

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

JUNE, 1938

CLERGY :

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CHURCHWARDENS.

Rector's—THOMAS MARTIN.

People's—H. A. CATHCART.

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

CALENDAR FOR JUNE.

June 3rd—Excursion Committee Meeting at 8.30 p.m.
in Seagoe School.

.. 5th—Whit Sunday.

C.L.B. Parade at 7 p.m.

.. 9th—Sunday School Excursion to Warrenpoint.

.. 11th—Choir Outing to Portrush.

.. 12th—Trinity Sunday. Holy Communion 11.30 a.m.

.. 14th—Mothers' Union Meeting at 7.30 p.m.

.. 19th—1st Sunday after Trinity.

.. 24th—St. John Baptist.

.. 26th—2nd Sunday after Trinity.

Somme Anniversary Service at 11.30 a.m.

.. 29th—St. Peter.

C.L.B. Annual Sports.

THE NEW RECTORY.

The Select Vestry, at a special meeting held on Wednesday, May 25th, accepted the tender of Mr. T. Gray for £2,095, subject to the approval of the Diocesan Glebe's Committee and the Representative Church Body. (This price includes making of carriage-way, entrance gates, etc., and the house when completed will be one of which the Parish may justly be proud. The above-mentioned figure is significant and more than justifies the course adopted by the Vestry to solve the problem of a rectory; indeed it is plain now that to have persisted in patching the old one would have been sheer folly, for it would have taken anything from £1,250 to £1,500 to modernize it, and this was a very moderate estimate. It would not have been a satisfactory solution, but rather shirking the problem at a very heavy expenditure. The subscriptions received up-to-date will just buy the site, and there is a little over £1,000 standing to our credit in the hands of the Rep. Church Body. This means that, roughly speaking, £1,200 must still be found. We hope to be able to borrow £1,000 from the R.B., repayable over a 30 year term. The five year plan which is now in action will, it is hoped, enable us to clear off a considerable part of the capital debt standing against us

as well as meeting the annual interest on the loan. The majority of the parishioners have made a very encouraging response to this five year plan appeal. We hope that those who promised will see to it that the Vestry's confidence in their support has not been misplaced. Now that the project is taking shape before our eyes we hope it will be an inspiration to every parishioner to do his or her bit. No one is expected to give more than they can afford, but if every parishioner contributed regularly for the next five years the whole debt would be almost wiped out.

There is another way in which the Select Vestry could be helped considerably, viz., anyone knowing of old Seagoe parishioners at home or abroad who would be likely to subscribe should send their names and addresses to the Rector, when a special appeal letter will be sent to them; or if you have friends, to whom you would like to write yourself, the Rector or any member of the Select Vestry will be able to give you as many appeal letters as you may need. This letter is now being printed and will be ready on June 1st. There must be many friends of Seagoe elsewhere, who if asked, would be only too glad to help us and to have a share in what is for us a big and difficult task.

RECTORY BUILDING FUND.

The following subscriptions are gratefully acknowledged:—

William Hall, Seagoe Lower ..	£0 10 0
Mr. Jack Williamson, Levaghery Gardens ..	0 10 0
R. McCormick, 6, Collendale Tce. ..	0 5 0
R. H. Best & family, Goban Cottage ..	1 0 0
T. H. Hall, Seagoe Upper ..	2 0 0
T. J. Montgomery & family, 6, Mount-pleasant ..	0 2 6
James Reid, Seagoe Upper ..	0 2 6
John Mitchell, 23, Seafield ..	0 10 0
George Leake, 26, Seafield ..	1 0 0
H. A. Cathcart, Seafield ..	1 0 0
David McKane, Ballymacrandle ..	0 5 0
S. Geo. McNeill, Ballymacrandle ..	0 5 0
William Curry, Drumlishnagrilly ..	0 10 0
Nicholas Campbell, Knock ..	2 0 0
Robert Nixon, Knock ..	0 10 0
T. E. Maginess, Breagh ..	5 0 0
Alfred Magee, Ballynaghy ..	0 3 9
David Campbell, Knock ..	1 0 0
Frank Metcalfe, Seagoe Lower ..	0 12 0
Mrs. Lewie, Levaghery ..	5 0 0

£22 5 9

Previously acknowledged .. 303 16 6

£326 2 3

SEAGOE SUNDAY SCHOOL EXCURSION, JUNE 9th.

A further meeting of Superintendents and teachers was held in Seagoe School on May 19th to make detailed arrangements for the Excursion. The Rector presided. Three tenders were submitted for catering, and that of Messrs. Davison, Portadown, was accepted. This year both adults and children are assured of two splendid meals. In the morning there will be two ham sandwiches and two fine pastries, and in the evening three fine pastries. The train will leave Portadown on the morning of the Excursion at 9.50 a.m., returning from Warrenpoint at 8.30 p.m. Seagoe C.L.B. Band is being asked to lead the procession. The railway tickets are 2/- each; adult refreshment tickets 1/- each (two meals). These are now on sale and can be purchased from Superintendents of Sunday Schools, and from Mrs. Jas. Vance, Mr. John Dermott, Mr. J. H. Twinem, Mrs. Preston, Miss Agnes Guy, Mr. Ernest Gibson, and Mr. Willie Neill. A further meeting of Committee will be held on June 3rd to make final arrangements. It is anticipated that the children will receive their tickets in the various Sunday Schools on Wednesday, 8th June. We understand that Seagoe is the first Sunday School Excursion of the year. We hope the parishioners will bear this in mind and rally around in large numbers to make it a success.—(W.H.)

IRISH C.E. CONVENTION, PORTADOWN, 16th—19th SEPTEMBER, 1938.

May we appeal through the pages of this Magazine to all its readers for help and assistance on the matter of hospitality during the above Convention period. At that time in Portadown there will be gathered about 300 C.E. delegates from all parts of Ireland. For these housing accommodation has to be found, particulars of which are as follows.

Saturday, 17th September—Supper.

Sunday, 18th September—All meals.

Monday, 19th September—Breakfast and Supper.

Tuesday, 20th September—Breakfast.

It is to be understood that sleeping accommodation is included. Offers of hospitality will be gratefully welcomed by the Hospitality Convener, Mr. W. J. Green, "Mirok," Portadown, or the Convention Secretary, Mr. Wm. Hutchinson, 27, Railway Street, Portadown.

SOMME ANNIVERSARY.

This annual Service will be held on Sunday, June 26th, at 11.30 a.m., and it is hoped that the members of the local branch of the British Legion will parade.

The collection will be in aid of the Earl Haig Poppy Day Fund for disabled ex-Servicemen.

The preacher will be the Very Rev. R. C. H. G. Elliott, M.A., Dean of Down.

EDENDERRY SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

SHAMROCK TEA.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

Receipts.

To Proceeds from Shamrock Tea ..	£15 19 0
„ Cash in hands from 1937 ..	0 15 11
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	£16 14 11

Expenses.

By Morning Prizes	£3 6 5
„ Afternoon Prizes	5 2 9
„ Invitation Cards and Roll Book ..	0 5 6
„ Catering for children	2 12 0
„ Gas	0 1 0
„ Tea and Sugar	0 10 0
„ Hire of Hall	0 10 0
„ Balance	4 7 3
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	£16 14 11

MOTHERS' UNION.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 14th, in Seagoe School at 7.30 p.m. The speaker will be Miss M. Hunter. The following is the result of the Missionary boxes given out at a meeting last year, for the Educational and Medical Auxiliary of the C. of I. Jews' Society, and £1 has been sent by Mrs. Metcalfe to the Society. Boxholders:—

Mrs. Appelbe	£0 10 0
Mrs. J. H. Twinem	0 2 6
Mrs. M'Cormack	0 2 6
Mrs. Sherman	0 2 3d
Mrs. Metcalfe	0 2 8d

The monthly meeting was held in Seagoe School on Tuesday, May 10th, at 8 p.m. It took the form of a social gathering. Mrs. M'Clure and over thirty members of the Tartaraghan Branch were the guests of the Seagoe Mothers. The Rev. W. F. Hayes was present and welcomed the visitors. After tea, a pleasing programme of recitations, sketches and songs was rendered. At the close Mrs. M'Clure expressed the gratitude of the visitors for a very enjoyable evening. Mrs. J. H. Twinem, on behalf of the Seagoe Union, suitably replied.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR.

The members of St. Mark's C.E. Society visited Seagoe on Monday evening, April 4th, to conduct the meeting and were cordially welcomed by the President of Seagoe C.E. (Miss Nellie Montgomery).

The devotional meeting was of a deeply spiritual nature and was presided over by Mr. C. Hunniford (vice-president of St. Mark's). Mr. S. Hill led in prayer, and the Secretary (Mr. E. McCann) read a portion of Scripture.

Many members availed themselves of the opportunity of telling how and when they accepted Jesus Christ as their own personal Saviour.

A very enjoyable tea was provided, after which Mr. J. Dermott and Mr. Harry Hynes spoke on what C.E. meant to them.

Thanks and good wishes were extended to each Society, and the meeting closed with the Benediction.—(Contributed).

CHOIR SOCIAL.

A social evening was held on Thursday, April 28th. In the unavoidable absence of the Rector and the Rev. W. F. Hayes, Mr. Wilson, organist, presided. After tea, games were played and enjoyed by all present. During the proceedings the opportunity was taken of giving Mr. Harold Watson a dressing set on his leaving the choir to take up a position in Clogher, as a token of the good wishes and appreciation of his fellow choir members for his services to the choir. Mr. Watson was a regular attender and he carries with him to his new post the best wishes of all who knew him.

REVERENCE.

One of the delightful features of our Sunday Services in Seagoe Church is the reverent atmosphere which pervades the service. This is only as it should be and goes a long way in promoting a spirit of worship. Of late this reverent tone was in danger of being spoilt by a too hurried rush out when the service ended. The suggestion made by the Select Vestry that the congregation remain in their seats until the churchwardens and clergy have retired to the vestry is being carried out by the congregation and all agree that it is a decided improvement and prevents from being spoilt what is an inspiring service.

OBITUARY.

We regret to have to chronicle the passing of two parishioners in this issue of our Magazine, both of whom passed away in Lurgan Hospital. Mrs. Fawcett had been very poorly for some time. Mr. Webb had a serious operation and complications developed. To the bereaved we express our deep sympathy and we pray that He Who is "the Resurrection and the Life" may comfort and strengthen them in their sorrow.

SEAGOE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

(Morning and Afternoon.)

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS, YEARS 1937-38.

Receipts.

Daffodil Tea, 1937	..	..	£5 6 9
Jumble Sale, 1938	..	..	10 0 0
Dr. Walker Donation	..	..	4 0 0

£19 6 9

Payments.

Prizes, 1937	..	..	£4 14 6
Prizes, 1938	..	..	7 1 9
Catering, 1937	..	..	1 14 7
Catering, 1938	..	..	2 10 8

Jumble Sale Expenses:—

Hire of Hall	..	..	0 10 0
Printing	..	..	0 7 6
Balance in hand	..	..	2 7 9

£19 6 9

Credit balance as shown above	..	£2 7 9
Specialy collected by Miss Matchett for Seagoe Afternoon	..	3 0 0

Total in hand £5 7 9

BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY (IRISH AUXILIARY).

A sum of £4 has been sent to the above-named Society's Belfast Office from this parish, made up as follows:—

Donation from Men's Bible Class	..	£2 0 0
Part of proceeds of Miss Ashdown's play, "Grey Matter"	..	2 0 0

£4 0 0

CONCERT RESULT.

We append financial statement showing result of the "Radio Seagoe" Concert organised and produced by Miss D. Ashdown for Edenderry Parochial Hall.

Tickets sold	£5 17 3
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Receipts.

Hire of piano	£0 15 0
Printing, etc.	0 15 3
Caretaker	0 5 0
Cash in hand	4 2 0

£5 17 3

SEAGOE AFTERNOON SUNDAY SCHOOL.

We regret that Miss R. Matchett has been obliged to resign her position as Superintendent of this Sunday School owing to her leaving the parish to take up a post. During her short period of office she proved herself an efficient and zealous worker for the welfare of the Sunday School, and it was flourishing under her management. The success of the recent jumble sale was in no small degree due to Miss Matchett's tireless efforts beforehand, and she carries with her to her new sphere the good wishes and affection not only of her Sunday School teachers but also from a very large number of the parishioners of Seagoe. We are very grateful to her for her valued help.

The Rector has appointed Mr. E. Mitchell as Super-

intendent of Seagoe Afternoon Sunday School. He has very kindly consented to act and he hopes to take over on Sunday, May 29th. Mr. Mitchell needs no introduction in Seagoe and we feel confident that in his capable hands the Sunday School will continue to flourish. His many friends are delighted to see him well again after a somewhat trying illness.

BAPTISMS.

"Suffer little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of God."

May 1st—Sarah Irene, daughter of David F. and Sarah M'Allister, Drumlisnagrilly.

BURIALS.

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

May 19th—Elizabeth Jane Fawcett, 9, James St., Portadown, aged 53 years.

May 23rd—Thomas J. Webb, Clanrolla, aged 59 years.

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE ASCENSION.

(Reprinted from "The Guardian.")

The Ascension of our Lord still plays a lesser part in the spiritual life of Christian people than do the thoughts of His Incarnation, Death or Resurrection. And this is doubtless because the words "He ascended into Heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God" describe a mystery that makes greater demands on the imagination than do the assertions that God came down to dwell with men, that in human form He gave His life for His own, or that He survived the shock of death. These, indeed, are mysteries also, but the Ascension takes the mind into that upper region in which the earth-bound spirit of man finds it hard to breathe.

Yet in the New Testament the ascended Christ dominates the epistles, Acts and Apocalypse as clearly as His earthly mission fills the foreground of the gospels. And all these writings are bound into a

rounded whole. Taken together they form one picture of the direct action of the One Holy God on human life, an action which finds its climax—not its end—where it began, in Heaven. The essence of that action is the offering of a sacrifice that at last establishes the true relations of God and man, fulfilling the long-drawn search of the human spirit for deliverance from the constant pressure of the powers of evil. In the Ascension humanity comes to the haven where it would be; it is transformed once more into the divine image in which it took its beginning.

The failure to grasp the true meaning of the Ascension has had a debilitating effect both on worship and on life. Christian preaching and Christian action are often thin and superficial because they rest, not on what Christ is but on what He was, not on His present power but on His historic example—or, indeed, on the thought of a sacrifice completed once for all long ago. This is not a conquering faith because it lacks that upward look which makes St. Paul break out in a triumphant and lyrical strain, when he recalls that God "set Him at His own right hand, far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named—and hath put all things under His feet." It must be admitted that the English Prayer-book of 1662 has something to answer for in this respect. In the highest point of its worship, the Prayer of Consecration, it concentrates wholly upon the Last Supper and Calvary, perpetuating a mistake which regarded the Cross as the altar on which the Sacrifice of the Son of God was offered. In the New Testament the altar is in heaven. It is there that the life surrendered at Calvary is offered and accepted.

The connexion between the Holy Communion and the Ascension is vital and close. The central cry of the Church's worship is *Sursum Corda*, "Lift up your hearts," and, from that point onwards, the soul's commerce is with Heaven and the company of the angels and the saints, with its true home and friends. Nothing would do more to build up the rock-like faith needed to resist the increasing pressure of an arrogant materialism, that denies all influence to the "Beyond," than a revived understanding of what is involved in the oft-repeated words "He ascended into heaven."

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 to be given; Two Sponsors at least are required. The father and mother must be present. 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 3 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 Rector, 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 10.15 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS 10.30 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.