

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

AUGUST, 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. H. MURRAY GIBSON.

People's—Mr. THOMAS MARTIN.

★ *The Magazine.* ★

The next number of the Magazine will be published in the 2nd week of September instead of as usual in the first week of the month.

The Sunday Schools.

The Sunday Schools of the Parish which have been closed for holidays since July 7th, will (D.V.) re-open on Sunday, August 18th, at the usual hours. It is very important that all the children, as well as the Teachers, should be in their place as usual on that date. It will be the Ninth Sunday after Trinity, and the Afternoon Lessons in the Calendar will be as follows:—Repetition for Seniors—"A Prayer for Pardon" (see Page 50 Book of Common Prayer), Psalm 65 verses 9 and 10. Repetition for Juniors—"Duty to God" in the Catechism. Subject of Lessons "Perseverance in Prayer—Reality in Religion." St. Luke 11 to verse 14 and verse 37 to end.

For the Morning Sunday Schools the Lessons in the Calendar will be—Repetition for Seniors, "The Apostles Creed" and Hymn 273 verse 4. Repetition for Juniors, Hymn 631. Subject for study—"The Need of Decision," 1st Kings 18, verses 17-45. At a meeting of Superintendents and Teachers held in June, it was decided that it would be a great advantage in our Sunday Schools if a collection were made every Sunday instead of on occasional Sundays. If the amounts contributed by each child are entered by each Teacher in a note-book then the amount required each year for prizes and for the annual excursion could be found beforehand. In Sunday Schools where a collection is made each month for the Indian child in South America the Mission Box would take the place of the other collection on that particular Sunday. Each Superintendent is asked to arrange for his or her particular Sunday School.

The Men's Bible Class.

The Men's Bible Class held by the Rev. W. F. Hayes, each Sunday morning in the Orange Hall, Edenderry, will resume work on Sunday, August 4th, at the usual hour.

America in Seagoe.

We had a welcome visitor to our Parish in July in the person of Mr. William Reid, from Pittsburg, U.S.A., who was staying with his father, Mr. George Reid, at Killycomaine Road. It is many years since Mr. Reid left Seagoe for the States, but he is still remembered by many in the old place. We were glad to see him look so well. He never forgets the old Parish.

The Camps.

Seagoe C.L.B. has had representatives both at the Cadet Camp in Blackpool and in the Training Corps Camp at Strangford, Co. Down. A great compliment was paid to our Seagoe Company in the fact that our Captain—Captain Mitchell was appointed by Headquarters to be in command of the Training Corps Camp at Strangford. Both Camps were very successful. The weather was very fine and the lads enjoyed every moment of their stay.

C.L.B. Sports Rally.

The C.L.B. Sports Rally on Friday, July 5th, was a great success. The weather was fine and not too warm, and the field, so kindly lent by Mrs. Best, of Church Lane, looked perfect. The junior events took place at 4 p.m., and the senior events at 7.30 p.m. All the events were well contested and some of the records were very good. It was very nice to have with us many competitors both from Lurgan and St. Mark's, Portadown, and many of the events were won by their representatives. Captain Mitchell was indefatigable and the success of the gathering was largely due to his strenuous efforts. He was well helped by the Cadets and Training Corps. The fancy dress parade was won by Fred Crossen, who was dressed as a Courtier of the 18th century. He played the part splendidly. It was the best thing of its kind we have ever seen in Portadown. The sports lasted to a late hour, and then the prizes were gracefully distributed to the winners by Mrs. Mitchell. The Rector thanked all for their kind help, and after the singing of a verse of the National Anthem the Rally came to an end. The proceeds were on behalf of the C.L.B. Uniform Fund.

Seagoe C.L.B. Band.

Our C.L.B. Band has received its new Royal Stuart Highland Uniform, and much admiration has been expressed for it. The Band is now very efficient and popular.

Congratulations.

We offer our hearty congratulations to Mr. John George Gracey, of Balteagh, on receiving the Silver Jubilee Medal from the King. Mr. Gracey is a Magistrate and also occupies the responsible post of Chairman of Lurgan Rural Council. He is also a Parochial Nominator of Seagoe Parish, a member of the Select Vestry, and also represents the Parish of Seagoe in the Diocesan Synod.

The Somme Anniversary

The Memorial Services held in the Parish Church on Sunday, June 30, in commemoration of the Battle of the Somme were very impressive. **At Morning Prayer** the local members of the British Legion of Ex-servicemen, under Captain Whitsitt, attended the service in large numbers, and the Seagoe Company of the C.L.B., with the Pipe Band in their handsome new uniforms, were also present. The Rector read from the pulpit the names of those from the Parish who fell in the Great War. After the Service a wreath was laid at the Memorial Pillars by our C.L.B., under the command of Captain Mitchell, and the Reveille and Last Post were sounded by one of the Ex-servicemen, who were drawn up opposite the Memorial Gates. The collection was on behalf of the Co. Armagh Protestant Orphan Society and amounted to £4 0s 6d. The Services were continued at Evening Prayer.

The Anniversary Service.

On Sunday evening, July 7th, an anniversary Service was held in the Parish Church. The Rector and the Rev. W. F. Hayes took the service, and the sermon was preached by the Rev. J. I. Lea, Rector of Mullavilly. A very large number of members from Lurgan District and Portadown Lodges were present. The Service was very hearty. The collection was in aid of the Lord Enniskillen Memorial Orphan Fund and amounted to £7 2s 9d.

Seagoe P.E. School.

The School broke up for the Summer Holidays on July 5th. Before the children separated the Rector spoke to the children, and a Hymn was sung and prayer said. Hearty rounds of cheers were given for the Teachers and the Manager. The school is being thoroughly cleaned during the holidays and will (D.V.) resume work on Monday, August 19th, at 9.15 a.m., when a punctual attendance of all the pupils is requested.

Seagoe Mothers' Union.

The usual monthly meeting of the Mothers' Union will be held (D.V.) on Tuesday, August 13th, in Bocombra Church Hall, at 7.30. It will

be an informal gathering and tea will be provided for all who come. We are glad to be able to announce that the Rev. Canon Taylor, our former Curate and now Rector of Lisburn, will give an address to the mothers at their meeting in September. It will be held on Tuesday, September 10th, in Seagoe School, at 7.30 p.m.

In Memoriam.

MARJORIE AND KENNETH CRAWFORD.

It is seldom that we have to record such a sad event as the death of two little children from the same home and their burial in the same grave at the same time. Marjorie and Kenneth were two bright, happy and dearly-loved children. Until a few months ago they had lived in Spence's Cottages, in Levaghery, and had made many friends there. Since coming to reside in Edenderry their winning ways had won for them many more friends and playmates. A severe attack of scarlatina and measles contracted by both children proved fatal in a few days. The double funeral made a very sad impression on all who witnessed it. Their little playmates walked on each side of the coffins. The Levaghery children were on one side and the Edenderry on the other. The Rector took the Service at the Church and graveside. Deep and heartfelt sympathy is felt for Mr. and Mrs. Crawford in their great affliction.

Presentation.

On Tuesday, July 2nd, a presentation was made to Mrs. Kirkpatrick (Miss Selina Bradshaw) on the occasion of her marriage. There was a large gathering in Levaghery School. The Rev. W. F. Hayes presided at the beginning of the meeting, and the Rector towards the close. After tea, games were played and much enjoyed by all present. The presentation was then made. It took the form of a fine parlour chiming clock. The Rector spoke of the good work done in the Parish by Mrs. Kirkpatrick, especially in the Sunday Schools at Seagoe and Levaghery. They congratulated her very heartily on her marriage and wished her and Mr. Kirkpatrick great happiness and prosperity in their future life. The Rector then asked Mr. James Davison to make the presentation, which he did in a few suitable words. Speeches were also made by Mr. Stanfield, Superintendent of Levaghery Sunday School, also by Mr. Scott, Superintendent of Seagoe Morning Sunday School, and by the Rev. W. F. Hayes. Mrs. Kirkpatrick having thanked all for their kind gift, the Doxology was sung and the meeting concluded.

Excursion Accounts.

We are glad to be able to announce that the deficit on the Excursion this year is comparatively small. This is largely due to the fact that many of our people very kindly subscribed towards the expenses connected with it. The actual deficit is £4 2s. We herewith give the various Receipts and Expenses, also the List of Subscribers. We congratulate Mr. Scott and Mr. M'Clements on the satisfactory balance sheet.

Receipts:—Mr. Geo. Wilson, £3 1s 3d; Seagoe Morning School, £4 8s 9d; Mr. Scott (tickets), £2 10s 9d; Mrs. Vance, £4 11s; Miss Agnes Guy, £2 17s 6d; Mr. W. Hutchinson, £2 18s; Mr. Jas. Twinem, per Cairns and Neill, £11 1s 9d; Chancellor Archer, 10s 6d; Rev. W. F. Hayes, £6 6s 6d; Mr. Maginnis, £2 16s 6d; Mr. Stanfield, £5 10s 6d; Mr. Harry Hynes, £6 6s; Edenderry School—Morning and Afternoon, £8 9s 9d; Mr. Dermott, £2 12s 6d; Miss Wilson, 9s 6d; Mr. R. M'Clements, £8 13s; Miss Sarah Montgomery, 18s.—£74 1s 9d.

Subscriptions:—Chancellor Archer, 10s; Mrs. Vance, 5s; Mrs. Sherman, 6s; Mr. Murray Gibson, 10s; Mrs. Stoops, 10s; Major M'Lean, £1; Mrs. Atkinson, Clarisford, 2s 6d; Mr. Sands, 4s; Mr. W. Greeves, 10s; Mr. and Mrs. M'Cormick, 5s; Miss M'Dowell, 2s 6d; Mr. J. Munroe, 2s 6d; Miss M'Shane, 1s; Mrs. Lewie, 5s; Mrs. Mayes, 2s 6d; Mr. Walker, 2s 6d; Miss Calvert, 10s; Mrs. Abraham, 5s; Mr. Maginnis, 5s; Mrs. England, 5s; Miss Dawson, 5s; Mr. Jacob Sandford, 5s; Balance from 1934, £1 14s 9d; balance deficit, £4 2s.—£86 12s.

Expenses—G.N.R. Co. (tickets), £55 16s 6d; Davison Bros., 600 teas, at 10d each, £25; hire of Dufferin Hall, £4 4s; "Portadown Times" (printing and advertising), £1 3s; "Portadown News" (advert.), 6s; Mr. Haack (bill posting), 2s 6d.—£86 12s.

A Rare Plant.

It is not generally known that a plant grows in this neighbourhood which is not found elsewhere in Europe. It is called by botanists *Spiranthes Stricta*. It loves the Peat Bogs and is found at Brackagh Moss, outside Portadown, and in the cut-out bogs in Ardmore and along the shores of Lough Neagh. It is a tall plant and a fine photograph of it is to be seen in a book recently published, "The Irish Botanist," by Mr. R. Praeger. It was first discovered by the late Rev. Canon Lett, Rector of Loughbrickland, when searching for Mosses in Brackagh Moss, more than thirty years ago.

Death of "Æ."

A great deal has been written about the recent death of "Æ," otherwise Mr. George William

Russell, a famous Irish Poet and Economist, Mr. Russell is said to have been born in Lisniskey, in this Parish, in the year 1869, but this seems to be an error as regards the place. It is more likely that he was born in a townland nearer Lurgan. Perhaps some reader could give information on the point.

**Parish Register for July.
Baptisms**

The following were Baptized in the Parish Church on July 6th, 1935:—

M'Murray—Thomas Henry, son of James Henry and Margaret M'Murray, of Seagoe Lower.

Sponsors—Mabel Lena Best, Margaret M'Murray.

Lester—Agnes Avril Andrews, daughter of Quinton and Adeline Lester, of Lisniskey.

Sponsors—Anne Jane Drumm, Adeline Lester.

M'Veigh—Joyce Bernice, daughter of William Patrick and Maud M'Veigh, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Margaret Best, Maud M'Veigh.

Marriages.

Roberts and Steenson—July 15th, 1935, Harry George Roberts, of Killicomaine, to Edith Steenson, of Breagh.

Tedford and M'Neill—July 17th, 1935, Thomas Tedford, of Portadown, to Mary Jane M'Neill, of Ballymacrandle.

Burials.

Metcalfe—July 1st., Samuel Metcalfe, of Tarson, aged 84 years.

Leake—July 21st, William George Leake, of Portadown, aged 66 years.

Crawford—July 24th, Marjorie Crawford, aged 3 years, and Kenneth Crawford, aged 5½ years, both of Edenderry.

Stoops—July 28th, John Hugh Stoops, of Belfast, aged 34 years.

Sympathy.

We regret to record in this issue the death of several who were well-known to many amongst us. Samuel Metcalfe had been in ill-health for some time but, the end came very suddenly. He was always kind and considerate. For many years he worked in the shipyards at Hull, but the family has been for a long time associated with Tarson. William George Leake, although not connected with Seagoe Parish was very well known and much esteemed in the neighbourhood. We sympathise very sincerely with his bereaved relatives. Mr. John Hugh Stoops, although a resident in Belfast, had many connections with Seagoe Parish. He has passed away in the prime of life after a very brief illness. We offer our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Stoops and his relatives in their sad and sudden bereavement.

Twenty-Five Years Ago.

AUGUST, 1910.

The local matter begins with a note on the recent Confirmation held on June 26th, 1910. Seago School has just been renovated and decorated. An improvement is noted in the Sustentation Fund. No less than eleven Baptisms are recorded, also two Marriages and four Burials. The preacher at the Anniversary Service was the Rev. John M'Endoo, Rector of Tandragee, and his text was Esther ix., 26-28. Arthur Allen heads the list for Church attendances. The Old Seago Notes refer to the meanings of the names of the Townlands in the Parish.

Old Seago Notes.

Horse Troughs from Coaching Days.—In the old Coaching Days, about 130 years ago, when the through Fast Coaches with four or even six horses were on the road, it was necessary to have places where the horses could get water. It is still possible to trace out some of these places. They are usually at the bottom of hills or half-way up them. The old Lurgan Road through Killicomaine was a great coach road. It was known as the Great Road or the King's Road. There was a drinking pool or trough just where Stewart Avenue branches off from the main road. Another very much frequented trough was higher up on the road where Church Lane joins it and where some renovated cottages now stand. There was also a drinking pool on Seago Road where the Brickworks now stand. The gap in the hedge still remains. Many a panting and thirsty coach

horse has refreshed itself at these places. They were generally placed near Turnpikes.

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The Great East Window of Seago—1896.

The stained-glass window is a fine work of art, and has been executed by Messrs. Heaton, Butler, and Bayne, at a cost of £300. The subject illustrated is the Ascension. Our Blessed Lord, rising towards the glory which streams from above, occupies the centre; below in the distance are the roof tops of the city of Jerusalem. In the foreground are "the eleven" in various postures of devout wonder, gazing up into heaven. While in the tracery of the beautiful perpendicular stone-work are angels and stars above "the cloud," the apex being occupied by a crown, presumably that of glory. The colouring is delicate and subdued, and the drawing most lifelike. Mr. Drew, the architect of the Church, gave the instructions to the artists, which is a guarantee for the propriety of the treatment and execution.

ITEMS

The recent hot weather has greatly helped the hay-harvest. It seems as if this would be a great year for hay.

The re-laying of the Lurgan Road has been now completed. The centre is of asphalt and the sides of cement.

Many new houses are being built in the Parish.

Some of the graves in the Old Seago Graveyard are now very bright with flowers.

Two further interments have taken place in the new extension Church Burial Ground. They are those of Mr. Leake and Mr. Stoops.

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—Second Sunday of Month at 4 p.m.

Edenderry—Wednesdays at 8 p.m.

CLASSES, &c.

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

SUNDAY SCHOOLS 10 a.m. Edenderry Parochial Hall and Seago School. 3 p.m. Seago, 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 Seago School on Mondays at 8 p.m.

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

MARRIAGES must be performed between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Licenses are issued by Rev. Canon Hannon, Rector, 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); **MARRAGE** 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.