

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

AUGUST, 1927.

CLERGY :

Rev. Canon Archer, B.D., The Rectory, Seagoe, Portadown.

Rev. W. A. Henry, 21 Edward St., Portadown.

CHURCHWARDENS :

Rector's—Thos. E. Maginnis, Breagh.

People's—John R. Reid, Portadown.

July Anniversary Service.

On Sunday, July 10th, at 7 p.m., an Anniversary Service was held in Seagoe Parish Church. The Church was crowded and the members of the Lodges who attended numbered 216. The Hymns were very heartily sung, and the choir sang very sweetly a suitable anthem. The special preacher was the Rev. T. C. Moore, M.A., Curate of Shankill. The collection was in aid of the Lord Enniskillen Memorial Orphan Fund, and amounted to £8 18s 0d.

Death of Mrs. Hoy.

We record with much regret the death of Mrs. Hoy, of Lylo, which occurred after a brief illness, on July 10th. Her husband and two elder daughters had only recently left for Canada. Mrs. Hoy got a chill which developed into pneumonia and proved fatal after a few days' illness. Much sympathy is expressed for her children, six in number, who are left motherless and without their father. The funeral took place on Tuesday, July 12th, to Seagoe graveyard.

Church-Workers' Rally.

A Church workers' rally for the Parishes of Seagoe, Portadown and Drumcree will (D.V.) be held in the Town Hall, Portadown, on Tuesday evening, September 27th, at 8 p.m. Admission will be free by tickets. The chair will be taken by the Rev. G. W. Millington, M.A., Rector of St. Mark's. Among the speakers will be the Rev. Canon Kerr, B.D., Rector of Seapatrick (Banbridge), Miss Hartford, head of the Women's Settlement, Belfast, and Mr. Barker Wells, a prominent lay worker, from Belfast. Further particulars will appear in our next issue.

The Magazine.

The circulation of the Seagoe Parish Magazine has continually increased since the beginning of this year. A parishioner recently expressed the pleasure experienced in reading over the back number of the Magazine, especially the Old Seagoe Notes. He had no less than twelve complete years of the Magazine in his possession. Those of our readers who pre-

serve their copies each month will soon find that they have at hand a very interesting record of the Service was held in Seagoe Parish Church. The we print some important and interesting facts regarding the history of the Parish in the 17th and 18th centuries. These facts, relating chiefly to the old Seagoe families of Burleigh and Campbell have never previously been printed. The Rev. Canon Swanzy, Vicar of Newry, the distinguished genealogist, has supplied many of the details given. We hope in an early issue of the Magazine to print a photograph of Dean Blacker, who was Vicar and Rector of Seagoe for 50 years, from 1777 to 1826. Mrs. Dawson, of Corcaine House, Portadown, has very kindly lent us the block from which the portrait will be printed.

Eleven Years Ago.

Extracts from the War Diary of the late Herbert M. Murray, P.P.C.L.I.

[In our June issue we printed Herbert Murray's account of the fierce fighting in which he took part in Sanctuary Wood, outside Ypres. We continue his story this month.]

Monday, June 5th, 1916.—Got up about 8 o'clock and got cleaned up, and in afternoon we had a muster parade, and the Battalion only mustered 330 strong, but there was still hopes that a few stragglers would turn up. No. 1 Company suffered the most casualties. Went to see Colonel's body.

Tuesday, June 6th—Muster Parade. Total number of casualties, counting those who had not turned up, up to date, as 400. Official number of casualties 389, 19 officers—6 killed, 13 wounded.

Wednesday, June 7th—Warned to be ready to march off to rest billets at 7 o'clock, but postponed on account of operations up at the front line. Had to stand to instead, but in afternoon order came to be ready to move off in half an hour. Fell in at 2-30 and marched off 3 o'clock through Poperinghe, getting further and further away from the sound of the guns. Passed Canadians Headquarters and halted for short rest. The General sent out a plate of fruit cake, which was very quickly devoured by those who were nearest. I succeeded in obtaining a piece in the scramble. While passing through Poperinghe Major Gray was thrown from his horse and received a fractured leg. As we were passing through the 42nd Camp they cheered us two or three times. We marched for six hours and finally reached our destination, about two miles from Steenvorde. Nice billets, lots of straw and ideal surroundings.

Thursday, June 8th—Rested; no parades. Friday and Saturday the same. Friday, arrival of new draft

of the 5th University Company, 200 strong. Saturday, another draft of men from the 61st Batt.

Sunday, June 11th—Church Parade drill order at 9-30. Marched up to R.C.R. Headquarters. Chaplain made feeling reference to Colonel Buller's death. Stayed for Holy Communion after service. Went for walk in afternoon.

"Canada in Flanders,"

By Lord Beaverbrook, Vol. 2, p. 173.

[We print below the description given by Lord Beaverbrook in his "Canada in Flanders" of the engagement in which Herbert Murray took part in the early days of June, 1916].

The storm which burst on the Division at 8-30 a.m. on the morning of June 2nd, 1916 was like a tropical tornado which presses men flat to the ground and suffocates them with the mere force of the wind which uproots forests and hurls them headlong, obliterates all ancient landmarks and the houses and shelters of men and beasts. But here the blinding crashes overhead were not those of thunder and lightning but of high explosive. The fragments which drove through the air were not bits of wood or masses of vegetation. They were steel and iron fragments which pierced the flesh and stopped the heart. The solid trenches melted away and mounds and craters appeared where none existed before. At about 1-30 p.m. it became the turn of the Princess Patricia's to withstand the assault. The Princess Patricia's had two companies in the firing line. The right hand company was blown out of its trenches and the survivors took ground in the communication trenches. At 1-30 p.m. the Germans were lapped round the left of all except the front line company, commanded by Captain Niven, which turned about and volleyed into the Germans' right rear. This company kept its position in the front line and maintained it for eighteen hours after the bombardment began. Captain Niven had with one hand to fend off attempts to bomb his men at right and left down the trench, and with the other to turn and enfilade the Germans, who were pressing in on either flank. The enemy then attacked the P.P.'s in the communication trenches. Colonel Buller rallied the supports in the trench. Not satisfied with their rate of progress, he climbed outside to urge them on and was killed instantly. General M'Donnell says of Buller—He fell as the splendid soldier and gallant-hearted gentleman would have wished, in the forefront of the battle, at the head of his Regiment, all ranks of which idolised him. If the support line had gone the whole of the Ypres salient would at that hour in the day have gone with it. Colonel Buller and his men held the post at the critical hour.

(To be continued.)

ITEMS

At the General Synod held in Dublin in May Mr. James Twinem, who is a lay representative to the Synod from the United Diocese of Down and Connor and Dromore, proposed a notice of motion suggesting that the General Synod should occasionally be held in Belfast. The Rector (Rev. Canon Archer) seconded the motion, which was eventually rejected.

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The levelling of the road at the entrance to the graveyard at Old Seagoe is a much-needed improvement. The open drain was always a source of danger, especially at the time of funerals.

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A large number of graves in Old Seagoe graveyard are now very neatly kept and brightened with fragrant and pretty flowers. We are glad also to record that some of the grave plots in Seagoe Church ground are now also carefully tended and neatly planted with flowers.

List of Advertisers in Seagoe Parish Magazine.

The following firms advertise in the Seagoe Magazine:—

- Messrs. T. J. Montgomery & Son.
- „ Wm. Paul & Son, Ltd.
- „ Thomas Hyde & Son.
- „ Hamilton & Rock.
- „ T. A. Shillington & Son, Ltd.
- „ Geo. A. Locke & Son.
- „ Sherman & Stoops.
- „ Inglis & Co. Ltd.
- „ Hugh Wallace.
- „ R. McClements & Son.

The Co-Operative Society, Ltd.

The "Portadown News."

The Workshops for the Blind.

Ye Anchor Cafe.

Mr. John H. Twinem.

- „ R. J. Uprichard.
- „ Erskine Mayne.
- „ Thos. Kerr.
- „ John Sandford.
- „ James Vance.
- „ John Dermott.
- „ A. J. Hall.
- „ John Waugh.
- „ John Montgomery.

Parish Register for July.**Baptism.**

Hunter—July 2nd, 1927, Robert, son of William James Graham and Emma Hunter, of Edenderry.
Sponsors - Mary Webb, Emma Hunter.

Burials.

Thompson—July 2nd, Margaret Thompson, of Killicomaine; aged 78 years.
Hoy—July 12th, Frances Jane Hoy, of Lylo; aged 47 years.
M'Dowell—July 25, at Kernan, Margaret M'Dowell; aged 86. Interred in Seagoe Cemetery on Wednesday, 27th.

Old Seagoe Notes.**Rev. John Campbell, Vicar of Seagoe 1687-1730.**

Among the Vicars of Seagoe few, if any, possess a more interesting or important record than that of the Rev. John Campbell, who became Vicar of Seagoe in 1687 and continued to live at Seagoe and to hold that office until his death in 1730. His portrait was published in Seagoe Magazine many years ago, and the original painting, which was purchased by the present Rector about 20 years ago, hangs at present on the walls of Seagoe Rectory. Many new facts have lately come to light regarding Mr. Campbell, of which the following is a summary:—He was the son of John Campbell, and was born in 1663. He entered Trinity College, Dublin, on March 8th, 1679-80, at the age of 16. He obtained scholarship in 1681, and graduated B.A. in the spring of 1684. On June 19th, 1687, he was ordained Deacon in the Diocese of Dromore, and in the same month, on June 29th, received Priests' Orders at the hands of Capel, Bishop of Dromore. These facts are derived from the ancient Registers of Dromore. At the same time he was appointed Vicar of Seagoe in place of Rev. Henry Jenny, who had resigned. He was inducted to the Vicarage on October 4th or 14th by the Rev. Oliver Gardiner, Vicar of Donaghcloney, and according to the Dromore Registry read his assenet on 16th October, 1687. On September 1st, 1687, he had obtained a faculty to hold the Vicarage of Killead, Co. Antrim, as well as that of Seagoe and also the chaplaincy to Viscount Massareene. Mr. Campbell was a nephew of the first Lord Massareene.

Mr. Campbell was a close and trusted friend of the Rev. George Walker, and when the Siege was about to begin brought up to Derry with him a party of Seagoe men to defend the City. He and his men remained in Londonderry throughout the Siege, and George Walker in his diary of the Siege pays a special compliment to Mr. Campbell and his Dromore men for their bravery during the Siege. When the City was relieved Mr. Campbell returned to Seagoe and resumed his duties, but when King William marched to the Boyne both Walker and Campbell went with him. George Walker, then

Bishop-elect of Derry, was killed, but Campbell survived and returned once again to the peaceful surroundings of Seagoe. In 1710 Mr. Campbell published a pamphlet which ran into a second edition. It is entitled "A Letter to a Parishioner." It is based on the texts Ephes. iv., 3, Heb. xiii., 17, Romans xvi., 17, 18, Jude, verse 19. The text from Ephesians is "Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the band of Peace." It is dated from Lilo (Lylo), June, 1710. The name "G. Waring, given me by ye author" is inscribed on the copy in the Library of Trinity College, Dublin. The letter concerns the religious disputes which arose out of the proceedings of the Commonwealth. On the 20th January, 1714, Mr. Campbell was married to Miss Mary Burleigh in Antrim Parish Church. Miss Burleigh was a member of an important Ulster family. They had a family of five sons and several daughters. His eldest son, Clotworthy, born in 1715, obtained a scholarship in T.C.D. in 1735, but died young in 1736. The Rev. John Campbell died in December, 1730, and was buried at Seagoe. He was succeeded in the Vicarage of Seagoe by the Rev. Arthur Fforde.

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THE BURLEIGH FAMILY IN SEAGOE.

It has only recently been found that the well-known Ulster family of Burleigh had a close connection with Seagoe Parish. This arose through the marriage in 1714 of the Rev. John Campbell, Vicar of Seagoe, with Miss Mary Burleigh. The Burleigh family is usually associated with Carrickfergus, where is situated the family residence of Burleigh Hill, but they had also residences at Lylo, in Seagoe Parish, and at Burleigh Court, a fine old house in Portadown, which stood at the rear of the premises now occupied by the Ulster Bank. The laneway which runs down beside Mr. Sandford's establishment is still known as Burleigh Court, and traces of the old house may still be seen there. Burleigh Court had extensive gardens running down to the banks of the Bann, which then flowed near where the Post Office is at present. A famous pear tree in the garden was known as King William's pear tree. In Burke's "Landed Gentry" for 1863 there is a full account of the Burleigh family. The founder of the family was William Burleigh, Lieut.-Col. of the Earl of Kildare's Regiment, and formerly in Sir John Clotworthy's Regiment of Horse. He was wounded in 1641 in the defence of Lisburn against O'Neill. His eldest son was William Burleigh, who married Anne, eldest daughter of Sir Roger Langford, and had two sons, the elder of whom was Hercules Burleigh. Hercules was a Captain in the Army and served during the Siege of Derry. He was twice married. His first wife was Margaret, daughter of George Pearson, of Harwood Shields, Northumberland. She bore him three sons and several daughters. A daughter of a second marriage was married to Sir William Brown, Bart. Hercules Burleigh died in 1744.

Old Seagoe Notes (continued).**How the Burleighs Came to Seagoe.**

It was through the family of Hercules Burleigh that the connection of the Burleigh family with Seagoe apparently began. His eldest son, William, was born in 1700, and formed a connection with the County Armagh by marrying Elizabeth, daughter and co-heiress of Thomas Clerk, of County Armagh. William died in 1750, leaving three sons and a daughter. Henry, the second son, was born in 1702 near Hillsborough, in the Co. Down. He entered T.C.D. in 1718 and graduated there in 1722. George, the third son of Hercules, also graduated at T.C.D., and afterwards was ordained and became Curate of Tullylish and later of Carrickfergus. Mary, who was a daughter of Hercules, married the Rev. John Campbell, Vicar of Seagoe. A certain Henry Burleigh, who was no doubt related to those already mentioned, is recorded in Seagoe Registers as having in 1708 married Judith Robinson. William Burleigh, a grandson of Hercules, married Ellen, daughter of Hamlet Obins, of Castle Obins. It may have been

he who built and resided in Burleigh Court, Portadown.

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Rev. Hugh Tisdall, Vicar of Seagoe in 1748.—22nd

October, Hugh Tisdall, vice Arthur Forde, resigned (Dromore Register), son of the Rev. William Tisdall, D.D., Vicar of Belfast, by Ellinor, daughter of Hugh Morgan, of Cottlestown, Co. Sligo, M.P. Co. Sligo 1692—1712; born Dublin, educated by Dr. Clarke, Lisburn, entered T.C.D. 29th Sept., 1723, aged 16, Scholar 1726, B.A. 1728, M.A. 1735, Vicar of Donegore and Kilbride (Connor) 1733-40, Rector and Vicar of Kilmore (Meath) 1740, presented by Crown, faculty 19th Oct., 1748, to hold Kilmore with Seagoe. He married at Down Parish Church, 22nd June, 1740, Jane, sister of Hill Benson, Dean of Connor, and of Trevor Benson, Archdeacon of Down, and daughter of the Rev. Edward Benson, Prebendary of St. Andrew's (Down), by Jane, daughter of the Rev. John Windor, Prebendary of Kircroot, Connor. The Rev. Hugh Tisdall died May, 1763. (In Public Gazetteer, 28th May.)

**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 Month at 3 p.m., and during any Service in the Parish Church. If 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 thank-offering. (See Book of Common Prayer.)

MORNING PRAYER—Sundays and Chief Festivals 11.30 a.m.

EVENING PRAYER—Sundays 7 p.m., Wednesdays 8 p.m.

DISTRICT SERVICES.

Hacknahay—Last Sunday of Month at 3.30 p.m.

Drumgor—Second Sunday of Month at 4 p.m.

CLASSES, &c.

ADULT CLASSES—Sundays at 10 a.m.

For Men—Edenderry. For Women—Seagoe School.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—10 a.m. Edenderry Parochial Hall and Seagoe School. 3 p.m. Seagoe, Edenderry Parochial Hall, Levaghery, Hacknahay, Carne, Drumgor.

Men's Recreation Room, Bridge St., open every night from 7 p.m.

Seagoe C.L. Brigade in Edenderry Parochial Hall, on Tuesdays at 8 p.m.

Mothers' Union, Edenderry 1st Tuesday, at 4 p.m.

DAY SCHOOL—Seagoe, 9.30 a.m. Principal—Mr. S. Rennix.

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 3s per annum.