

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

JULY, 1934.

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 Confirmation.

On Friday evening, June 22nd, at 8 p.m., the Lord Bishop of Down and Connor and Dromore (the Right Rev. C. T. P. Grierson, D.D.) held Confirmation in the Parish Church. Before the Service began the Bishop inspected the Seagoe and Carne Companies of the Seagoe L.L.B., which were drawn up on the road in front of the Church, under the command of Captain Mitchell and Lieut. Walter Currie. After the inspection the Bishop addressed the bands and complimented them on their smartness and efficiency. The Bishop then entered Seagoe school, where the candidates for Confirmation were assembled and spoke a few kindly words to them. Then a procession was formed, headed by the Bishop and the Rector, which went across to the Church, the boys coming first and the girls following. A large crowd lined the path of the procession and the Bishop acknowledged the respectful welcome of the people. In the Church the girls occupied the pews in front of the pulpit, and the boys the pews in front of the Lectern. There were altogether 82 candidates—42 boys and 40 girls. The Bishop entered the Church by the West door, the Rector acting as his Chaplain. The Rev. W. F. Hayes, in front, carried the Pastoral Staff. The Service began with the singing of Hymn 232, "Holy Spirit, Lord of Love." During the singing of the Hymn the Bishop and clergy entered the Church. When the Bishop had taken the chair placed at the chancel steps he called on the Rector to read the Preface to the Confirmation Service. The Bishop then addressed the candidates, dwelling on the importance of Confirmation and the need of a thorough knowledge of the Creed, the Ten Commandments and the Lord's Prayer, which formed the basis of the Church Catechism. The Bishop then asked the candidates to stand, and

he put to them the four questions in the Service. The candidates answered clearly each question. The congregation then stood while the Versicles were read, and then all knelt while the Bishop offered prayer. The candidates then came forward, the boys being first confirmed. Two candidates knelt at a time before the Bishop and were confirmed. After the Confirmation the Bishop gave a second address to the newly-confirmed. He exhorted them to be regular in their private prayers and in the reading of the Bible, also to attend Church regularly and to partake, at frequent intervals, of the Holy Communion. They must, he added, always take their stand on the side of Righteousness and Truth. After the Bishop's address Hymn 712, "Take my life and let it be," was sung, all kneeling, after which the Bishop said the closing prayers, and the Service concluded. Hymn 585, "O Jesu I have promised," was sung at the close of the Service. During the Service the Church was crowded. Mr. T. H. Wilson presided at the organ, and the choir led the singing. The Service was throughout very solemn and impressive. The following is a list of those confirmed:

1. Abram Anderson, 2. George Coulter, 3. James Cousins, 4. Samuel David Donaldson, 5. William Robert Telford Donaldson, 6. Samuel Ellis, 7. Thomas Ellis, 8. Wolsey Gilpin, 9. Frank Girvan, 10. James Frederick Gracey, 11. Sinclair Houston, 12. Thomas Hoy, 13. James Kane, 14. Robert Magee, 15. Harry M'Court, 16. James Mackay, 17. Wilson M'Kinney, 18. Frederick M'Knight, 19. Ernest Mitchell, 20. Norman Kane Leathem, 21. George Lyness, 22. Thomas Kerr Lyness, 23. William Nelson M'Loughlin, 24. George Marsden, 25. James Henry M'Neill, 26. John Montgomery, 27. Howard Neill, 28. Joseph Nesbitt, 29. Robert George Nicholson, 30. John Pierson, 31. Samuel Preston, 32. Robert Rainey, 33. Frederick Victor Rehill, 34. Thomas Ruddell, 35. Joseph Robinson, 36. Roland Clarence Holden Scott, 37. George Simpson, 38. William John Stanfield, 39. Edward Vennard, 40. Norman Walker, 41. Samuel Harold Watters, 42. James Williams.

1. Margretta Atkinson, 2. Margaret Best, 3. Margretta Brownlee, 4. Margaret Caddell, 5. Josephine Campbell, 6. Mabel Carson, 7. Maria Eileen Cousins, 8. Mary Edna Fletcher, 9. Hannah Gracey, 10. Rose Caroline Guy, 11. Margaret Jane Heyburn, 12. Elizabeth Hoy, 13. Margaret Vera Hoy, 14. Edith Irwin, 15. Myrtle Liggett, 16. Margaret Magee, 17. Margaret Anne Mayes, 18. Alice Best M'Dougall, 19. Eileen Maud M'Dowell, 20. Sophia M'Murray, 21.

Edith McNeill, 22, Irene Sarah Montgomery, 23, Caroline Moore, 24, Hannah Jane Moore, 25, Rachel Morrison, 26, Sarah Ellen Nicholson, 27, Evelyn Preston, 28, Anne Isabella Roney, 29, Sarah Elizabeth Robb, 30, Marguerite Roberts, 31, Phyllis Patricia Margaret Scott, 32, Adelaide Florence Sewell, 33, Kathleen Olive Sharpe, 34, Sarah Mary Simpson, 35, Christina Sloan, 36, Gladys Stanfield, 37, Edith Steenson, 38, Ellen Trainor, 39, Myrtle Trainor, 40, Irene Doris Watson.

The Somme Anniversary.

On Sunday, July 1st, special Services of Remembrance will be held in the Parish Church in remembrance of those who fell on July 1st, 1916, at Hamel, and also of all from our midst who made the great sacrifice during the War. The names of our fallen heroes will be read out at Morning Prayer. At Evening Prayer there will be a Parade of the C.L.B. The offerings at both services will be on behalf of the Co. Armagh Protestant Orphan Society. This Society is deserving of liberal support. It has given great and continued help to this Parish. The widow and the orphan have looked to it in their time of deep distress and have never failed to receive help. The Society has recently been in financial difficulties. It is the duty of every member of the Church to see that its funds are well supported and that the bereaved and fatherless receive the help they so much need.

July Anniversary Service.

On Sunday, July 8th, at 7 p.m., an Anniversary Service will be held in Seagoe Parish Church. The preacher will be the Rev. Canon McGarvey, M.A., Rector of the Cathedral Parish of Dromore. Places will be reserved for the members of Lodges attending the Service. The collection will be on behalf of the Lord Enniskillen Memorial Orphan Fund.

Consecration Postponed.

At the request of the Lord Bishop the Consecration of the new Burial Ground at Seagoe was postponed. It had been announced to take place on Friday, June 22nd. The plot of ground is vested in the members of the Select Vestry of 1932 as individual trustees. The Bishop is anxious that it should be vested in a Corporate Body such as the Representative Church Body, in which almost all Church property is vested. Individual trustees may leave the Parish or pass away and if their places are not filled the tenure of the land may be rendered insecure. In the case of a Burial ground it is essential that the security of tenure be absolute.

The Excursion.

Thursday, June 14th, was a great day for Seagoe. At 8.30 a.m. the bands and children assembled at the Parish Church. It was a splendid morning and a larger number of children were present than for years past. A short Service was held in the Church and then the procession was formed, headed by the Ballyhamon Band. The C.L.B. Band headed the Edenderry Sunday School. The train started for Warrenpoint at 9.55 and after a speedy run we reached our objective. The first refreshment was at Loughmore and it was much enjoyed, the ham sandwiches were very good. The party then scattered. Some paddled and some bathed. Some went to Carlingford and some to Rostrevor. Some climbed to Cloughmore and some only got as far as Fiddler's Green. Everyone enjoyed the lovely scenery and the fresh air. At 5 a.m. gathered for the second refreshment in the Station Pavilion. Just then some rain fell but nobody minded it, the day had been so fine and pleasant. At 8.35 the return train started for Portadown. Great crowds awaited us, and headed by the C.L.B. Band we marched to the Parish Church. Cheers were given for the King and the Rector thanked all those who had helped to make the day so pleasant. It is very important that any of the ticket sellers who have Railway tickets unsold should return them once to Mr. R. Scott or to Mr. McClements.

C.L.B. Sports.

A splendid programme has been arranged for the C.L.B. sports, which are to take place in Mrs. Wm. Best's field (most kindly lent for the occasion) on Thursday, July 5th, at 4 p.m. The field is in Church Lane, just off the Lurgan Road. It is beautifully situated. A great variety of most interesting and novel events will be contested. The proceeds will go towards the Company Funds. The charge for admission will be 6d.

Seagoe P.E. School.

On Tuesday, June 5th, the Annual Examinations in Religious knowledge was held in Seagoe School. The inspector was the Rev. J. Armstrong, M.A., Rector of Dromara. The examination was very thorough and the children answered very well. A large number of certificates were awarded. We hope to publish the list of names in our next issue. Mr. Armstrong expressed himself very much pleased with the answering of the children.

Parish Register for June.**Baptisms**

—June 2nd, 1934, Winifred Irene, daughter of William Henry and Norah Evelyn Walsh, of Lisniskey.

Sponsors—Mary Elizabeth Ruddell, Norah Evelyn Ruddell.

—June 2nd, 1934, Edna Mary, daughter of James and Mary Vennard, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Edna May Vennard, Mary Vennard.

Marriage.

—June 21st, 1934, Thomas Austin, of Portadown, to Mary Rebecca Russell, of Knockmena.

Golden Wedding.

—July 3rd, 1884, by Special Licence, at the Bride's residence, Willsgrove, Desertserges, Co. Cork, by the Rev. Canon Haines, M.A., Rector of Kinneigh, Diocese of Cork, the Rev. George Howe Daunt, Curate Assistant of the Parish of Mourne (Kilkeel), to Sarah Jane, daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth Daunt, of Willsgrove, Co. Cork.

Burials.

—June 3rd, 1934, Mary Jane Best, of Edenderry, aged 95 years.

—June 10th, 1934, David Thornton, of Edenderry, aged 81 years. Interred at Drumree.

—June 21st, 1934, James Bradshaw, of Breagh, aged 85 years.

—June 23rd, 1934, William Sinclair Burrell, of Portadown, aged 3½ years.

Sympathy.

We desire to express our sincere sympathy to those who during the past month have entered bereavement in the loss of their dear ones. Mrs. Sarah Jane Best passed to her eternal rest at a great age. Up to within a short time of her death her memory remained quite clear. She could remember the days of the Great Famine of 1847. She was always devotedly attached to the Church of her Baptism and appreciated greatly the ministrations of the clergy during her last illness. David Thornton passed away with startling suddenness. Although ad-

vanced in years he was very active up to the moment of his death. He had just returned from receiving his Old-Age Pension at the Post Office when he collapsed and died. He was well known and highly respected in Edenderry and was one of its oldest residents. The death of James Bradshaw, of Breagh, removes from our midst one who was greatly respected and esteemed by all who knew him. He bore with great patience and confident faith his years of weakness. At the end the call came to him suddenly as he was seated in his chair. The death of little William Sinclair Burrell at the age of 3½ years was very sad. He was just entering on life when God called him to the higher life. The sadness of these farewells is softened by the thought that the parting is not for ever. Jesus said, "I go to prepare a place for you."

Mothers at Stormont.

Seagoe Mothers' Union had a splendid excursion on Thursday, June 21st. They left the Parochial Hall at 1.45 p.m. in two large 'buses. The drive to Belfast and Stormont was most enjoyable. We arrived at the great building at 3.25 and were met by Major Shillington, M.P., Mr. Johnston, M.P., and Mrs. Shillington. The party, 70 in number, divided up into 3 sections, each of which was brought by the attendants through all parts of the splendid building. The House of Commons and the Senate House were especially admired. After we had seen everything we ascended in lifts to the Dining Rooms at the top of the buildings, where a sumptuous tea awaited us. This repast was most kindly and generously provided by Major Shillington and Mr. Johnston. Full justice was done to the good things provided, and when tea was over the Rector, on behalf of the Mothers, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Major and Mrs. Shillington and Mr. Johnston. Major Shillington and Mr. Johnston, in replying, expressed their great pleasure at having the mothers with them and wished the Seagoe Mothers' Union every success. The party then inspected the striking monument of Lord Carson, and then mounting the 'buses drove to Bellevue to see the new "Zoo." Unfortunately, fog and rain somewhat interfered, but the monkeys, lions and tigers were of great interest to the visitors. A splendid drive home completed a very enjoyable day's outing.

Congratulations.

We very heartily congratulate the Rev. G. H. Daunt and Mrs. Daunt on their Golden Wedding. They have hosts of friends in Seagoe and Muckley. We wish them many further years of prosperity and happiness in our midst. Their hospitality and kindness are a household word in this neighbourhood.

The Jumble Sale.

This sale, held on Friday, June 1st, proved very successful. The stalls in the Parochial Hall were crowded with clothing, boots, books, vegetables, etc. Buyers pushed in eagerly to secure early bargains, with the result that practically everything was sold in a brief space. The nett receipts amounted to £9 9s 8½d. £6 of this goes to the deficit on the Edenderry Sunday School Prize Fund and the balance to Seagoe School Expenses Fund.

Old Seagoe Notes.

The Norsemen in Seagoe.—Traces of Norse colonisation survive in names of families as well as places. Of names familiar in Seagoe are the following of Scandinavian origin. Tuft (Norse, Toft a homestead), Hull (pronounced Hool), Waring (derived from the Norse guard in Con-

stantinople known as the Varangians, Lough or McLoughlin (Lochlan is the ancient name of Norway), Kirby, Gates (Norse, geit), Loo (from Loki a Norse hero), Oliver (Norse, Olaf). The following words in common use in the Parish to the present day are of Norse or Danish origin. Reek (smoke), squak (to shout), slit (to slide), spell (a share in work), blather (in sense), quern (a grinding stone), till (meaning "to"), ar (a scar), handsel (a first purchase), flit (remove), stour (dust), kitling (a young cat).

The Norse and Danish invaders continued their raids throughout the ninth century. They burned Bangor in 823, Movilla in 824 and Armagh in 933. The Clan of the O'Neills who inhabited the district now covered by Seagoe Parish were the only native tribes who refused to submit to the Norse invaders. A tradition survives that on March 28th, 941, a great battle was fought at Drumlisnagrilley between Blac the son of Godfrid, son of Ivar, son of Ragnar Lodbrog and Murchard (son of Nial Glendubh) Prince of Aileach of the Sept of the O'Neills. Murchard was defeated and slain. Until recently the remains of a fort or earthwork could be seen in the lower end of the townland of Drumlisnagrilley. This townland is situated in the present Parish of Seagoe.

SERVICES—The PARISH CHURCH

HOY 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, 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 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 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.

MARRIAGES must be performed between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Licenses are issued by Rev. Canon Hannan, 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.

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