

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

SEPTEMBER, 1941.

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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 SEPTEMBER.

- September 7th—13th Sunday after Trinity.
DAY OF NATIONAL PRAYER.
ALL SUNDAY SCHOOL IN PARISH
RE-OPEN.
- September 9th—Monthly meeting of Mothers' Union
at 7.30 p.m.
- September 14th—14th Sunday after Trinity.
Monthly Service in Drumgor, 3 p.m.
- September 17th—Ember Day.
September 19th—Ember Day.
September 20th—Ember Day.
September 21st—15th Sunday after Trinity.
St. Matthew.
- September 28th—16th Sunday after Trinity.
Harvest Thanksgiving Service in Hack-
nahay, at 3.30 p.m.
- September 29th—St. Michael and All Angels.
Harvest Thanksgiving Service in Hack-
nahay, at 8 p.m.

DAY OF NATIONAL PRAYER.

We hope that all our parishioners who can possibly do so, will make a special effort to come to God's House on Sunday, September 7th, which is being observed throughout our Country and Empire as a day of special intercession for our land and the cause for which we are fighting. This day has been chosen because it is the Sunday nearest to the anniversary of the outbreak of the present war, and so it will remind us, among other things, of the fact that we are entering on the third year of this bitter conflict. It is fitting, as we begin to face the third year, that we should do so on our knees in humble supplication to Almighty God for His continual help to us and to those who are allied with us, in the days that lie ahead, and, while asking for future mercies, let us not be unmindful of those we have already received, let us mingle with our humble petitions hearty thanksgiving for the wonderful deliverance He has so far given to us.

BISHOP'S LETTER.

(We print below a letter sent recently to the Archdeacons and Rural Deans throughout the United Dioceses, as it states very plainly the urgency and the need for parishes, which have escaped the awful horrors of bombing, to lend a helping hand to those who have sustained grievous loss by the destruction of, or damage to buildings and the scattering of their congregations):—

Diocesan Office,
10, May Street, Belfast,
23rd July, 1941.

DOWN & CONNOR & DROMORE.

TO THE ARCHDEACONS AND RURAL DEANS.

My Dear Friends,

Some weeks ago I wrote to the incumbents and Curates-in-charge and suggested that an effort should be made, in every parish, as soon as convenient, to give relief to the parishes in Belfast that suffered and are still suffering sorely from the recent air-raids. I now appeal to you who are the Church's leaders in the United Diocese and Rural Deaneries. I plead for your co-operation which would, I believe, be greatly welcomed and would, I feel certain, prove most fruitful. It will be for you and me to see that every parish shall be given an opportunity of having a share in building up again things that were thrown down, and bringing together again in the worship and service of the Church many thousands who were torn from their homes and parishes.

In the main we shall have to think of two kinds of loss. First there is the loss consequent on the damage done to, or the total destruction of churches and church buildings. But more serious is the loss consequent on the dispersal of very large numbers of our people. Through that dispersal the Church's work has been in large measure disorganised or indeed paralyzed over a great part of the City. For some time the difficulty of carrying on and meeting necessary expenditure including the payment of assessments will be beyond the power of several of the City parishes. It was such considerations that led me, in a recent letter, to recommend the establishment of a Church Maintenance Fund. Towards the task of re-building where re-building may be recommended as vital, we may hope to get some grants, or loans or easy terms from Central sources. But, in the main, we shall have to depend on ourselves whether we think of reconstruction work or of Church Maintenance. There, in a few words, is the call. No particular course is dictated to you. Different methods may well be chosen in and for different areas, e.g.,

special collections carefully prepared for, on particular Sundays, or house-to-house efforts by Parish Committees, or the adoption by Rural Deaneries of particular City Churches, to help those Churches to pay their assessments, or to meet other expenses. I know that at least one Rural Deanery was advised to adopt, for the duration of the war, one of the largest and poorest of our City Parishes, one, too, which suffered heavily in the recent raids. There are, alas, several parishes where the need is as great. Assistance given now would prevent the breaking of the Church's lives where the Church's witness was never more essential than it is to-day and would also help to forge new links between city and non-city parishes with possibilities of spiritual enrichment for all. I am confident that you will do your part and give such a lead as the times demand. By God's grace let us all so quit ourselves that what is now a day of adversity may prove to be a day with rich blessing in it for our Church and Country.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

JOHN F. DOWN.

On Sunday, September 7th, envelopes for this urgent need will be distributed and should be returned on the following Sunday with an offering from you worthy of the need and as a thank-offering for the fact that we in this area have escaped the destruction which has fallen so heavily on our brethren in the City of Belfast.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

All our Sunday Schools will re-open on Sunday, September 7th, and parents are asked to see that their children turn out on that day.

The two morning Sunday Schools commence at 10.15 a.m., the afternoon ones at 3 p.m.

BIBLE CLASS.

The Men's Bible Class will re-open on Sunday, September 7th, in the Orange Hall, Bridge St., at 10.15 a.m. This is open to any man or boy who cares to attend. We feel many more than at present, of the younger men and lads of our parish might attend.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

Please note that the Rev. W. F. Hayes has changed his address to 14, Margretta Park. At present he is spending, and we hope enjoying, a well-earned holiday.

MOTHERS' UNION.

The Rev. W. F. Hayes addressed the members on Tuesday, August 12th.

The next meeting will take place in Seagoe School on Tuesday, September 9th, at 7.30 p.m.

BEQUEST TO THE PARISH.

The late George Matchett, of Derryvore, in his will bequeathed £50 "to the Rector for the time being of Seagoe Parish Church to be devoted to the upkeep of the said Church." This has already been lodged with the Parochial Hon. Treasurer and it will be invested in the near future so that the parish will have the interest annually in perpetuity. This generous bequest speaks well of the forethought and interest which Mr. Matchett had in the Church's welfare in this parish, and we hope many others will make like provision when they are settling their affairs for the time when they can no longer help by their presence, so that their name will be kept in remembrance in the annual financial report.

BLANK W.F.O. ENVELOPES.

Twice recently a subscriber returned a contribution of 3d or 4d in a blank envelope without name or number. Of course, when this happens, it must be understood that money returned in this way cannot be acknowledged in the annual financial report, as there is no possible means of identifying the donor. If by any chance you mislay temporarily your regular set of W.F.O. envelopes and want to send in your contribution put it into an envelope but make sure you put your name on it and it will be credited to you in the ordinary way.

ANOTHER "DON'T."

Please do not use 1939 or 1940 envelopes in the year 1941. This also makes confusion and adds considerably to the already heavy burden of our Hon. W.F.O. Secretary in opening the envelopes and checking and entering up the amounts in the ledger.

ANNUAL C.M.S. RALLY.

The Church Missionary Society Great Annual Rally will take place this year in the Wellington Hall on Saturday afternoon, September 27th, at 3.30 o'clock. The programme will be a particularly interesting one. Our old friend the Archbishop of Dublin is coming, and Miss Elizabeth Forsythe, of the Central Tanganyika Mission will speak about the work overseas. Arrangements have been made also to present the new C.M.S. moving picture "Go and do thou likewise." It is hoped that the plan of holding the meeting on Saturday afternoon instead of during black-out hours will commend itself to all friends and that there will be a record attendance. Admission will be by ticket, to be obtained through the clergy of the parish. Owing to limitations of space, children under fourteen cannot be admitted.

CONGRATULATIONS.

We were delighted to see the name of Thomas A. Gracey, Killicomain, in the list of Junior Scholarships awarded recently by the Co. Armagh Education Committee. We hope this is only the beginning of greater successes for him in future.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICES.

(Preliminary Provisional Announcement about dates, etc.

The following are the dates suggested for the various Harvest Festival Services this year:—

HACKNAHAY—Sunday, Sept. 28th, at 3.30 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 29th, at 8 p.m.

CARNE—Sunday, October 5th, at 3.30 p.m.

Monday, October 6th, at 8 p.m.

BOCOMBRA—Sunday, October 5th, at 3.30 p.m.

Monday, October 6th, at 8 p.m.

LEVAGHERY—Sunday, October 12th, at 3.30 p.m.

Monday, October 13th, at 8 p.m.

DRUMGOR—Sunday, October 12th, at 3.30 p.m.

Monday, October 12th, at 8 p.m.

PARISH CHURCH—Sunday, October 19th, 11.30 a.m., 7 p.m.

Children's Service at 3 p.m.

Monday, October 20th, at 8 p.m.

EDENDERRY—Sunday, October 26th, at 3.30 p.m.

Monday, October 27th, at 8 p.m.

The collections at the district services will be allocated as in previous years, one at each for the local hall or Sunday School, and one for the South American Missionary Society.

At the Parish Church Services the Sunday collections will be in aid of the General Expenses Fund of the Parish, and the week-night collection will be in aid of the Dublin University Mission to Fukien.

One of the local clergy will preach on the Sunday afternoon at the district services, and a special preacher will be procured for the Monday evening in each place. This rule will simplify the difficulty in providing special preachers.

NEW RECTORY BUILDING FUND.

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

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| Mr. Wm. Simpson, Carne | .. | £0 2 0 |
| Mr. H. Gordon, Ballinacorr | .. | 0 2 6 |
| Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Costello, Carne | .. | 0 10 0 |
| Mr. George Connolly, Carne | .. | 0 3 0 |
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CHOIR EXCURSION.

On Saturday, August 23rd, the members of the choir, about thirty in all, went by train for an outing to Warrenpoint, accompanied by the organist, Mr. N. Hamilton. By all accounts they enjoyed themselves thoroughly, and were lucky in having for their trip, one of the very few really fine days in August. At present they are practising hard at the Harvest Festival music.

SIDESMEN FOR SEPTEMBER.

Morning Prayer—The Churchwardens, Messrs. D. Sherman, Thos. Ryans, Harold Watters, J. R. Reid.

Evening Prayer—Messrs. Holmes White, Cecil Kirkpatrick, Thos. Gracey, Wm. H. Best, Wm. Neill, Geo. Nixon.

THE LATE MR. S. P. B. SMITH, A.R.C.O.

The neighbouring parish of Shankill, as well as the whole neighbourhood, has suffered a severe loss by the death of Mr. S. P. B. Smith, A.R.C.O., organist for very many years of Shankill Parish Church. Mr. Smith was well known in very many parishes, besides his own, for he was the popular and highly successful musical director of the Choir Festival, which was an annual event greatly looked forward to, each year, until its abandonment owing to the outbreak of war. During his visits to the different choirs he gave much help by his advice, encouragement and criticism, the latter which was always given in a way that evoked a kindly response. Possessed of a genial and kindly personality, he will be greatly missed in the whole neighbourhood, where he was widely known and respected.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PIC-NICS.

Seagoe Morning and Afternoon Sunday Schools held their pic-nic on Saturday afternoon, August 9th, at Seagoe School. Owing to the rain it was not possible to avail of the field so kindly offered by Mrs. Best, Killicomaine; however, the school yard, with the bicycle shed as a shelter, proved a good substitute, enabling various competitions and games to be held in the open. Mr. E. Mitchell and Mr. R. Scott, with

the help of the teachers, did everything possible to make the event a success. The catering was done by Messrs. Davidson.

The children attending Bocombra are asked to attend at Bocombra Church Hall on Saturday, September 6th, at 3 p.m.

BAPTISMS.

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

August 3rd—Deborah Mulvina Morrow, daughter of William John and Marjorie Anna Costello, Carne.

August 3rd—Francis David, son of David and Ellen Dowd, 4, Levaghery Gardens, Portadown.

August 3rd—Thomas Henry, son of Thomas Henry and Elizabeth Webb, 26, Watson Street, Portadown.

August 10th—Foster, son of Flight Sergt. Foster and Ruth Shanks, Ivy Cottage, Cottesmore, Rutland.

BURIALS.

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

12th August—Letitia Burrell, Lisniskey, aged 76 years.

13th August—Matilda Hamilton, Cranagill, Annaghmore, aged 27 years.

OBITUARY.

Letitia Burrell was in very poor health for a number of years and it was a relief to her to be called to be with her Lord, "where there is no more pain." Matilda Hamilton had been living in the parish of Annaghmore since her marriage a few years ago; her death in Lurgan Hospital was a tragic blow to her husband and parents. We extend our sincere sympathy to the bereaved.

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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.