

Seagoe Parish Magazine

APRIL, 1935.

CLERGY :

Rev. Chancellor Archer, B.D., The Rectory, Seagoe.

Rev. W. F. Hayes, B.A., The Bungalow, Lower Seagoe, Portadown.

CHURCHWARDENS :

Rector's—Mr. John Harrison Twinem.

People's—Mr. Robert M'Clements.

The Easter Collect.

Almighty God, who through thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life; We humbly beseech thee, that, as by thy special grace preventing us thou dost put into our minds good desires, so by thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Special Services.

During Holy Week, beginning on Monday, April 15th, Special Services will be held each evening in the Parish Church at 8 p.m. The subjects each evening will have reference to the events connected with the closing days of our Lord's life—The Agony in the Garden of Gethsemane, The Betrayal, The Trial, The Last Supper. "The Story of the Cross" will be sung at each Service.

Good Friday.

On Good Friday the following Services will be held:—

11.30 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Litany.

8 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon.

The offerings on Good Friday will be in aid of the Church of Ireland Jews Society.

Easter Day.

On Easter Day the Services in the Parish Church will be as follows:—

8 a.m.—Holy Communion.

11.30 a.m.—Morning Prayer, Sermon and Holy Communion.

7 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon.

The offerings at all Services on Easter Day will be on behalf of the Sunday Schools of the Parish.

The Message of Holy Week.

Each returning year the Church through her Liturgy brings before us in solemn sequence the

events which led up and culminated in the Tragedy of Calvary. No other event in the world's history has had such tremendous results and such far-reaching effects. The whole Christian world during that week takes its stand at the foot of the Cross on Calvary. The supreme sacrifice made by the Son of Man with its efficacy for time and for Eternity is brought before our hearts and minds by hymn and Psalm and Prayer. It is fitting that those who are members of the Church, which is the Body of Christ, should at such a season avail themselves of every opportunity of public worship and private meditation. Each evening during that solemn week they will have the opportunity of worshipping with God's people in the House of Prayer, and of thinking out, each one for himself, their share in these stupendous happenings.

The Easter Message.

When the gloom and sorrow of Good Friday have passed there suddenly bursts upon us the joy of Easter with its eternal message of Life and Hope. The empty sepulchre, the Risen Lord, the Glorified Body, all remind us that the terror of Death is past and that the Christ is now exalted as the Risen Saviour. We will assemble in the House of Prayer and kneel around the Holy Table with joyful hearts, because "Christ is risen indeed." The Easter Anthem will be a true song of praise for the Triumph of the Resurrection.

The Easter Vestry.

The annual Easter Vestry will be held in Seagoe School on Thursday, April 25th, at 8 p.m. All members of the General Vestry are eligible to attend this meeting. At this meeting the Churchwardens for the ensuing year are nominated and elected. The Select Vestry is also elected and the Sidesmen and Glebewardens.

Sunday School Excursion.

A meeting of Sunday School Superintendents and Teachers will be held in Seagoe School on Thursday, April 11th, at 8 p.m., to arrange the date and place of the Sunday School Excursion for this year. An address on "Methods of Sunday School Teaching" will be given by Mr. R. Scott at this meeting as suggested at the recent Sunday School Conference.

Drumgor Sunday School.

On the afternoon of Easter Day, at 3.30, the Rev. F. M'Cullough, Curate of Shankill, will give an address to the children in Drumgor Church Hall.

C.L.B. Inspection.

On Tuesday, April 30th, the Annual Inspection and Display of Seagoe C.L.B. will be held in the Parochial Hall at 8 p.m. Tickets, 1/- each, are now on sale. Those who have been present at the Inspection and Display in previous years will know how interesting the programme is. We have come to regard the C.L.B. entertainment as the best in the Parish.

Easter "Good Turn."

The Members and Candidates of Seagoe G.F.S. kindly ask the Parishioners to give them their support in their egg collection during the week before Easter, for the sick and poor of Seagoe Parish and for the Hospitals.

Our Summer Migrants.

Those who have quick ears and eyes will be on the look-out for the first swallow, cuckoo, and cornerake, which are due this month. Possibly some of these feathered tourists are already packing up in a southern clime preparatory to revisiting our fields and hedgerows. They are harbingers of summer.

Jews Society.

The following box collections for the Jews' Society have been received per Mr. Harry Hynes:—Miss Halliday, £1; A Friend, £1; Miss G. Watters, 11s 5d; Misses N. and N. K. Montgomery, 10s; Miss F. Hynes, 5s 6d; Mrs. R. Hoy, 5s; Miss A. Allen, senr., 3s 9d; Mrs. J. Shanks, 4s 1d; Mrs. Wm. Neill, 3s 4½d; Mrs. Flannigan, 2s 10½d; Mr. A. Allen, 2s 11½d; Miss M. Atkinson, 2s 9½d; Mrs. R. Magee, 2s 6½d; Mr. J. Walker, 1s 4d; Miss A. Cox, 2s 4½d; Harry Hynes, 6s. Total—£5 4s 0d.

C.M.S. Box Collection.

The following sums have been received per Miss Atkinson—Mrs. Kirk, 1s 3½d; Mrs. Ephraim Collins, 2s 6d; Miss Lizzie Gracey, 6s 3d; Mrs. Dickson, 6s 8d; Mrs. Stoops, 2s 6d; Mrs. Dawson, 11s 2d; Mrs. Flannigan, 3s 4½d; Mrs. Metcalf, 2s 4½d; Miss Atkinson, 2s 6d; Miss G. E. Atkinson, 10s.

Hacknahay—Mrs. Bradshaw, 8s 1½d; Miss Minnie England, 3s 6d; Miss Minnie M'Cormick, 4s 3d; Miss Sadie Maginnis, 5s; Miss Dinah Montgomery, 2s 5½d; Miss Jane Currie, 3s 8d; Miss Annie Magee, 1s 9½d; Miss Sophia Jennett, 7s 5d; Miss Margaret M'Kane, 3s 7d; Miss Elizabeth Neill, 7s 2d; Mrs. N. England, 8s; Mr. George M'Neill, 3s 8d; Norman Cregan, 3s; Miss Rebecca Calvert, £1 18s 7d. Total—£7 8s 10d.

Miss Gillespie, Asst. Sec. C.M.S. writes as follows:—

"Dear Miss Atkinson,—Many thanks for your

letter enclosing cheque £7 8s 10d from Missionary boxes. We are most grateful for this continued support from Seagoe Parish, and shall be glad if you will kindly convey our thanks to those concerned.—Yours sincerely, Anna Gillespie."

South American Missionary Society

Support of Indian Baby by the Mothers' Union, £3; Support of Indian Girl by Seagoe, Hacknahay and Drumgor Afternoon Sunday Schools boxes, £3; Miss Calvert, 16s 9d; Miss Agnes Guy, 5s 7d; Mrs. Lewie, 10s; Miss Sarah Montgomery, 9s 2½d; Mrs. H. Sloan, 5s 1d; Miss Margaret Reid, 10s; Mrs. Jack Walker, 3s 1½d; Card—Miss Atkinson, £5 18s 6d. Total—£14 18s 3d.

Seagoe Mothers' Union.

On Tuesday, April 9th, a meeting of the Mothers' Union will be held in Seagoe School at 7.30 p.m.

At the last meeting of the Mothers' Union held in Seagoe School on Tuesday, March 12th, Dr. (Miss) Minford, of Ardmore, gave a very interesting and useful Health Lecture. There was a large attendance. The Committee of St. Mark's Mothers' Union were present on the invitation of the Seagoe branch.

Concert in Edenderry.

A most enjoyable concert was given in the Parochial Hall on Thursday, March 28th, at 8 p.m. The Hall was crowded and the platform with its heavy curtains and electric lights looked very pretty. Every item on the programme was good and encores were called for very frequently. The Rector presided, and those present stood while prayer was offered. The concert was organised to raise funds towards the cost of Sunday School prizes for the Edenderry Sunday Schools. The first item was a song and chorus by the girls' choir. They sang very well and were loudly applauded. Sketches, songs and musical items followed. The sketches were very amusing. The duet "Will you walk with me," sung by Miss Alice M'Dugal and Lieut. Hynes was received with great applause. It was sung with great spirit and brought down the house. Lieut. Hynes, with his flute, caused great amusement and his songs were very good. A folk dance by two Edenderry girls was very nice and graceful. A musical item for two violins and the piano was a great success. Recitations were much appreciated. Miss M'Dugal accompanied each item on the piano and helped greatly towards the success of the evening. At the close the Rector expressed the thanks of all present to those who had organised and taken part in the concert, and especially to Lieut. Joseph Hynes for the success of the concert.

C.L.B.:

A meeting of C.L.B. officers of companies outside Belfast was held in the Parochial Hall on Saturday, March 30th, at 4 p.m. There was a large attendance and it was decided to form a 2nd Battalion of the C.L.B. for the Dioceses of Derry, Down and Armagh. Those present were entertained to tea by Mrs. E. Mitchell and Miss M. Best.

A Missionary Play.

On March 14th a very interesting Missionary play was given in the Parochial Hall by a group of performers from Shankill Parish, Lurgan. The proceeds, which amounted to over £12, were for our general Parochial Fund. The Rev. W. F. Hayes presided. Two plays were given, one entitled "Contrasts" and the other "The Lady with the Lamp." The Hall was crowded, and the scenes in costume were very impressive. The scenes displayed the good work done in Heathen lands by the devoted Missionary workers. It was very kind of our Lurgan friends to come over and help us in such a practical way. The play stirred up much Missionary interest among our people.

Parish Register for March.**Baptisms.**

The following were baptized in the Parish Church on March 2nd, 1935:—

Baxendine—John Francis Sherman, son of Robert Francis Riley and Margaret Anna Baxendine, of 31 Craigleith Drive, Edinburgh.

Sponsors—William Robert Sherman, Robert Francis Riley Baxendine, Mary Johnston.

Glassey—Elizabeth, daughter of William John and Rosina Glassey, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Margaret Thomas, Rosina Glassey.

Roney—Grace Elizabeth Mabel, daughter of Samuel and Christina Roney, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Mary Isabella Roney, Christina Roney.

M'Cabe—Joseph Howard, son of Thomas and (the late) Mary M'Cabe, of Seagoe Upper.

Sponsors—Anne Greenaway, Dinah M'Cabe.

Traynor—Robert Alexander, son of Francis Sloan and Beatrice Helena Traynor, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Sarah Elizabeth Newell, Margaret Jane Treanor.

Burials.

Irwin—March 30th, Margaret Irwin, of Edenderry, aged 42 years.

M'Minn—April 5th, Samuel M'Minn, of Kernan, aged 35 years.

The Silver Jubilee.

The Silver Jubilee of King George the Fifth will be held on Monday, May 6th. Full particulars regarding the Services in the Church will be given in our next issue. The Jubilee Services will demand a full attendance of the Parishioners at their Parish Church.

The Musical Festival.

The Musical Festival has been a great success. Many of the competitors hailed from Seagoe Parish, and several have been successful. The adjudicators have been very complimentary in their references to the musical abilities of the competitors. The Festivals have done much to encourage good reading and singing in our midst. We hope that parents in Seagoe Parish will encourage their children to compete each year at the Festival.

**25 Years Ago
APRIL, 1910.**

The issue for this month contained portraits of the outgoing Churchwardens, Mr. James Albin and Mr. John George Gracey. A record is given of the services during Holy Week and Easter. Among the Easter "Watch" cards the names of George and Mary Wilson are credited with the largest collection, 10/-. Mr. Leonard Twinem had hospitably entertained the Teachers and children of Seagoe Sunday School prior to his sailing for New York on the s.s. California on April 2nd. Five Baptisms are recorded, also 3 Marriages and five Burials. A Service of Song, "Hannington, the Lion-hearted," was given by the G.F.S. in the Parochial Hall on March 4th. The story was sympathetically read by the Rev. W. R. Crichton, and the slides were shown by Mr. M'Kittrick. The new Churchwardens were Mr. Charles Collins and Mr. Thomas Reid. Confirmation Classes were being started. Old Seagoe Notes contained a list of Churchwardens of Seagoe from 1693 to 1699.

Old Seagoe Notes.**Seagoe in the Days of Old.**

[We continue this month the notes written by Dean Dawson which appeared in our issue of last month.]

"At the beginning of the 19th century efforts for the building of a new church were inaugurated and promoted by the Rev. George Blacker (the youngest brother of Dean Blacker), who was vicar of Seagoe from 1796 to 1810. The first trace of these efforts to be found in the parish records is under April 30, 1804, when, at a vestry held on that day, it was agreed that a balance of £40 5s 3d, then in the hands of the Vicar, shall be laid out, along with other moneys, for the repairs of, or building a new church, as may hereafter be approved of and appear necessary to the parishioners. At a Vestry held

on September 3rd, 1805, it was agreed, 'that the sum of two pence per acre be levied and collected off the inhabitants, to be laid out in building a new church, or repairing the present church of Seagoe, as the parishioners hereafter shall think proper.' At subsequent vestries, in the years 1806—1810, sums varying from £427 to £137 were similarly apportioned on the parish 'for incidental charges, and towards building a new church.' In this way above £1,026 were collected 'towards the new church.'

The Rev. George Blacker was not permitted to witness the maturity of his efforts, as he died, amid universal regret, in May, 1810, at the early age of 46 years. The good work, however, was carried on under Dean Blacker, who succeeded his brother as vicar of Seagoe, and his cousin the Rev. Richard Olpherts, who became curate of Seagoe in June, 1810. Their joint efforts were afterwards commemorated in a memorial-stone, inserted over the East window of the new church on the outside, inscribed with their initials and the date of foundation, 1814.

At a Vestry held March 31, 1812, a committee was appointed for 'building the new church of the parish of Seagoe.' It consisted of the following persons:—Rev. Richard Olpherts, Captain Woolsey, and Messrs. Robert Fivv, Woolsey Atkinson, Wm. Overend, David Ruddell, Joseph Malcomson, and Tolerton Lutton. When it was decided to erect a new church it was found impossible to build the larger edifice upon the old site—hallowed by its religious use for centuries—because the graves had been permitted to encroach upon the Southern and Western sides of the church, so that the earth was raised several feet above the floor. A new site, measuring above two roods and thirteen perches, in the adjoining townland of Upper Seagoe, and about

forty perches distant, was granted by Lady Olivia Sparrow, acting as guardian for her son, Robert Acheson St. John Bernard Sparrow. The deed of conveyance is dated March 2, 1814, and six days later, at a vestry held on March 8, the unanimous consent of the parishioners was given to the change of site; which was finally confirmed by an order of the Privy Council on June 21, 1814. Slightly anticipating this formal authorisation, the foundation stone of the new building was laid on Wednesday, June 1, 1814. The late Lt. Col. Wm. Blacker has preserved the record of the document 'placed under the first stone of the church of Seagoe.' (See Mason's Survey of Ireland, Vol. II. p 538.) It is as follows:—

" 'Be it remembered, at a time when the dearest interests of Christianity were at stake; when in countries erewhile Christian the temple of the Most High was entered only in profanation, and the name of God invoked but in blasphemy—amidst the wildest raging of foreign war and domestic treason; amid the anarchy of the world—even then did the parishioners of Seagoe ('a people zealous of good works,' much incited thereto by their pious and beloved vicar, George Blacker, now, alas, no more) resolve to erect a new church, more suited to the dignity of their God, and better calculated to accommodate the increasing members of His worshippers. In furtherance of which, after many delays incidental to such an undertaking, the first stone of the intended edifice was laid on the first day of June, 1814, in the 54th year of the reign of George III. The Right Rev. John Leslie, Bishop of Dromore; the Rev. Stewart Blacker, vicar of the parish; the Rev. Richard Olpherts, curate; John Overend and Wm. Gilpin, Churchwardens—L. Brownlee, Architect.' "

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 Saturday of each Month at 3 p.m., and during any Service in the Parish Church, notice be given; Two Sponsors at least are required and they must be Confirmed Members of the Church. 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—2nd Sunday of Month at 4 p.m.

Edenderry—Wednesdays at 8 p.m.

MARRIAGES must be performed between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Licenses are issued by Rev. Canon Hannon, 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 15/-, 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 post free to any subscriber for 3/- per annum.

CLASSES, &c.

BIBLE CLASS FOR MEN in Edenderry on Sundays at 10 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS 10 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 and Fridays.

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

SEAGOE P.E. SCHOOL, 9-15 a.m. Principal—Mr R. Scott.