

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

JULY, 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 Excursion.

Our annual Sunday School Excursion is always a great and notable event in the Parish. It is looked forward to with great expectation for many weeks beforehand. This year it took place on Thursday, June 27th, and its destination was Bangor, Co. Down. A short service was held at 8 a.m. in the Parish Church. We sang the nice Children's Hymn, 612, and joined in the Collects for Morning Prayer. The Rector, in a brief address, welcomed the children and gave some useful advice about the Excursion. Our splendid Seagoe C.L.B. Pipe Band played the procession to the station. A large Union Jack, vigorously waved, led the way. At the Parochial Hall many from the outlying Sunday Schools fell in with the others, and a large number of the residents of Edenderry crowded their doors and windows to watch the children pass. The special train left at 9.5 a.m. and was crowded with eager and excited passengers. The Rector and the Rev. W. F. Hayes accompanied the Excursion. The weather was fine but dull. However, as the rain kept away no one minded the clouds. An hour's run brought us to beautiful Bangor. The sea looked lovely and the air was very fresh and bracing. Mr. and Mrs. Victor Matchett were at the station to meet us and we were very glad to see them. The band struck up a lively tune, and all marched through the main street and round to the fine Dufferin Hall, where Messrs. Davison had a great supply of sandwiches, pastry and excellent tea. We never remember seeing so many "prams" at an excursion, and each contained a fine Seagoe baby. A pair of Edenderry twins were in great form. One baby of a few months old achieved a record by consuming a whole sandwich. After the first refreshment the excursionists wandered in all directions. Most of them went to or into the water. A photographer who claimed to be a Portadown man did a good business in the photographic line. Some took 'buses to Donaghadee, but we heard of one excursionist who did not go on the "Mystery" Tour because she was afraid. At 5 p.m. all returned to the Hall for the Second Refreshment, and then had time to get back for a couple of hours to the water. The return train, in charge of Guard Simpson, made a quick

journey back to Portadown. A great crowd awaited our return. The band again headed the procession back to the Parish Church, where the Rector thanked the band for their great help. The National Anthem was then sung and hearty cheers given for the King and Queen. Altogether our 1935 Excursion was a great success.

The Somme Anniversary.

On Sunday, June 30th, Special Services in commemoration of the Battle of the Somme will be held in the Parish Church, both at Morning and Evening Service. The Portadown Branch of the British Legion will be present at the 11.30 a.m. Service. The Seagoe C.L.B. band, with Cadets and Training Corps, will also parade at this Service. The collection at both Services will be on behalf of the County Armagh Protestant Orphan Society.

July Anniversary Service.

An Anniversary Service will be held (D.V.) in the Parish Church on Sunday, July 7th, at 7 p.m. Special places will be reserved for the Lodges which attend. The Rev. J. I. Lea, M.A., Rector of Mullavilly, will preach. The collection will be in aid of the Lord Enniskillen Memorial Orphan Fund.

Protestant Orphan Society.

This Society has ever since its foundation in 1869, given most useful and valuable help to the Widows and Orphans of Seagoe Parish. The Society had its origin largely in the efforts of the late Major Stewart Blacker, who also in many ways assisted the Parish in the dark days of Disestablishment and Disendowment. We ask for a liberal offering on next Sunday, June 30th, for this great Society. An effort is being made to increase its funds so that a larger allowance may be given to the Widows and Orphans. Grants are only made to the most deserving cases. Widows who receive the State Pension are not eligible for grants. Those who receive help are those who receive no help from any pension fund.

Lightning in Seagoe.

Seagoe did not altogether escape damage in the recent severe storm. The new Church Hall at Bocombra was struck and slates stripped from the roof. Fortunately, the felt-covered rafters did not catch fire, otherwise the Hall might have been burned. The people in the neighbourhood heard the loud crashing sound when the Hall was struck. The lightning also struck and wrecked the fountain lamp in Edenderry, to which a fine streamer advertisement of our C.L.B. Sports Rally had been attached just previously.

C.L.B. Sports Rally.

Remember Friday, July 5th. It is the day of the C.L.B. Sports Rally, to be held at 5 p.m., in Mrs. Best's field at Church Lane, which she has most kindly lent for the occasion. The charge for admission will be Sixpence. All kinds of events have been arranged for and they are open to all comers. The field is beautifully situated and at this time of the year the countryside looks perfect. Full particulars as to the Sports can be seen on the posters throughout the Parish. The proceeds are in aid of the Brigade Funds. A giant streamline advertisement spans Bridge Street to remind everybody of the Rally.

The Storm.

A very violent storm of thunder and rain broke over Seagoe about 10 p.m. on June 25th. The lightning was continuous and very vivid. Towards the close of the storm, about 11 p.m., rain fell like a waterspout. At Upper Seagoe it flowed from the roadway and flooded the houses. No such rain has fallen in Seagoe for many years. The atmosphere has been very close and heavy for some days. Similar storms have occurred all over the United Kingdom. In Edenderry the central road lamp collapsed.

Uncut Hedges.

Many hedges at dangerous corners in the Parish remain uncut. This adds greatly to the danger of motor accidents, of which we have recently been reminded by some sad cases. The risk of such neglect is very serious and ought to be avoided.

Road Repairs.

The splendid road to Lurgan through the Parish has been in the hands of the road repairers. We are sure it will all come right but it is at present in a very rough and dangerous condition. A cement passage-way has been laid at each side of the road. There is such great traffic on this road that any obstruction becomes very inconvenient.

Death of Captain Dobson.

We record with great regret the death of Captain J. J. Dobson, who for some years up to the outbreak of the Great War acted as a Lay Helper in Seagoe Parish. His death occurred with great suddenness on Sunday morning, June 2nd, at Nairobi, in Kenya, East Africa, where he had resided with his wife and son for the past ten years. He had taken a very active part in the organisation of Ex-servicemen in Nairobi, and had done much for those in that district who had been unemployed.

He founded and was secretary of a flourishing organisation known as "The Nairobi Association." At the time of his death he was a candidate for the Nairobi Council for the district of Ngong, and the election was to have been held on June 20th. Much regret was felt at his death at a comparatively early age. He had felt slightly unwell on Saturday, June 1st, and passed away suddenly on the following morning. The medical report was that his death was due to haemorrhage from an old war wound. There was a large attendance at his funeral to the Forest Cemetery at Nairobi. Captain Dobson was a very keen and active member of the Ulster Volunteers when in Seagoe, and at the outbreak of War joined the Young Citizen Volunteers and served through the War, being severely wounded. He was always greatly interested in the Parish of Seagoe, and in his letters to the Rector often referred to it. Our sympathy goes out to Mrs. Dobson and her son in their sad and sudden bereavement. In a letter to the Rector Mrs. Dobson says "He loved Kenya."

Two Excursions.

During last month, on June 13th, there were two excursions in the Parish. They both left the Parochial Hall at the same hour, 1.30, and both travelled by special 'buses. The Mothers' Union travelled to Bangor and had a most enjoyable time. The weather was dull but fine, and the mothers enjoyed to the full the bracing air of the seaside. The other excursion was for the Seagoe C.L.B., who journeyed to Tyrella, in the Co. Down. The lovely and extensive strand at Tyrella provided a splendid playground for the lads, and the drive there and back through lovely scenery, added greatly to the pleasure of the excursion. The Rev. W. F. Hayes and Captain Mitchell accompanied the lads.

Our Sunday Schools.

It has been arranged with the Superintendents and Teachers of our Sunday Schools, both Morning and Afternoon, to close them for the four Sundays in July and the first two Sundays in August, so that all the Sunday Schools will (D.V.) re-open and resume work on Sunday, August 18th. This closing of the Schools has become necessary owing to the extension of the holiday system. So many of our Teachers and young people now go on holiday that it has been found difficult to provide Teachers for the classes. We hope to see our people in large numbers at the Services in the Parish Church. Sunday is God's Day of Worship. With the Psalmist of old we can say "A day in Thy Courts is better than a thousand."

Parish Register for June.

Baptisms.

The following were Baptized in the Parish Church on June 1st, 1935:—

Richardson—Dorothy, daughter of Robert and Jane Richardson, of Upper Seagoe.

Sponsors—Emma Richardson, Dorothy M'Nally.

Johnston—Joseph Bell, son of Robert and Helen Clow Johnston, of Lower Seagoe.

Sponsors—Eva White, Helen Clow Johnston.

M'Mullan—Mary Elizabeth, daughter of Herbert and Amelia M'Mullan, of Lylo.

Sponsors—Evelyn Carlisle, Amelia M'Mullan.

Marriages.

Livingston and Shields—June 13th, in St. Anne's Cathedral, Belfast, by the Very Rev. the Dean of Belfast, John George Livingston, of Portadown, to Irene Doris Shields, of Edenderry.

Kirkpatrick and Bradshaw—June 18th, at Gilford, Parish Church, Cecil Beresford Kirkpatrick, Upper Seagoe, to Selina Bradshaw, of Breagh.

Burials.

Armstrong—June 6th, William John Armstrong, of Balteagh, aged 89.

Dowd—June 6th, Thomas J. Dowd, of Edenderry, aged 7 months.

Abraham—June 10th, David Abraham, of Kilvergan, aged 90.

Regret.

We record with regret the death of three of our Parishioners during the past month. One a little infant of only a few months, the other two of a great age. David Abraham was resident in the Parish for many years. He was a great worker and engaged in field work on his son's farm up to within a short time of his death. He could plough and harrow when over 80 years of age. His death leaves a great blank in the home circle. The death of William John Armstrong came very soon after the death of his sister-in-law, Mrs. M'Donald. He has passed away at a great age. In middle life when a collier in Scotland he had been seriously injured in a mine accident. He was a man of high and independent principle and was much respected by all who knew him. To all those who have been bereaved we offer our sincere sympathy.

A Curious Coin.

Mr. John Gordon, when digging last month in his garden at Ballinacor, turned up a curious and ancient coin. It is of copper and about the size of a penny. It contains on both sides inscriptions in Hebrew. On one side "Jerusalem

the Holy," and on the other "Shekel of Israel." Until the exile the Hebrews did not use coins. The Shekel was then only a standard of weight (see I. Sam. ix., 8). On their return from the Babylonian exile the Priests introduced "The Shekel of the Sanctuary," and in this all the Temple dues were paid. On the coin found by Mr. Gordon at Ballinacor are to be seen the same symbols as were represented on the Shekels of the Sanctuary, on one side a chalice, cup, or vase, and on the other a Lily or the Rose of Sharon. Mr. Gordon, who dug up the coin, is still active at 78 years of age. We wonder how a Shekel of the Sanctuary found a resting place in the townland of Ballinacor. There is no trace of any Jewish family having resided there in past days.

Congratulations.

We heartily congratulate two of our Parishioners who have been married during the past month. Miss Selina Bradshaw, now Mrs. Kirkpatrick, has been a great helper in all Parish work and has taught twice each Sunday in our Sunday Schools, in the Morning at Seagoe, and in the afternoon at Levaghery. We are glad to know she will be residing in the Parish. Miss Doris Shields, now Mrs. Livingston, has lived all her life amongst us and is well known to many. We wish both couples God's blessing and a very happy future.

Seagoe P.E. School.

At the annual Examination in Religious Knowledge held in Seagoe P.E. School on Friday, June 7th, by the Diocesan Inspector, the Rev. J. Armstrong, the following children obtained certificates:—

Senior Certificates—Myrtle Caddell, Emma Morrison, Chris. Fiddes, Edna Grey, Olive Venard, Sam M'Cabe, Robert Ruddell, Robert Abraham, James Clayton.

Junior Certificates—Betty Metcalf, Edna Montgomery, Isa Abraham, Bella Magee, Isobel Ruddell, Dorothy Ruddell, Viola Morrison, W. White, Robert M'Minn, Harry Girvan, Alfred Magee, Wm. Caddell, James Whiteside, Joseph Liggett, Helen M'Murray, Alfred Guy, Cecil M'Loughlin.

The above list of names is not in the order of merit. The Certificates were publicly presented to the successful children by the Rector at the School on the morning of Wednesday, June 12th.

Twenty five Years Ago.

JULY, 1910.

This old number of the Magazine contains a list of the names of those who had been confirmed in June, 1910. It was a large Confirmation, men and boys 50 and girls 58. Bishop

Crozier Confirmed them. The excursion was to Warrenpoint that year. George Calvert and John Montgomery had made everything ready at Warrenpoint. 5 Baptisms are recorded, one marriage, and two Burials. At the Religious Knowledge examination in Seagoe School Margaret Irwin had got full marks. Measles had been prevalent in the Parish. Nature notes are given. The wayside Plantain and the Knapweed or Hard-head are specially noted as very common weeds. The Old Seagoe Notes deal with ancient maps of Seagoe.

Old Seagoe Notes.

“The Long Eleventh of June.”—This expression has been heard in the Parish and is familiar to many. It is of great interest and carries us back as far as the year 1752, when 11 days were dropped out of the Calendar. People said then that eleven days had been stolen out of their life. The loss of these days caused many changes, and among them was the fact that the 21st of June became the eleventh of June. But the 21st of June was the Summer Solstice and the longest day, so when it became the eleventh people began to speak of the long eleventh of June. The 11th June is and always was St. Barnabas Day. And a rhyme runs—

“Barnaby bright,

The longest day and the shortest night.”

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SEAGOE, 1822.—(Records, Vol. IV, p. 1.)—Annaloist, Aughacommon, Ballydonaghy, Bally-

gargin, Ballyhannon, Ballymacrandle, Ballinacorr, Ballynaghy, Ballynamoney, Balteagh, Bocomra, Boconnell, Breagh, Caine, Carrick, Clanroll, Crossmacaughly, Drumgask, Drumgorr, Drumlisnagrilly, Drumnacanway, Druminagoon, Drumnakelly, Derryvore, Edenderry, Hacknahay, Killicomane, Kilvergan, Kinnigo, Kirnon, Knock, Knockmena, Knocknamuckly, Knockrammer, Levaghry, Lisnaminty, Lylo, Moyraverty, Seago Lower, Seago Upper, Silverwood, Tannaghmore, Tamniffacarbett, Tamniffaglasin, Tarson, Turmoyra. Total 47 Townlands.

The foregoing Townlands are grouped in the three Manors of Brownlow's Derry, Blacker and Harrison, and Kernan, as follows:—

Manor of Brownlow-derry—Annaloist, Aughacommon, Ballynamoney, Boconnell, Drumnakelly, Kilvergan, Kinnigo, Knockrammer, Silverwood, Tannaghmore, Turmoyra. Total 11 Townlands.

Manor of Blacker and Harrison—Ballydonaghy, Ballygargin, Ballyhannon, Ballymacrandle, Ballynaghy, Breagh, Carrick, Derryvore, Drumlisnagrilly, Drumnacanway, Edenderry, Hacknahay, Killicomain, Knock, Knocknamuckly, Levaghry. 16 Townlands.

Manor of Kernan—Ballinacorr, Balteagh, Bocomra, Cairn, Clanroll, Crossmacaughly, Drumgask, Drumgorr, Druminagoon, Kirnan, Knockmena, Lisnaminty, Lisnisky, Lylo, Moyraverty, Seago Lower, Seago Upper, Tamniffacarbett, Tamniffaglassin, Tarson. 20 Townlands.

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.

Drumgorr—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, Bocomra.

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 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); **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.

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