

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

AUGUST, 1906.

CLERGY :

RECTOR—REV. JAMES E. ARCHER, B.D.,
The Rectory, Seagoe.

CURATE—REV. JOHN TAYLOR, B.A.,
Seagoe Villa.

N.B.—The Clergy will feel greatly obliged if the Parishioners will notify to them any cases of illness at the earliest possible moment.

Churchwardens :

MR. ATKINSON COSTELLO, Carne.
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The Parochial Missions.



MISSIONS have now come to be a recognised feature in Parochial life, and are being more and more largely used by the Church for raising the tone of spiritual life in her parishes. The Bishop of London, whose missions in London Churches have become famous, says that there are four things necessary for a successful mission :—(1) An expectant faith (2) a reverent awe which would realize the presence of God (3) a deeper repentance for sin (4) the eagerness of the "blind man by the wayside" desiring some gifts of grace from Jesus Christ, whether it were purity or patience or courage. He also urges the necessity of earnest preparation. To this end a course of sermons is being preached in the Parish Church, and it is hoped that as many as possible will take advantage of them, and also that constant and earnest prayer will be offered up for a rich out-pouring of the Holy Spirit in our Parish. Let us pray that during the Mission many who are "dead in trespasses and sin" may be brought back into the fold, and also those who are striving to keep on the Lord's side may have their spiritual life deepened and renewed.

OFFERTORIES FOR JULY.

	Morning	Evening
July 1st—3rd Sun. af. Trinity	£1 0 0	£0 9 3
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" 8th—4th Sun. af. Trinity	0 19 8	4 7 2
" 15th—5th Sun. af. Trinity	0 1 11	
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" " Flower Service		0 12 0
" " 5th Sun. af. Trinity		0 9 3
" 22nd—6th Sun. af. Trinity	1 2 5	0 11 3
" 29th—7th Sun. af. Trinity	1 2 10	0 10 3
	£5 14 5	£6 19 2

* * * Baptisms.

"One Lord, one faith, one baptism."

July 7th—Sarah Georgina, daughter of Samuel and Sarah Coulter, Tarson.
" " Letitia Isabella, daughter of Robert and Caroline Magee, Meadow Lane.
" " Herbert, son of Abraham and Margaret Dawson, Ballynaghy.
" " William James, son of James and Sarah Jane Preston, Lylo.
" 15th—William, son of Woolsey and Minnie White, Bocombra.
" 22nd—Annie, daughter of David and Annie Johnston, James' Street.
" 29th—Sarah Jane, daughter of Alex. and Rachel Quinn, Ballynaghy.

Marriage.

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

July 16th—Albert Hall, Partick, Scotland, to Sarah Anne Brown, Edenderry.

Burials.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord,"

July 5th—John Ruddell, Lurgan, aged 51.
" 18th—Maxwell Stoops, Belfast, aged 9.
" 20th—Sarah A. Thompson, Edenderry, aged 64.

We deeply regret to hear of the death of Mrs Pentland, daughter of our respected parishioner, Mr. Wm. Sweeney, of Edenderry. The sad event took place as the result of an operation. She leaves a sorrowing husband and two little children. To all the bereaved friends we tender our deepest sympathy.

It is with deep sorrow we also record the death, after only a few days' illness, of our young friend, Jack Irwin, son of Mr J. Irwin, station-master, Portadown. He was well-known to most of us as a regular worshipper in God's House, and a diligent and attentive member of his Sunday School class,

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where it was a real joy to teach one who took such a deep interest in his lessons and in the study of God's Word, and whose sweet and gentle disposition endeared him to all with whom he came into contact. Though his bright presence will be sorely missed, we cannot but feel that God has taken him, in love, to a higher and fuller service above, and he is still joining with us in the prayers and praises, and God has but transplanted the budding flower from earth, to bloom in perfect beauty in His Garden of Paradise, but the fragrance remains with us here, to draw us ever closer to the Saviour, who has gathered another of His lambs into the shelter of His loving breast. Our deep sympathy goes out to his sorrowing relatives.

Excursion to Dublin.

An excursion has been arranged to Dublin for Horse Show Day, August 30th, Tickets, four shillings. It was with some difficulty this has been brought about, as it is a great concession for the Railway Company to make in allowing such a cheap excursion on such an important day, especially as they are running other special trains at a dearer rate. The Dublin Horse Show is said to be the finest in the world, so we should consider ourselves fortunate in having such cheap tickets. Besides, as the surplus will be devoted to the Bazaar for installing the gas in the Church, it is earnestly hoped that every parishioner, whether in town or country, who can possibly go will do so, and also make this excursion as widely known as possible. Those who went last year can testify to the pleasant day they spent, and we are sure this one will be even more successful. Bills will be issued before the excursion containing alternative programmes for the day.

Church Attendance.

The following children, according to the Church Attendance Cards, have not missed a single service during the last quarter:—Seagoe—Wm. Walker, V. Walker, James Porter, H. England, T. England, Ellen J. England.

Edenderry—Jack Irwin, G. Graham, M. Martin, M. Hawthorne, Jemima Allen, Charlotte Green, E. J. Martin, M. Smith, M. Atkinson, S. Allen, A. Richardson, Isaac Watson, Annie Smith.

The attendance of the following was extremely good:—John Reid, Lena Best, T. Ramsay, John Porter, Maud Dickson, Georgina Livingston, Annie Graham, N. Crawford, Bella Magee, S. Coulter, Maria Roney, N. Dawson, G. Richardson, L. Magee, V. Richardson, A. M'Cormick, Ellen Matthews.

This is very creditable of these children, and their parents ought to be proud to have them in this Roll of Honour. It is, perhaps, the best possible record they could make, and their diligence promises well for their success in after life.

We would suggest that those cards which have not yet been returned should be handed in at once. Any mistakes in this list, if notified to the clergy, will be corrected in the next issue.

Special medals and certificates will be given at the end of the year to those who have not missed any or only a few services.

We would here again remind the parents of the sin of allowing their children to remain away from the morning Sunday School, and no less of allowing them to turn their backs on the Church afterwards. This opportunity of influencing them, if lost in childhood, will never be recalled.

Lest there should be any dissatisfaction expressed at the distribution of prizes, we would warn the children that their prizes will depend quite as much on their attendance at Church as at Sunday School. All the attendance cards will be preserved to the end of the year for this purpose.

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Children's Flower Service.

A most successful Children's Flower Service was held in the Parish Church on Sunday afternoon, July 15th, when the bright and happy faces of the children, and the large quantities of beautiful flowers, showed how heartily the Service was entered into by those present. During the Service a Baptism took place, and afterwards the Rector gave an

address to the children on the subject of "Flowers." He spoke of the admission of a little child into God's Church by Baptism being like the planting of a flower in God's garden of this world, and which was designed by God to grow up into a beautiful, sweet, and fragrant life, shedding joy and gladness all around. The flowers, which covered the steps leading to the Chancel, were afterwards sent to the various Hospitals, and we feel sure that the children who brought them so joyfully would have their joy intensified, could they only witness the pleasure given to many of God's suffering ones, many being children.

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Anniversary Service.

On Sunday, July 8th, the Orangemen of the District attended a special service in Seagoe Parish Church. The service began at 4-30, and there was a crowded congregation. The hymns were sung with great heartiness by all present. The Rector preached from the text Isaiah 52, 1, "Look into the rock whence ye were hewn." He dwelt on the duty of perseverance, courage and faith, illustrating his remarks by reference to the history of Church and State in Ireland. The collection was on behalf of the Orphan Societies.

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C. L. B. Sports.

The Brigade Athletic Sports held on Friday, July 6th, proved a great success. The weather was perfect and between five and six hundred people were present who seemed to enjoy immensely the various races as well as the musical items provided by the excellent Portadown Brass Band. We were afraid at first that the postponement of the races due to the Waterworks Festivities would have spoiled the success of the gathering, but it seemed to have a contrary effect, and nothing could have been more successful. At the close of the sports the valuable prizes were distributed to the winners by Mrs. Watson Walker amidst hearty applause. We owe Mr Watson Walker our sincere thanks for kindly placing his field at the disposal of the Committee. The beautiful situation of Churchview Grounds added much to the pleasure success and of the evening. The following is a list of the prize winners:—

Schoolboy's Race—1, Victor Irwin; 2, George Adamson; 3, Albert Lindsay.

100 Yards Flat—1, T. Gordon; 2, J. Morton; 3, W. Bleakley.

Mile Walk—1, M. Curry; 2, R. Lindsay; 3, S. Canavan and J. Stakes dead heat.

Mile Flat—1, W. Conlin; 2, W. Sergeant; 3, I. Walker.

Hurdle Race (Mile)—1, Isaac Walker; 2, A. Steenson; 3, W. Holmes.

Brigade Race in Uniform—1, A. Curry; 2, Isaac Walker; 3, J. Shanks.

Wheelbarrow Race—1, A. Steenson; 2, S. Curry.
Bucket Race—1, S. Curry; 2, B. Anderson.
Sack Race—1, S. Curry; A. Steenson.

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C. L. B. Camp.

After a most enjoyable and instructive week our Brigade Lads have arrived home, and we are glad to notice that Seagoe are among the prize winners, they having won first prize for the best tent during encampment, second prize for the best line, and first prize for the best guard. Portadown and Drumree shared in the last two prizes. Private Steenson won 2nd prize in the 220 yards championship of the camp, and Lance-Corporal Walker 1st in the bucket race. The Company were in charge of Sergt. Curry, and were highly complimented by Major Laurie of the Irish Rifles for their good drill and general efficiency.

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Notes on Old Seagoe.

One of the most interesting points in connection with the name "Seagoe" is the curious way in which its spelling has varied from time to time. In all the old parish documents it is invariably spelled "Sego," and this seems to be the most correct form, consisting, as it does, of the first syllables of the two Latin words "Sedes Gobhani." About the year 1770 the letter "e" began to be added, apparently with the object of giving the word a more natural ending, and so "Sego" became "Segoe." Then about 1820 another letter began to be inserted possibly with the intention of strengthening the pronunciation of the first syllable which is so noticeable in the homely word "Sagy" so familiar to the ears of our people. Thus the letter "a" was added to the first syllable, and "Segoe" became "Seagoe." Of course the word has no connection with the "sea," although but a few weeks ago we heard a friend remark that he supposed Seagoe must be quite near to the sea because of its name. On many of the tombstones in Seagoe graveyard the old form of the name may still be seen.

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On the right hand side of Seagoe Church tower there is a finely carved stone inserted bearing the date 1816, and underneath mysterious letters S.B., R.O. which have puzzled a great many. There is really no mystery about them. The date is that of the opening of the Church, and the letters are the initials of the churchwardens for that year—Stewart Blacker and Richard Owen. The carved stone over the entrance door of the Church contains the arms of the Diocese of Dromore, an open Bible, crossed keys, surmounted by the episcopal mitre. *Corrected in Sept*

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The oldest buildings in connection with Old Seagoe Church are the stables on the left hand side of the graveyard gates, which, according to the vestry records, were built in the year 1743.

Items.

Mr. Thomas Stothers, principal of Seagoe National School has successfully passed his recent University examination. He now ranks as candidate B.A.

Miss Maggie J. Reid, of Seagoe N.S., has very successfully completed her monitorial course. At the recent examination for classification of monitors, she was placed in 2nd division. She was prepared by Mr. Stothers for all the examinations during her course.

Seagoe National School will re-open on Tuesday, 7th August. It is earnestly hoped that there will be a large influx of pupils. The principal will give assistance and encouragement to pupils, who are likely to benefit by them. A regular and systematic course of instruction is given in the Holy Scriptures and Church Formularies by the clergy and teachers.

The Rector is enjoying a well-earned rest in Guernsey. We wish him a very pleasant holiday.

We notice a deficiency of male voices in the choir and would be glad if some young men with voices would come forward and place them at the disposal of their Church.

We deeply regret to record the departure from our midst of the Misses Robinson, of Lylo House. This removes another of the ancient landmarks, as the parish records show that for centuries this family had a most honourable connection with the Church. Her chief offices have been filled by them for generation after generation, and since the Disestablishment they have been most generous contributors to her funds. We offer to the Misses Robinson our sincere good wishes for their happiness in their new surroundings.

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Watson Walker on the attainment of their silver wedding and wish them many more years of health and happiness.

Sergeants Curry and Montgomery, of Seagoe C.L.B. have given valuable assistance in starting the new Drumcree Company. We wish the Drumcree boys all success.

There were close on sixty entries for our Seagoe Athletic Sports.

Since our last issue the new water supply for the town has been turned on. This ought to be a great boon to our friends in Edenderry. The water is the purest, and has its source in the granite rocks of the Mourne Mountains.

The new reservoir at Ballyhannon is 700 feet below the Shimna River in the Mourne Mountains, where the first reservoir is to be made, and from which our water supply is brought.

At the service for Orangemen, as usual, we noticed the unaccustomed faces of many parishioners in the congregation. It is earnestly hoped that this will not be the only time for another twelve months.

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