become a member of His Church. It was so from the days of Abraham, those who refused to join were cut

off from his people. Under the Gospel it is the same. S. Paul or Cornelius might be miraculously converted, even so they had to be baptised, to join God's family to enter His Kingdom. God had His Tabernacle, His Temple, His Church, not merely to bind men to Him, but also to bind them to one another, to strengthen, to encourage, and to support one another in their efforts after uprightness of life. Those who despise the public worship of God are not only sinners against Him and against their own souls, but also against their fellow-men. They cause their brethren to stumble, no light offence before their Judge. If all were to follow their selfish example the very name of Christ would be forgotten by the world.

Church-going is not Religion, and plenty of Church-goers are hypocrites. Granted. But all who trust God will go, and all who love will go, and all who are unselfish will go, and all who are brave will go. For more than ever, these are days when men whose hearts are true, must show their convictions and stand up for them, and suffer for them if need be. They will go both as a duty and as a pleasure. Both to honour God and to strengthen their own faith and love. Both to offer service to the Saviour who died for them, and to band with their brothers in His cause. For they know well that all that has been done for God in our world, and all that has been done to raise and ennoble man, has been done by those who have sought and found inspiration and guidance and strength in the House of God, which is the Church of the Living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.

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 Sunday of each Month at 4 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—Services as announced.

MARRIAGES must be performed between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Licenses are issued by Ven. Archdeacon 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 by post to any subscriber for 3/ per annum.

CLASSES, &c.

BIBLE CLASS FOR MEN in Edenderry on Sundays at 10.5 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 alternate Mondays at 8 p.m.

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