

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

APRIL, 1914.

The Crisis.

DURING the past month we have been passing through critical times. Especially was this the case during the three eventful days—Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, March 20th, 21st, and 22nd. Everyone felt that serious developments might occur at any moment. Sunday, March 22nd, was a Sunday of sinister rumours. Reference to the crisis were made in the Parish Church at Morning Prayer that day, by the Rev. G. Bloomer, who spoke on the “dark crisis” through which we were passing. At Evening Prayer, the Rector counselled a spirit of calm and patient self-restraint under the trying uncertainties of the hour. Trust in the guiding hand of the most High, and implicit confidence in our leaders were the principles most surely calculated to bring us with safety and honour through the perils which beset us.

The quiet spirit of determined self-confidence with which Ulster met the crisis is a splendid testimony to the discipline which prevails among us. God has, indeed, heard the earnest prayers of his people, offered up in Church and Home for many months past. The splendid stand made by the Army Officers at the Curragh and elsewhere is a welcome proof that the movement against Ulster is recognised even by those outside Ulster as subversive, not merely of unity within the United Kingdom, but of the greater and wider unity of the British Empire.

The Bishop of Down, in a circular just issued, writes:—The position of public affairs at the present time is very critical. Recent events have tended to inflame the minds of a great many among us. We have just escaped the most terrible danger to which any community could be exposed. As a natural result there is hot indignation in many hearts. A spark might easily kindle a conflagration. It is a time when every possible effort should be made to restrain angry passions, to avoid excitement, and to soften resentment. We hope the good Bishop's words will encourage all to persevere in the path of Prayer of Confidence and of Self-control.

Special Services.

During Holy Week Special Services will be held in the Parish Church each evening (except Saturday) at 8 p.m. Special Addresses will be given on the subject of “The Way to Calvary.” The following is a list of the special subjects and of those who will preach at the Services:—

Monday, April 6th—Rev. O. W. Scott, M.A.,
Rector of Gifford.
Subject—“The Garden of Gethsemane.”

Tuesday, April 7th—Rev. H. W. Rennison, B.A.,
Curate of Drumcree.

Subject—“The Betrayal.”

Wednesday, April 8th—Subject—“The Trial.”

Thursday, April 9th—Subject—“The Last Supper.”
(N.B.—Communicants are specially invited to this service.)

GOOD FRIDAY.

11-30 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Sermon.

Subject—“The Humiliation of the Cross.”

8 p.m.—Evening. Prayer and Sermon.

Subject—“The Triumph of the Cross.”

On Good Friday the Offerings at both Services will be in aid of the Jews' Society.

EASTER DAY.

On Easter Day the following Services will be held—

8 a.m.—Holy Communion.

11-30 a.m.—Morning Prayer, Sermon, and Holy Communion.

Subject—“The Fact of the Resurrection.”

7 p.m. Evening Prayer and Sermon.

Subject—“The Results of the Resurrection.”

(N.B.—The Offertories on Easter Day at all Services will be in aid of the Parish Sunday Schools.)

We heartily invite the Parishioners to attend these Special Services. Make this week a Holy week, not in name only, but in deed and in truth. We cannot lightly enter upon a period of such sacred memories. Arrange your engagements during the week so that you will be free to attend the Service each evening at the Parish Church.

School Concert.

The Concert held in Hacknahay School on Thursday, March 19, brought together a crowded audience. The Programme was very enjoyable, especially the numerous items provided by the pupils of the Day School. The Action Songs were very cleverly sung. “Topsy-Turvy” provoked great laughter. The “Hobby Horses” trotted about the platform in a very amusing fashion. “Dolly's go-cart” was sung very sweetly by little Ella Heathwood. Among the other items Mr. Cooper's Comic Songs were much enjoyed, and Miss Chambers, the Principal of the School, was loudly applauded for her songs, “Absent” and “Love's Old Sweet Song.” Mr. Chambers and Mr. Boyle kindly assisted in the arrangements of the Concert, the former also acting as accompanist for many of the items. Miss S. Martin and Miss Else West contributed several excellent items. The Proceeds of the Concert were in aid of Hacknahay Day School.

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BAPTISMS.

"Go, and Baptise all Nations."

Baptised on March 7th, 1914.

Ellis—Mary Jane, daughter of James and Agnes Ellis, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Emma Moffett, Agnes Ellis.

Carville—Margaret Jane, daughter of Valentine and Amelia Carville, of Killicomaine.

Sponsors—Margaret Roney, Amelia Carville.

Hewitt—Mary, daughter of Thomas John and Sarah Jane Hewitt, of Killicomaine.

Sponsors—Mary Jane Forde, Sarah Jane Hewitt.

Simpson—Leslie, son of James and Sarah Simpson, of Carne

Sponsors—Elizabeth Connolly, Sarah Simpson.

Curry—Thomas John, son of William Henry and Elizabeth Anne Curry, of Ballymacraiddle.

Sponsors—Judith McNeill, Elizabeth Anne Curry.

MARRIAGE.

"Love Divine, all Love excelling."

Wright and Dynes—March 14th, 1914, William Henry Wright, of Edenderry, to Eliza Dynes, of Lisnisky.

BURIALS.

"Jesus said unto her, Weep not."

Magee—March 13th, 1914, Margaret Magee, of Edenderry, aged 17 years.

Corkin—March 23rd, 1914, Elizabeth Corkin, of Moyravery, aged 72 years.

Hawthorne—March 24th, 1914, Alex. Hawthorne, of Edenderry, aged 71 years.

Gilmour—March 26th, 1914, John Gilmour, of Drumnacanvey.

Hymns for April.

5th.—M—160, 161, 369, 159. E—171, 518, 165, 43, 640 p. III. 12th.—M—189, Anthem, 591, 530. E—185, Anthem, 189, 188, 324. 19th.—M—196, 193, 243, 625. E—192, 199, 543, 319, 324. 26th.—M—44, 284, 300, 252. E—53, 318, 219, 630, 24.

Easter Anthem—"Alleluia, for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth" by Rev. E. Vine Hall, M.A.

Insurance Contributions

(At Church Door).

March 8th—Morning, £1 8s 1½d; Evening, 6s 2d.
March 15th—Morning, £1 5s 3½d; Evening, 2s 9d.
March 22nd—Morning, £1 2s 2½d; Evening, 3s 3d.
March 29th—Morning, £1 3s 3½d; Evening, 4s 6½d.
Total, £5 15s 7½d.

Sum required ... £21 0 0
Already received ... 5 15 7½

Balance required ... £15 4 4½



Many of our readers, especially in Edenderry, will be glad to possess a remembrance of Maggie Magee, so well known in the neighbourhood where she lived, and whose death at an early age was so deeply lamented. She passed to her Eternal Rest after a painful illness on 11th March, 1914. Margaret Magee had from her earliest years taken a very active part in Christian work in Edenderry. She was never absent from Sunday School and Church, and had on several occasions been awarded special Prizes—a Silver Medal and Books, for exceptional regularity of attendance. When a pupil in Seagoe Day School, she took a leading part in everything connected with the School. She was also a most active member of Edenderry Band of Hope. In spite of increasing weakness she was present at her Sunday School Class so recently as February 1st of this year. Her Funeral on Friday, March 13th, was very largely attended, and many marks of sympathy were shown along the route. Her fellow-workers in Edenderry assembled outside their workroom as the funeral procession passed. The example of active Christian work shown by Margaret Magee should lead many amongst us to dedicate their lives while young to the service of our Lord Jesus Christ. Her bright and happy presence amongst us was a constant witness to the joy of consecrated childhood and youth. The sense of loss which we feel must be but slight when compared with that of her widowed mother and near relatives with whom, in their sad bereavement, we express our deepest sympathy.

Offeratories for March.

Sunday Morning,	£6 13 7
" Evening,	2 1 7
Week Days,	0 6 11
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ITEMS.

It is worth noting that in the Parish of Seagoe, which contains 3200 members of the Church of Ireland, every single adult parishioner, without exception, is enrolled in the Unionist cause. This is, we believe, a record which would be hard to beat, and it speaks well for the absolute unanimity which prevails in the Parish.

From many letters recently received we rejoice to learn that those who leave Seagoe for distant lands carry with them their loyalty to the old Church of Ireland, and attend regularly the Parish Church in the land of their adoption.

We regret that some of our customary subscribers were unable to obtain copies of our March issue. The 350 copies issued were all bought up within three days of publication. We would recommend our readers to become annual subscribers (1/- per annum), and thus make sure of a copy each month.

Mrs. Greenhalgh (formerly Miss Maggie Dickson, of Drumnagoon), writes an interesting letter from Neepawa, Manitoba, Canada:—We are living in a nice little town 116 miles west of Winnipeg. It is the fifth largest town in Manitoba, and has a population of about 2,200. We have a nice little English Church here. It is not very large, but it is very nice inside, and is very well attended. There is a good surplised choir, and a lady organist. We had a Mission in November. It was conducted by the Rev. Canon Murray, son of the late Dean Murray, of Ballymena. There are very few Irish out here. A family named Pink, from Gilford, are the nearest.

This has been a remarkable season for hedge-cutting. Scarcely a hedge in the Parish has escaped the knife. Many cyclists unfortunately have reason to remember the industry of the husbandmen by the possession of a deflated tyre, though we must say that the farmers have made every effort to clear the thoroughfares of thorns. The unsettled weather by hindering work in the fields has driven our farming friends to level the hedges, and a very good work it is. Many acres of useful land are wasted in hedges and ditches.

The Rector is still receiving letters from distant parts of the world claiming a share in the Harrison millions. This week's letter came from a lady in Toronto, a Canadian by birth, who volunteers to come over to Ireland, if necessary, to pursue the search, even though she is "old and deaf." Of course the "millions" are quite mythical.

An excellent Concert was given in Carne on Tuesday, March 3rd. Messrs. Birrell and Fawcett from Belfast, contributed many amusing items, and were assisted by Messrs. Johnson and McCullagh. Misses E. West, and S. Martin also kindly helped, and Mr. S. Chambers accompanied.

The Rev. Arthur Chase, Rector of Trinity Church, Ware, Mass., U.S.A., writes to the Rector, acknowledging a letter of commendation for a Seagoe family who have gone to reside in his Parish. He says—"I am glad to assure you that the members of the family attend regularly the Parish Church."

The Golf Links at Seagoe are nearly completed, and promise to provide a very pleasant place of recreation for the inhabitants of Portadown. We hope special terms will be made for working men members. Golf is a game for all classes, and the men of Edenderry will have a fine opportunity for engaging in a most healthful and enjoyable pastime. Who knows but that some incipient Vardon or Braid is at this moment developing in Bridge Street or Joseph Street.

The amount sent to Foreign Missions this year from Seagoe Parish totals up to £53.

The General Synods meet in Dublin this year, during the week commencing April 27th. Seagoe sends three representatives to this central Council of the Church.

Nature Notes.

April is one of the most important months for observing the processes of Nature in plant and animal life. The ground beneath our feet bursts into a new life of colour and beauty; the air is filled with the music of birds. One of the most remarkable features in Nature-life this month is the return from southern climes of our summer migrants. Who amongst us will be the first to witness the swift flight of the Swallow, winging its way from the Tropics to our colder latitudes? Who will be the first to hear the rasp of the Corncrake as it pushes its rapid way through the dewy grass? Which of us will first hear the musical note of the Cuckoo, which has not been heard in these parts for eight months? These are objects to keep in view during this month. It is quite possible that within the next few days our eyes and ears will be gladdened by such welcome sights and sounds. A southerly wind generally induces our migrants to change their winter for their summer quarters. We shall be glad as usual to publish in our next issue the names of those who first hear and see our feathered visitors. Among Flowers, observers should note the lesser Calendine, one of the earliest and prettiest of our spring blossoms. Its polished, yellow petals, and bright green rounded leaf are fitted to withstand the frosts and rains of early spring. It grows in profusion in the grove beside Seagoe School. In appearance it resembles the Buttercup, and is often mistaken for it.

The Stars this month are very bright. The brightest of all is Sirius, which now shines each night in the south west, setting about 10 p.m. The "sickle" of the Lion is due south every night about 9-30 p.m.

The Jumble Sale.

Although but a brief preparation was made for the Jumble Sale it proved, as usual, a great success. We cannot hope each year to increase our supply of saleable goods, so many rivals have now entered the field, but this year there was a large supply of articles of various kinds sent in by many kind friends. The sale began on Saturday, March 28th, at 5 p.m., and within an hour the tables were cleared, with the result that a gross sum of £5 4s 7d was realised. The proceeds will be equally divided between Seagoe Day School Fund and the District Services' Fund.

Old Seagoe Notes.

Newspapers in Seagoe, 1773.—So far back as the year 1773 the inhabitants of Seagoe were interested in newspapers. At least we may gather this from the following entry in the Burial Registers for that year :—

1773, March 25th, John Macdowel, News' Letter Carrier, aged 78.

The word "News Letter" in the above entry possibly refers to the "Belfast News-Letter," which is one of the oldest newspapers in existence.

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An Impressive Funeral, 1855.—The Funeral of Lieut.-Col. William Blacker, which took place to Old Seagoe Graveyard, on Friday, November 30th, 1855, was a most impressive incident, and is still remembered by some of our older Parishioners. Colonel Blacker died at the age of 79, on Sunday, November 25th, 1855, just on the stroke of noon, and as the Parishioners were assembling for Morning Prayer at the Parish Church. The following is an account of the Funeral, taken from a contemporary record :—

The mortal remains of the lamented Colonel Blacker were conveyed on Friday last, at 12 noon, from the residence of the lamented gentleman, Carrick House, for interment in the Family Burying Ground at Seagoe Church amidst general grief. About a quarter of an hour previous to the setting forth of the melancholy procession, the children of the two Schools and the choir of Hacknahay proceeded in advance to the Church where they sang a part of one of those hymns written by Colonel Blacker, which he was in the habit of getting printed for their use each year. Shortly after 12 the funeral procession left. First advanced 76 Tenant Farmers wearing scarfs and hatbands. Several of these had served with the late Colonel in the Regiment of which he was Colonel and others in the Yeomanry Corps of which he was Colonel. Then followed twelve soldiers, sons of tenant farmers, who carried the coffin. The Pallbearers were Colonel Verner, Colonel Close, Lord Lurgan, and J. Harden, Esq., of Harrybrook. Ninety carriages and other vehicles joined in the procession, and a vast multitude followed on horseback and on foot. The service at the grave was taken by the Rev. Capel Wolsey, Curate of Seagoe, and the Rev. J. A. Beers.

Sale of a Seat in Old Seagoe Church, 1802.—The following entry occurs in the Records, dated Tuesday, April 20th, 1802 :—

Be it here recorded in the presence of the above persons that Ralph Wilson, of Kilvergan, and Mary Wilson, of Ballyhannon, have for and in consideration of the sum of Four pounds, eleven shillings, paid by them, received, given up and transferred to Abraham Walker, of Levaghery, and William Lutton, of Breagh, all their right, title, and property in the sixth seat from the Communion Table, on the North Side of the Church of Seagoe.

G. BLACKER,
WM. DICKSON, THOS. WOOLSEY,
FRAS. DOHERTY.

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Churchwardens of Seagoe.—(Continued).

- 1811—Mr. John Overend, of Portadown.
Mr. David Ruddell, of Turmoyra
- 1812—Mr. John Overend, of Portadown.
Mr. Wm. Gilpin, of Tamnaphiglasson.
- 1813—Mr. John Overend, of Portadown.
Mr. Wm. Gilpin, of Tamnaphiglasson.
- 1814—Mr. Wm. Gilpin, of Tamnaphiglasson.
Mr. Wolsey Atkinson.
- 1815—Mr. Wm. Gilpin, of Tamnaphiglasson.
Mr. Thomas Jones.

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A Wrangling Vestry, 1761.—On a torn leaf in the Records the following entry occurs in the handwriting of the Rev. Wm. Tisdall, who was Curate of Seagoe Parish for a short time before the death of the Vicar, Rev. Hugh Tisdall :—

29th September, 1761.—A very wrangling Vestry. Tuft and Holland were pests.

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A Stiff Churchwarden, 1815.—The following note occurs under date 1815 :—

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