

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

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

CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER.

September 3rd—13th Sunday after Trinity.

September 9th—Church Lads' Brigade Service and
Conference at Seagoe.

September 10th—14th Sunday after Trinity.

September 17th—15th Sunday after Trinity.

September 24th—16th Sunday after Trinity.

HARVEST FESTIVAL DATES.

The following provisional dates have been fixed for
the above:—

Sunday, Sept. 24th, at 3.30 p.m.	} Hacknahay.
Monday, Sept. 25th, at 8 p.m.	
Sunday, Oct 1st, at 3.30 p.m.	} Bocombra.
Monday, Oct. 2nd, at 8 p.m.	
Sunday Oct. 8th, at 3.30 p.m.	} Drumgor.
Monday, Oct. 9th, at 8 p.m.	
Sunday, Oct. 15th, 11.30 and 7 p.m.	} Parish Church.
Monday, Oct. 16th, at 8 p.m.	
Sunday, Oct. 22nd, at 3.30 p.m.	} Edenderry Parochial
Monday, Oct. 23rd, at 8 p.m.	

In accordance with our usual custom at all the district Harvest Festival Services, the Sunday Afternoon Collections will be in aid of the South American Missionary Society; the Monday night collections will go to the Hall Expenses Fund.

SIDESMEN FOR SEPTEMBER.

Morning Prayer—The Churchwardens, Messrs. R. Scott., C. A. Twinem, J. Stephens, D. Sherman.

Evening Prayer—Messrs. A. Kirke, D. Allen, H. Ellis, S. D. Walker, J. Rehill, R. M'Murray.

A BEETLE DRIVE.

The Edenderry Parochial Committee hope to hold a "Beetle Drive" on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th, in aid of the Renovation and Boiler Repair Funds in connection with the Parochial Hall. This entertainment will take place in Mrs. Vance's Cafe. Valuable prizes will be awarded. Tickets are 2/6 each. These can be obtained by parishioners who wish to attend from any member of the Parochial Hall Committee or from Mrs. Vance.

THE MOTHERS' UNION.

A meeting of the Mothers' Union will be held in Seagoe School on Tuesday, September 12th, at 8 p.m. The Rev. W. G. Kerr, M.A., Rector of Mullabrack, will give the address. This will be the opening meeting of the winter session, and it is hoped a full turnout of the members will be present.

In connection with this organisation something may be said for the benefit of those who are not, but who might be members. All married women who are parishioners, are eligible for membership. The Mothers' Union aims, especially, at giving such guidance and encouragement to young mothers as will enable them to deal successfully with their own peculiar responsibilities, which are so often perplexing.

RECRUITING APPEAL.

We are glad to report that our Company of the Church Lads' Brigade is in a very sound position in general. Several of our stalwart lads have joined the Royal Air Force, where, we are glad to hear, they are doing well. Their going in some measure depleted our senior company. Their places will be taken by twelve members of the Training Corps, who are now the age for the senior rank and will pass into it this month.

The Brigade is founded on a Religious basis. Its aim is to promote, among boys, Christian principles and to encourage them to be worthy members of their Church. In this respect the C.L.B. is meeting a definite need in our midst. It is a strong link between our growing lads and the Church. Here our fine band of officers gives a splendid lead. Under their supervision the Brigade provides also, clean, healthy recreation for our boys.

New members are always welcome. The best time to join is now. The age for the Seniors is 14 to 21, and for the Training Corps 9 to 13. The Training Corps meets in the Parochial Hall on Tuesdays, at 7.30 p.m., and the Seniors on the same evenings, at 8 p.m.

C.L.B. CAMP AT BANGOR.

The annual camp for the Training Corps of the Down and Connor and Dromore Battalion of the Church Lads' Brigade was held this year at Ballymacconnell, Bangor. It was well attended. There were over two hundred boys under canvas. The camp commandant was the Rev. R. C. R. Ellis, Dunmurry. He was assisted by a capable band of young officers. There was a splendid turn-out on the Sunday Parade Service to Bangor Parish Church.

There were thirteen sturdy representatives from

Seagoe. Capt. E. Mitchell was there for the opening week-end. Many of the boys' parents and friends visited the camp on sports day. Mrs. Lutton, Seagoe, who was staying in Bangor, most kindly, one evening treated all the Seagoe lads to a very good performance at Duffy's Circus.

A welcome addition to the camp were twelve C.L.B. boys from St. Mary's, Limerick, accompanied by Capt. Enright. They proved good companions and a credit to their Company.

The camp was a great success. The weather, though showery, on the whole was favourable. The food was exceptionally well cooked. There were abundant opportunities for exercise, recreation and good comradeship.

C.L.B. CONFERENCE.

The annual Church Lads' Brigade Conference, for the Down and Connor and Dromore Battalion, will be held this year in Seagoe. It is usually held in Belfast or in the neighbourhood of the City. This year the staff have honoured us with the offer of having it here. We appreciate this gesture and extend a warm welcome to the delegates. The Conference will open with a short service in Seagoe Church, at 3.30 p.m. on Saturday, September 9th. After the Service refreshments will be served to those attending, in the Parochial Hall, at 5 p.m. The Conference will continue from 6.30.

BAPTISMS.

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

August 6th—David Alexander, son of Norman and Rachel Walker, 2, Rosemount, Garvaghy Rd., Portadown.

August 6th—Sarah Anne Caroline Patricia, daughter of David and Letitia Isabella Kane, 26, Carrickblacker Road, Portadown.

August 6th—Anna Margaretta, daughter of Samuel Robert and Elizabeth Phillips, Drumna-canvey, Portadown.

BURIALS.

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

July 31st—Mary Ruddell, Fortwilliam, Breagh, Portadown, aged 65 years.

OBITUARY.

The death of Miss M. Ruddell, who was staying at Fortwilliam, Breagh, came after a short illness, borne patiently and with hope to the end. Though not a resident, Miss Ruddell paid frequent and sometimes lengthy visits to the Parish. On these occasions she was a regular worshipper in Seagoe Church, and was interested in its activities. Her sudden and serious illness came as a great shock. Active, cheerful and

kind, she will be much missed. We extend our sympathy to her relatives.

A SAD ACCIDENT.

The sad news concerning Mr. James Orr, of Gilford Rectory, who was drowned while sailing a light craft at Killowen, has been received with much regret in Seagoe. Deep sympathy is felt throughout our Parish for both Chancellor and Mrs. Orr at this time of tragic sorrow.

BEYOND THE SEAS.

Mr. John R. Reid, of Killicomaine Road, has returned from a visit to his brother, Mr. W. Reid, of Pittsburgh, U.S.A. Mr. and Mrs. James Twinem are also visiting relatives in the States.

Mr. George A. Wallace, from Goban Street, who early this summer emigrated to Australia, has joined his brother at Melbourne. He has been fortunate in finding suitable employment. We wish him much prosperity in his new sphere.

VISITORS FROM THE U.S.A.

Her many friends in the Parish were glad to see again Mrs. Susan Hardy. It is seven years since her last visit. She has just returned to the States, with her husband and son, after a holiday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Allen, of Edenderry. Mrs. Bella Robb and Yvonne are also welcome visitors from across the Atlantic.

NEW BUILDINGS.

Readers from afar are always interested in the changes that are taking place in the Parish. Nothing alters any locality more than new buildings. Several recently have been, and many more are in the course of erection. This is especially noticeable in Edenderry; it is being quickly developed. Many fine dwellings are to be seen where a short time ago there were open fields.

Margretta Park, which has been steadily growing for the past few years, is now almost built up. Another new drive has been opened off the Killicomaine Road. It has received the name of Windsor Avenue and already it can boast of inhabitants. In Carrickblacker Road two nice houses have been completed, others are growing up. The fine terrace of twenty-one houses, known as Eden Crescent, built on the frontage of the Eden Hall grounds, are all occupied and have pretty gardens in front.

New houses in other parts of the Parish are no less in evidence. A handsome villa has been erected in Balteagh, and a neat bungalow by the Lower Church Lane, also one on the Peacefield grounds at Ballinacor. In the remote townland of Drumgor four new cottages are being built on the Old Lurgan Road. Similar buildings are being erected in Drumnagoon, Kilvergan and Ballymacrandle.

WITH THE FORCES.

Many of our young men now serving in various branches of the Forces have been home on leave. David Donaldson is now stationed at St Athan, Glamorganshire. Wireless-operator Noel Johnson is at Cranwell, Lincolnshire. Samuel McCabe and Charles McDowell have returned to the camp at Halton. James Kane, Hugh Robinson and Alex. Steenson, of the R.A.F., have also been home on furlough. James Whiteside is serving at Stannmore.

Harry Kane, well known in Edenderry, has been called up for training in the Royal Naval Reserve. He is aboard "the Eclipse." He took part when their Majesties inspected the Reserve Fleet at Weymouth a few weeks ago.

Walter Currie and William McLoughlin, Lower Seagoe, were in camp near Weymouth last month with the Ulster Auxiliary Battalion of the Royal Air Force.

A PORTADOWN POET.

A recent visitor to the neighbourhood was a grandson of the late Mr. Robert Donnolly, who lived in Portadown and was a poet of some ability. His first volume appeared in 1852. A later volume was published in 1882. An autographed copy of this work is possessed by a parishioner. It contains lines written on matter of considerable local interest. There are also poems to prominent personages in Portadown, Lurgan and Seagoe. Perhaps some of our readers may remember this poet, who was well known in the district.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO.

August, 1914.—In this copy of the Magazine there is a snapshot of the U.V.F. Camp. It shows Major Blacker going his rounds, accompanied by Mr. T. J. Atkinson. Two hundred men from the Parish are stated to be encamped along the river bank at Carrick-Blacker. A note is written on the Ulster crisis. Mr. H. Gracey, of Drumgor, is complimented on being given an important educational appointment in London. A list is given of children from the various Sunday Schools with the highest Church Attendance Cards. A roll of former Churchwardens is included.

September, 1914.—This issue opens with a prayer for that time of tumult and distress. A special Intercessory Service for our Soldiers and Sailors is announced to be held in the Parish Church on each Wednesday evening. Reference is made to the grave

crisis and the horrors of the European war. Young men from the Parish are already announced to be in the fighting line. A report is written of the stirring send-off accorded to Major Blacker as he left for active service. The Portadown Battalion of the Ulster Volunteers lined Railway St., and the factories were closed for the afternoon.

THE SEAGOE YEOMANRY IN 1798.

Mr. T. G. F. Paterson, Curator of the County Museum, Armagh, has kindly given permission to copy from an article published by him in the *Ulster Journal of Archaeology*, July, 1938. It sheds light upon the formation of the Seagoe Yeomanry and some of its activities, with special reference to its summons to an engagement near Lisburn in 1798.

"William Blacker, of Carrickblacker, Co. Armagh, the author of the following information, entered Trinity College in 1795. On his way down he travelled by the famous 'Armagh Fly,' which had 'just commenced the astounding undertaking of making Dublin in one day, and achieved it, that is to say, started at four o'clock in the morning and was rarely later than ten o'clock at night in reaching its destination.'

"In the following year, whilst in Dublin, he was granted a commission to raise a corps of yeomanry among his father's tenants and the parishioners of Seagoe in general. When the rebellion broke out he was still at Trinity, but he hastened home to take charge of his corps.

"The Seagoe Corps of Yeomanry was one of the best organised units in the North. It was again requisitioned in the Emmet insurrection of 1803, and in 1815 it relieved troops at Drogheda for service abroad.

"The uniform of 'the Seagoe's' was 'tight pantaloons of blue cloth with a strip of scarlet down each leg; jackets, scarlet faced with blue and laced with orange; caps, leather, shaped like a bishop's mitre.' Shortly after its formation, the head-dress of the corps was exchanged for a 'helmet of lacquered tin surmounted by a bearskin, and turbaned with orange linen.'"

This description and the following abstract are from the Blacker Manuscripts.

"I lost no time in sending my requisition to General Lake and a party to Charlemont for the arms, which I had in the hands of one hundred good men on the morning of the 7th inst. My uncle George, the Vicar of Seagoe, I allowed to choose thirty in his vicinity; the rest I chose near Carrick (Blacker). On that day the Battle of Antrim took place. The firing of the cannon was distinctly heard at Lurgan, and in fact at Seagoe, but we were not fully aware until the next morning what the nature of the noise had been.

"On Sunday morning, the 10th, just as I was rising, a dragoon galloped up to the hall-door with an order for the Seagoe Corps to march to Lisburn. As the men were at that moment in the way of assembling for church, there was little time lost in getting under way, and I never saw fellows in greater glee. A number of country people, variously armed, were anxious to accompany the Yeomanry, and it was with great difficulty my uncle George prevailed on them to remain at home, promising them he would head them himself to join us if necessary.

"We reached Moira while the congregations were in their respective places of worship. There are two Meeting Houses, besides the Church, and at each of the three there were a number of horses, the greater

part of them furnished with pillions, on which the farmers in those days carried their dames to prayers, market-cars and jaunting-cars being then unknown. To possess ourselves of the animals was the work of but a few minutes, and ere the owners were well aware of what was passing, each nag was mounted by one or two Yeomen, according to the length of its back and its extent of saddlery, and many a farmer and farmer's wife trudged home in sourness and sadness, despatching their servant-men towards Lisburn to pick up their horses, when it suited us to dispense with their further service.

"We reached Lisburn fresh and in good order by five in the afternoon, where we found six or seven other Corps of Yeomanry (Infantry) and two or three of Cavalry and the greater part of the 24th Dragoons commanded by Lord William Bentick, the entire Brigade being under the command of Major-General Goldie, a worthy old Scotch body."

"The occupation of Lisburn at this time was extremely judicious. Situated on the Lagan River, it commanded the communication between Antrim and Down, both then in rebellion, though the outbreak in the former had been promptly checked, while that in Down was just coming to a head."

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—Wednesdays at 8 p.m., Oct—Easter.

MARRIAGES must be performed between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Licences are issued by Ven. Archdeacon Hannon, the 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 £1, 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—10.15 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.

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

G.F.S. CANDIDATES—Oct.—Easter, Edenderry Parochial Hall, Saturdays at 3 p.m.

SEAGOE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR SOCIETY—Mondays, Orange Hall, at 8 p.m.

SEAGOE P.E. SCHOOL—9.15 a.m. Principal—Mr. R. Scott.