

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

APRIL, 1940.

CLERGY:

REV. J. W. APPELBE, M.A., B.D., Seagoe Rectory.
REV. W. F. HAYES, B.A., L.Th., The Bungalow,
Lower Seagoe.

CHURCHWARDENS.

Rector's—GEORGE LEAKE.

People's—J. R. REID.

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

CALENDAR FOR APRIL.

April 7th—2nd Sunday after Easter.
April 9th—Monthly meeting of Mothers' Union.
April 14th—3rd Sunday after Easter.
Monthly Service in Drumgor at 3 p.m.
April 21st—4th Sunday after Easter.
April 25th—St. Mark.
April 28th—5th Sunday after Easter.
Monthly Service in Hacknahay at 3.30 p.m.

GENERAL EASTER VESTRY.

The annual meeting of registered vestrymen and vestrywomen took place in the Parochial Hall, Edenderry, on Thursday, March 28th, at 8 p.m. The Rector presided over a fair attendance and opened the meeting with prayer, after the reading of the 46th Psalm by the Rev. W. F. Hayes.

The Chairman, in his introductory remarks, congratulated the Hon. Treas., Mr. W. White, on having the financial report printed with such promptness, that it had been in circulation several days before this meeting. He pointed out that, as the report of the accounts showed, the finances of the parish were in a healthy condition. It was an occasion for thankfulness to Almighty God that this was so and it was a token of the loyalty and generosity of the parishioners.

He voiced his appreciation of the untiring efforts of the Hon W.F.O. Secretary, Mr. J. H. Twinem, who never spared himself where the interests of Seagoe were concerned, and it must be gratifying to him to see an increase of over £40 in the W.F.O. contributions as compared with the previous year.

The Rector then reminded those present that the chief function of the Church was to be a living witness to the things of the Spirit and the Body of Christ, through which He is seeking to redeem men and nations. In these days the Christian Church is the only witness in the world for righteousness; evil is strong; in a great part of the world Christian standards have been abandoned and as a result we meet to-night under the cloud of war. There is a great need to-day for worshipping Christians but the sad fact remains that a great number of our

parishioners do not avail themselves of the privileges of worshipping in God's house regularly. Let us work and pray that there may soon come an awakening to the value and need of worship.

In concluding he referred to the loss the Parish had sustained by the passing of Mr. T. H. Wilson after a unique record as organist.

He also expressed his grateful thanks to the Rev. W. F. Hayes for his valued help during the year, to the outgoing Churchwardens for their services, and to the members of the Select Vestry for their co-operation.

The Rector then referred to Mr. W. R. Sherman, who had been obliged to resign his position as Hon. Secretary to the Select Vestry owing to his appointment as Assistant Town Clerk; whilst congratulating him on his success they were sorry to lose the services of an efficient secretary, and he felt sure that Mr. Leake, who had at the request of the Vestry, kindly undertaken this office, would keep up the high tradition of his predecessors.

The following elections were then made:—

Rector's Churchwarden—Mr. Geo. Leake; People's Churchwarden—Mr. J. R. Reid. Select Vestry—Messrs. R. McClements, S. McCormick, W. White, E. Mitchell, J. H. Twinem, D. F. Stoops, T. Martin, Jas. Maginnis, John Stephens, John G. Gracey, James Twinem, H. M. Gibson. Glebe-wardens—Messrs. R. McClements and S. McCormick.

Sidesmen:—Messrs. T. E. Maginnis, J. Allen, W. A. Casey, R. Scott, J. Walker, N. Campbell, I. Dickson, G. Wilson, A. Kirk, C. S. A. Twinem, Thos. Gracey, Wm. Hutchinson, T. Stanfield, W. R. Sherman, W. Hewitt, D. Allen, J. Gee, A. Pickering, H. Ellis, W. G. Best, J. H. Wilson, S. D. Walker, Thos. Hall, Geo. Moore, W. H. Best, Wm. Neill, G. Nixon, R. M'Murray, Jos. Ward, J. McLoughlin, F. Shanks, D. Sherman, Holmes White, G. Steenson, Thos. Maginnis, Gilbert Price.

A vote of thanks was passed by acclamation to all the voluntary workers in the parish for their splendid services, including the Sunday School Teachers and Superintendents, the C.L.B. Officers, the Mothers' Union, the choir, W.F.O. Distributors, Parochial Hall Committee, the Hon. Auditors, Messrs. Roche, Hall & Co., etc.

THE MISSIONARY CAUSE.

During the past month we had the privilege of hearing two visiting speakers, who, in a forceful way, reminded us of our duty to play our part in the Missionary work of the Church. The Rev. J. I. Lea, B.A., C.M.S. Northern Secretary, preached at both services on Sunday, March 10th. Lenten self-denial envelopes were given out and about 100 were returned on the following Sunday, resulting in the realisation of £6 13s 4d for the Church Missionary Society.

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On Thursday, March 14th, the Rev. E. J. Mackie addressed a meeting in the Parochial Hall, Edenderry, at which there was a fair attendance. He spoke of his experience while working in Chile, under the South American Missionary Society. We are glad to note that as a result of his talk several new boxes were taken out, as well as new subscribers to the S.A.M.S. Magazine.

We print below the result of the box collections for C.M.S. and the C. of I. Jews' Society. We are grateful to the box-holders and the Hon. Secretaries for their help.

MOTHERS' UNION.

The next monthly meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 9th, in Seagoe School, at 7.30 p.m., when it is hoped that an address will be given by Miss Wightman. Members should note that this is the first meeting since the outbreak of war, which is being held at the usual peace-time hour and date, and so we hope to see many present who were unable to attend the afternoon meetings.

C.M.S. BOX COLLECTIONS, 1939-1940.

(Miss G. E. Atkinson, Hon. Secretary.)

Miss Lily Dickson	£0 7 6
Miss E. Gracey	0 8 3
Mrs. E. Collins	0 2 6
Mrs. G. Price	0 4 9½
Mrs. H. M. Gibson	0 6 2½
Mrs. Dawson	0 7 1
Miss Flannigan	0 1 2
Mrs. Metcalf	0 4 0
Miss Atkinson	0 2 6
Miss G. E. Atkinson	0 10 0
Hacknahay:—	
Mrs. George McNeill	0 2 6
Miss M. McCormick	0 4 1
Miss M. England	0 4 7½
Miss M. Bradshaw	0 3 0
Miss S. Maginnis	0 8 10½
Miss Rachel England	0 3 1
Miss L. Neill	0 0 7
Miss Gladys Magee	0 5 4
Miss Dinah Montgomery	0 2 6
Mrs. W. H. Currie	0 6 7
Mr. Norman Creggan	0 5 0
Miss Calvert	0 12 9
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Lenten Self-denial	6 13 4
Advent and Lent Services, 1939	1 7 0
Total	£13 13 3

A cheque for the above amount has been forwarded to the C.M.S. Office, Belfast.

CHURCH OF IRELAND MISSION TO THE JEWS. LIST OF BOXHOLDERS.

Mrs. Appelbe, Seagoe Rectory	£0 10 0
Miss S. Halliday, 82 Ravenhill Park, Belfast	1 0 0
Miss N. K. and N. Montgomery, Edward St., Portadown	1 0 0
Miss Jean Watters, Goban St., Portadown ..	0 10 0
Miss Amy Cox, Carrickblacker Rd., Portadown	0 4 0
Mrs. Thomas Martin, Balteagh, Portadown	0 7 6
Mrs. Wm. Neill, Lower Seagoe, Portadown ..	0 4 2
Mrs. James Shanks, Kernan, Portadown ..	0 5 8
Mrs. Magee, Carrickblacker Rd., Portadown	0 3 7
Mr. Arthur Allen, Bridge St., Portadown ..	0 4 4
Miss M. L. Best, Goban Cottage, Seagoe ..	0 10 0
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	£4 19 3
Good Friday Collection, 1939	1 7 3
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	£6 6 6

M. L. BEST, Secretary.

A cheque for the above amount has been forwarded to the Diocesan Treasurer of the C. of I. Jews' Society.

PAROCHIAL HALL.

For year ending December 31st, 1939.

To Balance	£6 7 11
„ Harvest Offertory	3 16 0
„ Payments for use of Hall	25 18 5
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	36 2 4
By Caretaker's Salary	£11 2 6
„ N.I.E. Board	11 6 8
„ Star Electric Co.	0 5 5
„ Coke and Coal	3 8 2½
„ Cleaning Materials	0 18 7
„ Tuning and Repairs	1 2 0
„ Ground Rent	0 1 0
„ Sundries	0 3 6
„ Repairs	0 13 5
„ Paid over to Boiler Account	2 15 6
„ Balance	4 5 6½
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	36 2 4

SIDESMEN—APRIL.

Morning Prayer—The Churchwardens, Messrs. T. E. Maginnis, R. McClements, G. Wilson, W. R. Sherman.
Evening Prayer—Messrs. J. Walker, A. Kirke, T. Stanfield, H. Ellis, W. H. Best, J. McLoughlin.

SIDESMEN—MAY.

Morning Prayer—The Churchwardens, Messrs. S. McCormick, Gilbert Price, Foster Shanks, Jos. Ward.
Evening Prayer—Messrs. N. Campbell, Thos. Gracey, Wm. Hewitt, S. D. Walker, Geo. Nixon, Holmes White.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER.

During Holy Week there were the usual week-night services from Monday to Good Friday, as well as Morning Prayer on Good Friday. On the Tuesday there was a fine turn-out of the members of the C.L.B., and also the local branch of the Mothers' Union was well represented.

On Easter Day the choir rendered music appropriate to the occasion, including a special Easter Anthem. The singing was of its usual high standard and it went a long way in making the services as inspiring as they should be on this great day.

We are deeply indebted to Mrs. Casey for undertaking the responsibility for playing during her father's illness, and afterwards. It was the wish of the clergy, Select Vestry, choir and congregation that Mrs. Casey should succeed her father in the position he held for so long, but Mrs. Casey did not wish to do so, though she has kindly promised to help at any time she may be required.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PRIZE GIVINGS.

During the past month these annual functions took place in Hacknahay, Edenderry and Seagoe. In the forementioned centre a variety concert was given by the children of the Sunday School and their performance reflected great credit on the children and on Miss Maginnis, who trained them.

In Seagoe the social took place on a Saturday afternoon on account of there being no "black-out" arrangements in the School, and the change did not in any way detract from the enjoyment of the gathering.

At Edenderry the Parochial Hall was filled almost to crowding, but in spite of the large number present the usual popular games were enjoyed to the full.

The numbers present at these Sunday School centres and the number of prizewinners both go to show that these Sunday Schools are in a flourishing condition, and their Superintendents and Teachers are to be thanked for their fine work and congratulated on their success.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL EXCURSION.

At a meeting of Sunday School Teachers and Superintendents on Wednesday, March 20th, there was a preliminary discussion as to the desirability of holding an excursion for the Sunday Schools to the seaside this year as in former years. It was decided provisionally to hold an outing in a field in the parish this year, as those present considered travelling as in former years out of the question for various reasons,

e.g., inability of railway to provide facilities, rationing of sugar and rise in catering prices, probable increase in fares, etc.

There will be another meeting in Seagoe School on Wednesday, May 1st, at 8 p.m., when a full attendance of Superintendents and Teachers is requested, so that the matter may be discussed fully in all its aspects.

There is no reason why a most enjoyable day could not be had at a suitable centre somewhere in the parish, and with the proper organisation of competitions and games, etc., it might be a pleasant change from excursions of recent years, which do not seem to provoke the enthusiasm amongst the children that one would expect.

CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation classes will commence during April. Intending candidates should assemble in the Parish Church on Sunday, April 14th, at 4 p.m., so that suitable times may be arranged for the classes to meet weekly. Intending candidates must have passed their fourteenth birthday.

OBITUARY.

On Sunday, March 10th, the mortal remains of Mr. Thomas Henry Wilson were laid to rest near the Church where for sixty-eight years he acted as organist, being connected with the choir for seventy years, as he entered it when a boy of seven. This is truly a unique record of service faithfully discharged and the fact that to the end, in spite of advancing years, he retained the confidence of the choir is a striking tribute to his virile personality. He loved the Church and its services, and he was a regular communicant. He was indefatigable in his efforts for the welfare of the choir, and a few weeks before his death he provided a dozen new hymn books for the choir and was also responsible for procuring a new hymn board to match the existing one. His health had been failing for some time, yet so strong was his courage that he played until some weeks before he passed away. It will be hard to think of Seagoe choir without him, and he will be long remembered for his unparalleled period of service, as well as for his bright and cheery disposition. He bore a very trying illness with true Christian fortitude and patience and to the end he remained bright and brave. Now he is a member of the Choir Invisible, and we thank God for his long and useful service. Mr. S. P. B. Smith played at the funeral service, at which two of his favourite hymns were sung, and at the end the "Dead March in Saul" was rendered, while the congregation stood in token of respect to his memory; the large number of people present was a tribute to the respect in which he was held by a wide circle of friends.

At the funeral service and at Morning Prayer on March 10th the Rector referred to the loss the parish had sustained by his passing.

We also regret to record the death of Mrs. Costello, who was not in robust health for some years; she had

passed the allotted span and the end came peacefully without suffering.

To all the bereaved we extend our sympathy and pray that the Risen Christ may sustain and strengthen them in their sorrow.

BAPTISMS.

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

- March 3rd—David Thomas, son of Thomas Henry and Sarah Hall, Kintore, Seagoe.
 March 3rd—Christina Thelma, daughter of Samuel A. and Sarah Miller, 22, Seafield, Lurgan Road, Portadown.
 March 3rd—Cecil Rodney, son of Arthur and Annie Allen, 23, Carrickblackler Rd., Portadown.
 March 3rd—John Edgar, son of John and Esther Hamilton Ramsey, Kernan.
 March 3rd—James Austin, son of William and Ellen Elliott, 17, Seafield, Lurgan Rd., Portadown.

MARRIAGES.

"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

- March 27th—William George Moles, Blacker's Mill, Portadown, and Ellen Treanor, Drumnagoon.

BURIALS.

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

- 10th March—Thomas Henry Wilson, Seagoe Cottage, aged 80½ years.
 12th March—Margaret Costello. Tamnificarbet.
 12th March—Thomas F. Neill, 45, Chadwick Street, Belfast, aged 31 years.
 25th March—James Clayton, Water St., Portadown, aged 90 years.

CORRECTION IN PARISH REPORT.

In the list of W.F.O. Subscribers in James St. the following item should read:—Mr. and Mrs. Connor, 10s 3d instead of 3s 3d. We regret above mistake, and are glad to note that Mr. and Mrs. Connor set a very good example to the parishioners in James St. by their generous contribution to the W.F.O. scheme.

NEW RECTORY BUILDING FUND.

The Hon. Treasurer for the above gratefully acknowledges the receipt of the following subscriptions:—

James Twinem, Lylo Villa	£5 0 0
Chas. S. A. Twinem, Lylo Villa	2 0 0
James J. Twinem, Lylo Villa	1 0 0
Mrs. S. J. Preston, Lylo	0 10 0
The Misses Hoy, Lylo	0 10 0
Joseph E. McMurray Lylo	0 10 0
The Misses McCormick, Lylo	0 3 0
Miss M. White, Lylo	0 2 6
David Webb, Lylo	0 10 0
Miss C. Kirby, Eden Avenue	0 5 0
Mrs. K. Carragher, Eden Avenue	0 5 0
J. Wilson, Seagoe Road	0 5 0
Mrs. T. Mitchell, Seagoe Upper	0 2 6
Mr. J. Mitchell, Seafield, Lurgan Rd.	0 10 0
David McKane, Ballymacrandle	0 5 0
	£11 18 0
Already acknowledged	597 3 1
Total	£609 1 1

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 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 £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.