

# Seagoe Parish Magazine.

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## CLERGY:

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## CHURCHWARDENS.

Rector's—ERNEST MITCHELL.

People's—DAVID ALLEN.

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

## CALENDAR FOR JULY.

July 6th—4th Sunday after Trinity.

Orange Anniversary Service at 7 p.m.

July 13th—5th Sunday after Trinity.

July 17th—Meeting of Mothers' Union at the Rectory,  
3.30 p.m.

July 20th—6th Sunday after Trinity.

July 25th—St. James.

July 27th—7th Sunday after Trinity.

## CHURCH MAINTENANCE FUND.

DOWN AND CONNOR AND DROMORE.

**Bishop's Appeal to Clergy, Churchwardens and People.**

My Dear Friends,—Our losses, as a Church, consequent on the recent air-raids, have been particularly heavy—Churches, Church Halls, Parochial Halls, rectories or clergy dwelling-houses have been damaged, some completely, some seriously, some slightly. Those losses, so far, have been in Belfast. But more serious is the fact that several thousands of our people—not a few now unemployed—have had to leave their homes and their parishes. Thus our Church work in the City has been largely disorganised, at least for a time. To repair, in a material way, the damage which has resulted would demand a very large sum of money. At the recent meeting of the General Synod much sympathy was manifested, while a resolution which was passed unanimously suggested that collections should be made, wherever possible, for the relief of a Church sorely stricken. But obviously our own responsibility will be greatest. I am now venturing to ask that something should be attempted forthwith in everyone of our parishes in the United Diocese so that as a result there may be available help towards the restoration or maintenance of such Churches and Church buildings as, with knowledge of the facts, may be advised by competent authorities. This might be done through collections on a particular Sunday, or through efforts lasting for a number of weeks, or, as has been advised, through penny-a-week offerings over

the space of a year given by families or individuals in addition to their ordinary Church contributions. Some, too, may be able to give larger sums straight off. The particular methods of helping I do not now recommend. They, of course, may well differ in different places and for different persons. What I do urge is that the crisis should be recognised as a very serious one and should be faced by all without delay. The Archdeacons and Rural Deans and other representative persons will organise efforts in every part of the United Diocese, and a Committee, with the Bishop as Chairman, will act in an advisory and administrative capacity. What I am certain of is that our people will do their part and do it well. They have never failed hitherto and they will not fail now. The Church is of God. We shall work for it and give to it. No wind that blows shall ever kill the tree God plants. In this faith let us put our strength into positive, constructive tasks so that God may be glorified and the work of His Church maintained.—I am, yours sincerely,

JOHN F. DOWN.

P.S.—Assistance much appreciated has been given already, and particulars will be published at an early date. Help or promises of help will be thankfully received by the Secretaries of the Diocesan Council, Clarence Place, Belfast.

We print the above, which was read at the Morning Service on June 22nd, as it brings to our notice a very pressing need of the Church in Belfast. As a result of recent air-raids not only are churches, church halls, etc., destroyed or damaged, but there has been a dispersal of a large number of Church people by evacuation to safer areas. This has thrown a very heavy burden on some parishes, which depend almost solely on their weekly collections and free will envelope offerings for the maintenance of their various activities. Because of this disorganisation some of these parishes cannot meet their financial obligations without temporary help. Here is an opportunity for us to help and to give proof of our true Christian brotherliness by helping as far as we can, those, who through no fault of their own find themselves in great difficulty.

It should be clearly understood that the War Damage Insurance Scheme will not meet the needs of the case and so it would be misleading to make this an excuse for not trying to help. An obvious example of this is the consequent falling off of parochial revenue when parishioners are evacuated, and many of the city Churches have no endowments upon which to fall back.

With the approval of the Select Vestry, on Sunday,



September 7th, there will be a retiring collection at both services for this most worthy object. Put your contribution in an envelope and it will be acknowledged in the October issue of this Magazine.

#### ORANGE ANNIVERSARY SERVICE.

The annual Orange Anniversary Service will take place on Sunday, July 6th, at 7 p.m., when the preacher will be the Rev. Canon M'Tighe, M.A., LL.D., Rector of Lisbellaw and Prebendary of Donaghmore in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin. The collection will be in aid of the Lord Enniskillen Memorial Orphan Fund.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Before this issue appears in print the annual Young People's Service will have taken place on Sunday, June 29th, at 11.30 a.m., when the preacher will be the Rev. G. A. Guthrie, B.A., of Ardmore.

The Sunday Schools throughout the parish will remain closed for July and August and will re-open again on Sunday, September 7th. During this period parents are earnestly requested to encourage their children to attend the Church Services. The most effective way of doing this is not by staying away yourself and then expecting your children to do what you yourself are not prepared to do. Here, as elsewhere, example is better than precept; bring your children along with you to God's House on Sundays.

Already some of our Sunday Schools have implemented their promise to try and make up for the abandonment of the annual excursion to the seaside, by organising an evening's entertainment. At Drumgor on Wednesday, June 25th, a most enjoyable evening was spent in a field adjoining the school, kindly lent for the occasion by Mr. J. G. Gracey, J.P. The weather was ideal for the various competitions and games, which provoked keen rivalry amongst the competitors. A sumptuous tea, distribution of prizes and games indoors brought a very happy evening to a close.

Similar functions have been arranged for Edenderry morning and afternoon Sunday Schools and Hacknahay on Saturday, July 5th. Bocombra for the end of August. The superintendents and teachers of Levaghery, Seagoe and Carne are taking steps to promote entertainments of a corresponding nature in the near future.

#### MOTHERS' UNION.

There was a splendid attendance of members at the June meeting, when an inspiring address was given by the Rev. C. C. Browne, Curate-assistant of St. Mark's, Portadown, on the ideals and opportunities of the Mothers' Union in our present day world.

The next meeting will take place at the Rectory on Thursday, July 17th, at 3.30 p.m.

#### SEAGOE C.E. SOCIETY.

Seagoe C.E. Society had a visit from Mr. N. Hamilton, organist of the Parish Church, on Monday, June 16th. He gave an inspiring address, the theme of which was Separation and Humility. He based his remarks on St. James, chap. 1, verse 27., and showed, using Bible characters as examples, the importance for the Christian in keeping himself separate from the world. He also spoke of the need for practising humility in our lives, a lesson very forcibly taught by Christ Himself when He washed His disciples' feet. Miss N. K. Montgomery and Miss M. Best rendered solos, accompanied by Mr. Hamilton on the piano. Mr. D. Allen acted as chairman—(R. G. M'M.)

#### NEW RECTORY BUILDING FUND.

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

Miss Dawson, Edward St.	..	..	£5 0 0
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#### LEVAGHERY SUNDAY SCHOOL.

GENERAL ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1940.

Dr.	Receipts.	
To Balance	..	£4 9 11
„ Collections	..	6 6 2
„ Allowance on returned Tickets	..	0 3 2
„ Subscriptions	..	0 17 4½
„ Harvest Service Collections	..	2 9 4½
„ Foreign Mission Collections	..	£0 19 2
„ Collections for S.A.M. Society:		
March 31st	..	0 3 3
June 23rd	..	0 3 1
September 29th	..	0 3 2
December 29th	..	0 3 3
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To Balance, C/D.	..	£4 1 10½
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„ Oil Account	..	0 6 2
„ Stationery	..	0 1 5
„ Roll Books	..	0 1 7½
„ Annual Social—Catering Account	..	1 9 6
„ „ „ Prize Account	..	1 4 9
„ „ „ W. H. Best's Account	..	0 2 6
„ Messrs. J. G. M'Cann's Account	..	1 5 0
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T. E. STANFIELD, Supt.



## SIDESMEN FOR JULY.

Morning Prayer—The Churchwardens, Messrs. G. Leake, J. Gee, H. Ellis, W. H. Best.

Evening Prayer—Messrs. A. Kirk, Thos. Stanfield, Wm. Hewitt, Wm. Neill, Geo. Nixon.

## OBITUARY.

We regret to have to record the passing of three parishioners during the past month. Mary Elizabeth White was called to be with Him, who said "Suffer little children to come unto Me," after a few days' illness. Sarah Jane Gregson had been in failing health for some time; she bore her increasing weakness with courage. Ellen Best had reached a great age and for some time past had been a patient in Lurgan Hospital.

To the bereaved we extend our sincere sympathy and pray that God may sustain and comfort them in their sorrow.

## BAPTISMS.

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

June 1st—David Henry Nelson, son of Joseph and Anna Georgina Hill, 11, Century Street, Portadown.

June 1st—Isobel, daughter of Robert and Sarah Uprichard, Drumgor.

June 15th—David Alexander, son of Samuel Robert and Elizabeth Phillips, Drumnacanvey, Portadown.

## MARRIAGE.

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

12th June—Thomas Kerr, 26 Coronation Street, Portadown, and Sarah Levina Hoy, Lylo, Portadown.

## BURIALS.

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

21st May—Mary Elizabeth White, Seagoe, aged 10 months.

1st June—Sarah Jane Gregson, Drumgor, aged 69 years. (Interred in Shankill.)

14th June—Ellen Best, late of Lylo, aged 86 years.

21st June—Robert J. Ballantine, Thomas Street, Portadown, aged 27 years.

21st June—William J. Creaney, 36, Carrickdale Gardens, Portadown, aged 25 years.

## THE CHURCH OVERSEAS.

(From C.M.S. Outlook.)

## DAYS OF UPHEAVAL IN CHINA.

### I.—Personal Experiences.

We are often asked what is happening to the Church in these days of upheaval for China's millions. I should like to give two pictures, small

illustrations of big things that are typical of the life and growth among Christians to-day.

The first comes from Canton, under Japanese occupation. The Christian leaders were the only leaders who stayed by their people during the invasion and through the difficult days that followed. They are still there, carrying on under appalling conditions, and witnessing by their faith and courage to the victory that is in Christ.

To-day in Canton the churches are still feeding about 20,000 destitute people every day, in a city where many still die of starvation in the streets. Attached to one of these churches is a clinic for the poor. Here a young Chinese woman doctor used to minister to the sick bodies of the destitute. One afternoon a Japanese soldier came to the clinic. The Chinese girl, with the same grace and gentleness with which she treated her own people, bent down and bound up the foot of the injured soldier. Christ said: "Love your enemies. . . do good . . ."

The second picture is a very different one. Hundreds of miles from Canton, in a village temple in the hills of West Yunnan a crowd of students have gathered one Sunday morning to worship God. They have come from many parts of China, uprooted from their homes, driven from their schools and colleges by Japanese invasion, but carrying on their studies with that indomitable spirit that is characteristic of China to-day.

With no chapel for Christian worship the students are using a temple, where the large, painted plaster idols stand as reminders of a people's hunger for God. In the temple stands an altar and on it is a cross. The temple is decorated. It is a very special occasion. Two young girls from the village are witnessing to their new-found faith in Christ, and being welcomed into the family of His Church through baptism. They are the first to be baptized from the village, and it is through the love and friendship and witness of Christian students who are refugees that they have been brought to Christ.

Man's misfortune becomes God's opportunity. These are great days for the Church in China and for us in England. Let us remember that God can use these days of suffering to His glory and the building up of His Kingdom on earth.

MADELINE ALLEN.

### II.—New Year Evangelism.

The Rev. H. A. Maxwell reports that special efforts at the Chinese New Year met with most encouraging response in Szechwan. Larger numbers of people came for Christian teaching. At Mienyang a Bible School was organised for students from Shantung now in the city. As a result some sixteen have de-



finitely accepted Christ as their Saviour and are now trying to bring in other students. Some of these students actually gave up one or the two very scanty meals in the day on which they manage to live in order to be present at the meetings. Mr. Maxwell says: "There is no doubt about the deep work of the Holy Spirit done there."

### III.—Broadcasting.

Eight years ago a Chinese Christian in Shanghai asked a friend this question: "Why do we Christians not have a broadcasting station of our own?" The answer followed in a few months in the opening of the Shanghai Christian Broadcasting station.

In 1938 two Chinese met in Chicago, one of them the man who had been asked this question in Shanghai. Now he was faced with another: "Why do we not have a chain of broadcasting stations in different provinces of China to multiply the blessings of the Shanghai station?" This started a new line of thought, and a scheme has been prepared for the opening of sixteen stations in the chief cities of China and one on the island of Manilla as soon as war and other conditions permit. At least four of these proposed stations would be in free China, and could be equipped when the necessary funds and the technical experts are available. An appeal is being made in America for missionary recruits with this special training.

### The opportunity.

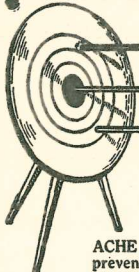
It is estimated that eighty per cent. of the people of China are unable to read. But there are already some one and a half million wireless receiving sets by which vast numbers could hear the good news of Christ if instead of the one Christian broadcasting station at Shanghai there was, say, one in each province.

On all hands there is evidence of the readiness among Chinese of all ages and types to listen to the Gospel, and a leaflet about the Shanghai broadcasting station give instances of conversion known to be due to the wireless talks.

A young Chinese girl was driven from home by her father because she had become a Christian. But in a short time he wanted to know more about "this strange enticing power," and secretly tuned to Shanghai. Within two months the love of Christ had won him and his whole family. A family of four came to a church to ask for baptism because they had received the Gospel as they heard it broadcast. Medical advice is one item on the daily programme, and one man who listened to this went on to seek the deeper healing of which one of the speakers told.

This enterprise which is so full of promise for the future is under the control of a Chinese board of directors, who include such well known men as Dr. T. Z. Koo and Dr. W. Y. Chen, secretary of the National Christian Council. The Shanghai station was opened by Madame Chiang Kai-shek.

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## 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 Rev. W. J. Gransden, 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.