

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

JULY, 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 JULY.

July 3rd—Third Sunday after Trinity.

„ 10th—Fourth Sunday after Trinity.

Orange Anniversary Service at 7 p.m.

„ 17th—Fifth Sunday after Trinity.

„ 24th—Sixth Sunday after Trinity.

„ 25th—St. James.

„ 31st—Seventh Sunday after Trinity.

NEW RECTORY FUND.

We gratefully acknowledge the receipt of the following amounts since our last issue:—

D. F. Stoops, M.P.S.N.I., Margretta Park	£20 0 0
Miss E. Webb, Clanrola ..	.. 1 0 0
James Sands, Killicomaine Road ..	.. 1 0 0
Mrs. D. Russell, Seagoe ..	.. 0 5 0
Joseph Monroe, Levaghery ..	.. 5 0 0
	£27 5 0
Already acknowledged ..	.. 326 2 3
	£353 7 3

CHOIR FESTIVAL.

On Saturday, May 28, the Choirs from the following Parishes assembled in Seagoe Parish Church for their annual Choral Festival:—Seagoe, Shankill (Lurgan), Maralin, Gilford, Moira, Ardmore, Ballynahinch, Donacloney, Aghalee, Dromore, Dromara, Magherally, Seapatrick (Banbridge), and Tullylish.

Before the service a combined practice took place at 3 p.m., the service took place at 4.30 p.m. Mr. S. P. B. Smith, A.R.C.O., presided at the organ, and the prayers were taken by the Rev. R. H. Kimber, M.A., of Belfast Cathedral. A very helpful and inspiring address was given by the Rev. H. W. Rennison, M.A., rector of Ballymascanlon, Co. Louth, on the "ministry of a choir member," in which he stressed the importance of Choristers realising the sacredness of their high calling and the need for reverence, punctuality and regularity.

After the service the members of the Choirs adjourned to the school for tea. Members of the Select Vestry, Choir and C.L.B. had met in the school the

previous evening and prepared the school to accommodate the visitors. This was no easy task to seat about 350 people, but thanks to the keenness of all concerned to make it a success, all obstacles were overcome, and so on Saturday afternoon everything was ready and the huge crowd was comfortably seated and everything passed without a hitch. Numerous comments were made by members of the visiting Choirs testifying to the excellence of the accommodation and arrangements and so we feel that the trouble taken was well worth while and was greatly appreciated.

We are deeply grateful to all who helped, also to those who lent table-clothes and sent milk, and especially to Mr. R. McClements for the use of his lorry to collect and return seats and tables from other halls.

We beg to acknowledge with thanks £1 from the Rev. G. H. Daunt towards the Festival expenses.

CHOIR EXCURSION.

The members of Seagoe Choir went by bus to Portrush for their annual outing on Saturday, June 11. After a very pleasant journey Portrush was reached about 11.15 a.m., and all assembled for lunch at York House, where the needs of the body were amply catered for. In spite of the inclement weather all enjoyed themselves and arrived back about 10.30 p.m.

All the necessary arrangements were made by Mr. T. H. Wilson, organist, and the members of the Choir are deeply indebted to him for his efforts, which ensure such an excursion each year. We print below a statement showing the financial state of the Choir Fund:—

RECEIPTS.

To Balance in hand from 1937	..	£12 6 6
1938 Subscriptions:		
Rev. J. W. Appelbe ..	..	0 10 0
Miss Flannigan ..	..	0 10 0
Dynes Turkington ..	..	0 5 0
Tom Courtney ..	..	0 5 0
Mr. Gracey ..	..	0 5 0
		£14 1 6

PAYMENTS.

Bus to Portrush ..	..	£8 15 0
Dinners ..	..	4 6 0
Driver ..	..	0 5 0
Tips ..	..	0 5 0
Cleaning of Organ Loft ..	..	0 5 6
Subscription to C.L.B. ..	..	0 5 0
		£14 1 6
		(T.H.W.)

SUNDAY SCHOOL EXCURSION.

This annual event took place rather early this year owing to circumstances over which we had no control. The date originally was fixed for June 23, but had to be changed to June 9. As these notes are being written (June 23) we are able to compare the weather and we are glad to note that the weather was much better on June 9. All the children got to the train dry, and the proverbial "Seagoe weather" was ours except for a few showers in Warrenpoint during the day. Nobody got wet as Warrenpoint and the surrounding neighbourhood provided good sheltering places. The usual excursions were made to the "Big Stone," and by boat to Rostrevor. The catering was done very efficiently by Messrs. Davison.

We were glad to see Mr. Andrew Costello with us, his eightieth excursion, having missed only a few in life when in U.S.A.

The numbers who travelled this year were much less than in previous years and it is hard to account for this—perhaps the early date, uncertainty of the weather and other excursions in the same week were against us. However, in spite of fewer numbers than in previous years, and the fact that the 650 ordered double ham sandwiches had to be paid for, we are glad to say that the balance sheet appended shows a credit balance in hand. Our Sunday Schools owe a deep debt of gratitude to the Hon. Sec., Mr. Wm. Hutchinson, for his indefatigable efforts on behalf of the excursion and for his clear Statement of Accounts.

The date for next year's Sunday School excursion has been provisionally fixed for the last Thursday in June, when it is hoped to arrange it for Bangor.

SEAGOE PARISH SUNDAY SCHOOL EXCURSION.

Statement of Account,

INCOME.

To Balance from 1937 Excursion	..	£0 1 8
„ 262 Adult Railway Tickets	..	26 4 0
„ 18 Tickets to Band and Caterers	Free.	
„ 144 Adult Refreshment Tickets	..	7 4 0
„ 299 Children's Rail and Refreshment Tickets	..	22 18 0
Total		£56 7 8

EXPENSES.

By 466 Railway Tickets	..	£27 3 8
„ Catering Account (Messrs. Davison)	..	27 0 0
„ Printing Account	..	0 17 0
„ Insurance of Children	..	0 12 6
„ Bill Posting Account	..	0 3 0
„ Tips	..	0 5 0
„ Postages	..	0 2 6
Total		£56 3 8
To Balance on Hands	..	£0 4 0

Wm. HUTCHINSON, Secretary.
R. M'CLEMENTS, Treasurer

C.L.B. AT THE PRIMATE'S ENTHRONEMENT.

The Most Reverend J. G. F. Day, D.D., was enthroned as Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh, on Thursday, June 9, at 3.30 p.m. A number of the Seagoe Company of the C.L.B., accompanied by Captain E. Mitchell and the Rev. W. F. Hayes, were present and joined with members of B.B. and other C.L.B. Companies to form a guard of honour for his Grace, who is keenly interested in the youth organisations of the Church.

SEAGOE COMPANY CHURCH LADS' BRIGADE.
RECEIPTS.

1938—Jan. 1.	£ s d
To Cash on Hands	.. 6 16 11
Dec. 31.—Members' Subscriptions	.. 24 4 3
„ Deposits and alterations on Uniforms	2 14 11
„ Bus fares received.	.. 7 13 0
„ Proceeds:—	
Sports	.. 11 16 8
Concert	.. 17 13 6
Social per Lady Helpers	.. 4 18 5
Socials and Catering (Aug. 25, 1937)	28 19 6
Company Inspection	.. 5 3 0
Band Services	.. 12 1 0
Members' Subscriptions to Presentation	1 3 0
Football Team Receipts	.. 0 13 9
Training Corps Camp Deposits	.. 3 0 0
Bank Interest	.. 0 1 1
	£126 19 0

EXPENDITURE.

1937—Dec. 31	£ s d
By rent of Hall	.. 9 2 0
„ Fee to General Head Quarters	.. 0 15 6
„ Uniforms and Equipment	.. 43 1 4
„ Band Instruments and upkeep	.. 7 6 2
„ Travelling Expenses	.. 12 2 1
„ Printing, Stationery and Postages	.. 1 7 0
„ Repairs	.. 0 5 6
„ Socials and Catering (Aug. 28, 1937)	.. 21 19 0
„ Wreaths	.. 5 10 0
„ Purchases of Prizes	.. 8 19 9
„ Refund Uniform Deposits and T.C.	
Camp Deposits	.. 4 15 0
„ Sundries	.. 0 17 6
„ Indoor Recreation Equipment	.. 6 2 4
„ Cash in Hand	.. 4 15 10
	£126 19 0

I hereby certify the foregoing Account to be correct according to the best of my knowledge and from information received.

W. BEST.
E. MITCHELL,
O.C. Company.

CHORAL FESTIVAL MUSIC.

On Sunday evening, June 19, at the evening service the special music learnt for the recent Choral Festival was rendered by the Choir. Mrs. Casey was at the organ and the large congregation present enjoyed hearing it. The hymns included one new one from the appendix added to our Church Hymnal, "For those we love within the veil." The words are beautiful and the tune is a fine one.

ORANGE ANNIVERSARY.

The annual Orange Anniversary service will take place in Seagoe Parish Church on Sunday, July 10, at 7 p.m. The preacher will be Br. the Rev. J. R. M'Donald, M.A., rector of St. Matthew's Parish, Belfast. The collection will be in aid of the Lord Enniskillen Memorial Orphan Fund.

G.F.S. CANDIDATES.

A pic-nic is being arranged for the members of this organisation on Saturday, July 2, weather permitting. All the members are asked to assemble at Edenderry Parochial Hall at 2.30 p.m., when they will be conveyed to the place where the pic-nic will be held. In the event of rain Edenderry Parochial Hall will be used instead.

MOTHERS' UNION

The monthly meeting took place on Tuesday, June 14, in Seagoe School at 7.30 p.m. After tea a most helpful address was given to the large number of mothers present by Miss Hunter. The rector presided and conveyed the best thanks of the members to Miss Hunter for her address and kindness in coming.

There will be no meetings in July or August.

As we go to Press an excursion for the members is being arranged for Thursday, 30th June, to Newcastle by bus.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BIBLE CLASS.

As is customary the various schools in the parish will be closed down from July 3—August 7 inclusive, and will re-open on Sunday, August 14.

The men's Bible Class will close on June 26, and will commence again on Sunday, August 14, at 10.15 a.m.

BURIALS.

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

June 1—Harrison Wilson, Lisniskey, aged 58 years.

June 14—John McNeill, Killicomaine, aged 44 years.

OBITUARY.

We regret to have to record this month the decease of two parishioners. Harrison Wilson belonged to a very old Seagoe family, his call came very suddenly. John McNeill had been in failing health for some time

and he bore his trying illness patiently and with Christian fortitude. To the bereaved we offer our sincere sympathy and pray that God may comfort and strengthen them in their sorrow.

THE STUDY OF THE BIBLE.

(From a recent broadcast by the Archbishop of York)

Two Methods of Study.

The study of the Bible by the individual ought to be of two kinds. He should study it in order to learn all that he can which may throw light on its meaning—the circumstances which confronted the prophet when he wrote or spoke the message which he received, the state of mind in those whom he addressed, and so forth. And then, having gained all the illumination that he can, he should surrender his mind and spirit to the book itself. Here once more analogy of artistic appreciation is valid. We enjoy great music or great poetry all the more if we alternate between surrendering ourselves to it that it may make its own impact upon us, and analysing it critically so that we may see what materials the artist employed and what use he made of them. But the value of this analytical study resides almost entirely in the fuller appreciation which it makes possible when we return to the mood of pure receptivity. It is the same with the Bible. The value of our study of it, in the usual sense of the word 'study,' is chiefly found in the apprehension that comes when we give ourselves to the Spirit who speaks through the printed word for Him to breathe His message into our souls.

From the student's point of view the Bible is rather a library than a book. It consists of many books, of widely varying types, date and purpose. But for the devout reader it is a single book, whereof not the many authors but the one guiding Spirit supplies the secret. One subject is in view throughout—God and His people. God is known through His dealings with His people, and His people are called to live by the knowledge of Him so received. Always the dominant interest is the same—not to discover and declare precisely what it was that happened, but to trace in what happened the mind, the character, the judgment, the purpose of the living God. This finds its focus in the Gospel narrative when we read of One in whom that mind, character, judgment and purpose were perfectly expressed in a human life and death. But even then it was only to those who had ears to hear that the truth was declared, only to those who had eyes to see that the glory was manifested. Others heard the words and saw the works; but it is only of those whose hearts were prepared that St. John could say: "We beheld His glory."

Spiritual Insight.

Here we find a characteristic of the whole Bible.

The arena of the divine revelation is history itself. That is why what we call the historical books bulk so large. The revelation is given, primarily, not in propositions but in events. Yet it fails of its purpose as revelation except so far as the prophet is enabled by the illumination of the Holy Spirit to interpret the event and read it in the light of God's character and purpose. So in the supreme moment, which is the crown of revelation and the criterion by which all other revelation is to be tested, the revelation is given in the Life, the Death, the Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus Christ. But even this would have failed in its purpose as revelation if there had been none who could say truly: 'We beheld His glory.' For the completeness of effective revelation—of God's disclosure of Himself to men—there must be both the divinely guided event and the divinely illuminated mind; in the coincidence of these two effective revelation consists. This which is a pervasive characteristic of the Bible itself is also characteristic of the right to use it. The revelation of God is in one sense contained in the Bible, but not in such sense that whoever reads it receives the revelation. The great reformers were always emphatic about this—repeating in their own way what had been the continuous belief of Christian people constantly reinforced by experience. The Word of God, which is Jesus Christ, speaks through the printed page to those who read it with minds that are sensitive to its utterance. For the word of God is not a lifeless record but a living spiritual power.

If when the lens of the camera is opened there is

behind it not a photographic film or plate, but a piece of looking glass, there will be for the moment a very accurate reflection of the object in front of the lens; but there will be no photograph. If there is to be a photograph there must be a film or plate which is sensitive to the rays of light. So too if we read the Bible with alert minds but without spiritual sympathy, we shall acquire precise knowledge about it, but no knowledge of it. If we are truly to know it, what is required is that while we read the prophet's record of the Word of the Lord that came to him, the Word of the Lord should be heard in our own souls. All knowledge about the Bible which we can gain will help us towards this, but by itself such knowledge cannot secure it. But that Word of the Lord comes in its own way to simpleton and scholar alike if, as they read, their spirit can be such as to say: 'Speak, Lord, for thy servant heareth.'

A Dominant Influence.

In a world where views of life quite alien from that of the Bible crowd upon us claiming attention, this spiritual sympathy can only be acquired or maintained by the use of all the aids at our disposal; by the regular devout reading in the home; by study in classes and circles in the parish; by systematic teaching in the congregation; by the personal intimacy which is the fruit of a lifetime's habit. It is not chiefly much time on one occasion that is wanted, but the steady recurrence to this Word of God day by day, so that whatever other influences play upon life this is never lacking; so it can become the dominant influence in life. And because that Word of God which speaks through it 'by divers portions and in divers manners' is none other than Jesus Christ, who is the Word made flesh, the result of our reading of the Bible is fellowship with Him and through Him with the Father.

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.

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.

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.

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