

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

JUNE, 1935.

EXCURSION TO BANGOR, Thursday, June 27th.

Train leaves Portadown 9.5 a.m.; leaves Bangor 8.15 p.m.

Tickets 2/6 each; Two Refreshments 1/ extra

The Excursion.

The date fixed for our Annual Seagoe Excursion is drawing near. It will take place on Thursday, June 27th. Bangor, Co. Down, is our destination. It is without doubt the finest sea-side resort in Northern Ireland, surrounded as it on three sides by the ocean. The bracing air blows in from the Northern ocean and fills our lungs with the briny ozone straight off the open sea. We have secured the fine Dufferin Hall as our Headquarters. It is very centrally situated and is very spacious and comfortable. The excursionists will assemble at the Parish Church at 8 a.m., where a short service will be held. The procession to the station will be headed by two bands. The Special Train will run right through to Bangor, passing through Belfast on the way. The train will leave Portadown at 9.5 a.m. The return train will leave Bangor at 8.15 p.m. The following is a list of the Price of Tickets for those whose names are on the Sunday School Rolls of the Parish. Each Ticket includes two Refreshments:—

Children 8 years old and under—1/3.

„ 8 years to 14—2/-.

„ 14 years and over—2/6.

Teachers, Bible Class Members and Band—3/- each.

All the above Tickets include two Refreshments. Outsiders' Tickets 2/6 each. Two Refreshments can be had for 1/- if the Refreshment Tickets be bought not later than June 24th. Tickets are now on sale at all the leading firms in Portadown. Each Sunday School Superintendent will arrange the day and hour for the sale of Tickets to the children in each Sunday School.

The Silver Jubilee in Seagoe.

The Silver Jubilee of King George and Queen Mary has come and gone. Monday, May 6th, was a great day all the world over. The weather was perfect. There were splendid decorations in Portadown. Every street was gay with bunting,

and the people were in great holiday mood. Every householder gave something to the decorations. A short service was held in the Parish Church at 10.15 a.m. At 11.15 the children of the Day School were each presented with a handsome Silver Jubilee Medal and a little book about the Jubilee. Each child was also given a ticket for the special Jubilee Cinema performance at the Regal Cinema, in Portadown. The film described events in the Life of King George. At 3.30 the various youth organisations of Portadown assembled in Railway St. Seagoe C.L.B., Band, Cadets and Training Corps were also there. Marching up to the centre of the town, where a platform had been erected, an exhibition of gymnastic exercises was given, after which a short religious service was held. At night bonfires were lighter all through the country. On Sunday, May 12th, the Services in the Parish Church had special reference to the King's Jubilee. The morning collection was for the Prince of Wales Jubilee Trust Fund.

Seagoe Mothers' Union.

On Thursday, May 23rd, the Mother's Union had a social gathering in Seagoe School at 3.30 p.m. The Seagoe mothers had as their guests the members of the Milltown Mothers' Union, with Mrs. Magill, their President. A very pleasant afternoon was spent. After a hearty tea the members adjourned to the Rectory gardens, over which (in the unavoidable absence of the Rector) they were shown by the Rev. W. F. Hayes. At the meeting on Tuesday, June 11th, Mrs. Magill, of Milltown, has kindly consented to give an address to the members. A day at the sea has been arranged for the members. On Thursday, June 13th, a 'bus will bring a party of the mothers to Bangor, leaving the Parochial Hall at 1.30 p.m.

C.L.B. at Tyrella.

Seagoe C.L.B. is having a day at Tyrella, Co. Down, on Thursday, June 13th, leaving the Parochial Hall at 1.30 p.m.

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.

Seagoe C.L.B. in London.

At a recent C.L.B. Silver Jubilee Demonstration held in London at the Albert Hall, six members of Seagoe C.L.B. Pipers Band were present and took part in the demonstration. They were Corporal Wm. Donaldson, Piper Harry Abraham, Piper George Hamill, Drummer A. Mawhinney, Drummer Victor Porter and Drummer George Pentland. The party left Seagoe on Friday, May 17th. The whole Diocesan contingent were under the command of Capt. D. Martin. While in London the lads were accommodated at St. Simon's Hall, Chelsea. On Sunday, May 19th, they attended a Drumhead Service in Westminster Abbey at 3.30 p.m. The Down and Connor and Dromore Band headed the march to the Abbey. Drummer Victor Porter acted as one of the collectors at the Service in the Abbey. The lads were treated with great hospitality and many compliments were paid to them in English newspapers. They were shown over London, visiting Buckingham Palace and the Cenotaph and the Unknown Warrior's Tomb. On Monday evening, May 20, the great demonstration took place in the Albert Hall. The contingents from Northern Ireland gave two special Band items, which were received with great applause. The lads returned home on Wednesday, May 22nd, after a most interesting and enjoyable time. Out of the 21 places allotted to the contingent from Uster no less than 7 were handed over to the Seagoe Company. Lord Ampthill presided over the demonstration, and the Bishop of London was also present.

Protestant Orphan Society.

The Annual Appeal for the Co. Armagh Protestant Orphan Society will be made in the Parish Church on Sunday, June 30th, at Morning and Evening Prayer. This Society deserves our heartiest and most generous support.

July Anniversary Service.

On Sunday, July 7th, an Anniversary Service will be held in the Parish Church at 7 p.m. The Rev. J. I. Lea, M.A., rector of Mullavilly will preach, and the offerings will be on behalf of the Lord Enniskillen Memorial Orphan Fund.

Presentations.

On Wednesday evening, May 8th, a presenta-

tion was made in Drumgor Church Hall to Mrs. Victor Matchett on the occasion of her marriage. There was a large gathering assembled in the Hall, which was prettily decorated for the occasion. The evening began with games, and at 9.15 tea was partaken of. After tea, the Rector presided, and the presentation was made to Mrs. Matchett of a handsome drawing-room chair. Mr. Wm. Hutchinson, Superintendent of Drumgor Sunday School, spoke of the good work done by Mrs. Matchett as teacher in the Sunday School, and the Rector and the Rev. W. F. Hayes acknowledged the great help always given by Mrs. Matchett in all branches of work in the Parish. Mr. Matchett replied on behalf of Mrs. Matchett and expressed thanks to all the kind friends for the very handsome chair which had been presented to them.

During the past month a handsome presentation was made to Mr. Norman Walker on the occasion of his marriage. The presentation was made by the Superintendent, Teachers and Senior Boys of Seagoe Afternoon Sunday School, and consisted of a set of fruit dishes and a cake stand. Mr. Walker has sent the Rector the following acknowledgment:—" 16 Eden Ave., Portadown, 8th May. Rev. Sir,—I wish to express my many thanks for the beautiful present accorded to me on the occasion of my marriage. Please give my thanks to the Rev. W. F. Hayes, the Superintendent and Teachers and scholars of the Afternoon Sunday School. Hoping this acknowledgment will be accepted.—I remain, yours gratefully, Norman Walker."

Festival at Gifford.

Seagoe Choir took part in the Choir Festival, held in St. Paul's Church, Gifford, on Saturday, May 25th. Many of our local Parish Choirs took part and the singing was very impressive. The Archdeacon of Armagh was the special preacher. The Anthem, Canticles and Hymns sung at the Festival will be sung in Seagoe Church on Whit-Sunday, June 9th, at Morning and Evening Prayer.

Our Advertisements.

We would direct the attention of our readers to an alteration in one of our advertisements. Mr. John Sandford has let portion of his premises in Bridge Street to Mr. Douglas Stoops, M.P.S.N.I., who has started business there as a chemist. The other portion of the premises will be continued by Mr. Sandford as a grocery business. Mr. Stoops and Mr. Sandford are so well known to all our people that we believe they will receive a large share of the custom of our many readers. Mr. Sandford has helped us with his advertisement for almost 30 years. Mr. Stoops is a highly qualified chemist.

A Sad Accident.

We record with great regret the death in a motor accident of Samuel M'Reynolds, son of Mr. Harry M'Reynolds, of Drumnagoon. The accident occurred between Newtownards and Bangor on Wednesday, May 22nd. We express our deep sympathy with Mr. and Mrs. M'Reynolds in their sad loss. Sam M'Reynolds was well-known in Seagoe and was educated at Seagoe School. For the past five years he had lived in Bangor, where he had also made many friends. His funeral, which was largely attended, took place in the Church ground at Seagoe on Saturday, May 25th. Many of his Bangor friends were present at the graveside.

Parish Register for May.**Baptisms.**

M'Minn—4th May, 1935, Eliza Jane Gracey, daughter of Samuel (the late) and Olive M'Minn, of Kernan.

Sponsors—Emma Walker, Olive M'Minn.

M'Cann—4th May, 1935, Cyril, son of James and Minnie M'Cann, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Rachel Jane Vennard, Minnie M'Cann.

Burials.

Gilpin—May 6th, George Gilpin, of Belfast, aged 76.

Hewitt—May 12th, Alice Hewitt, of Edenderry, aged 76.

Black—May 15th, Samuel Black, of Knock, aged 50.

Hill—May 24th, David Hill, of Edenderry.

M'Reynolds—May 25th, Samuel M'Reynolds, of Drumnagoon, aged 23.

Boyd—June 1st, Thomas James Boyd, of Edenderry, aged 60. Interred at Drumree.

Sympathy.

We desire to express our deep sympathy with Mr. George Black and his family, of Knock, in their double bereavement. In last month's issue we referred to the death of Mrs. Black, and this month we have to record the death of her son, Samuel Black, which took place after a brief illness. The death of Mr. Hill, which we also record this month, removes from our midst a very highly-respected employe of the G.N.R. Mr. Hill had been in charge of the cabin at Seagoe Crossing for many years and was most diligent in the discharge of his duty. He had been in failing health for some time. Mr. George Gilpin, who had for long resided in Belfast, has also passed away. He was always very proud of his native Parish, and expressed a wish that his remains should be laid to rest in the old graveyard. An old and much respected resident of Edenderry has also passed away in the person

of Mrs. Alice Hewitt. We also regret to record the death of another resident in Edenderry well-known to many among us—Thomas James Boyd, of Foundry St., who had been in weak health for some time. To all those in our midst who mourn the loss of their dear ones we offer our sincere sympathy. They will receive comfort in the Saviour's words, "I am the Resurrection and the Life."

Seagoe P.E. School.

The annual Examination in Religious Knowledge of the pupils attending Seagoe Public Elementary School will be held on Friday, June 7th, by the Rev. J. Armstrong, Inspector under the Board of Education. The parents of the children are welcome to attend.

June 22nd, 1934.

This was the date of the Confirmation held in the Parish Church by Bishop Grierson last year. We would recall to the memory of those who were then solemnly set apart by the Laying-on-of-Hands of the Promises then made and of the spiritual privileges then conferred on them. They will remember the Bishop's words exhorting them to Private Prayer, study of the Bible, and Regular Attendance at Public Prayer and Holy Communion. A year has passed and those who were then Confirmed will look into their own heart and life and see how they have fulfilled the promises then made. If they have failed, by God's Grace they will try once again and tread the narrow path.

The Archdeacon of Madras.

The Ven. W. R. Crichton writes an interesting letter. He is busy arranging for the Centenary of the Diocese of Madras, which was founded in 1835. St. Mary Church in Fort St. George, Madras, was dedicated 255 years ago and is the oldest British building in India. The Diocesan Centenary celebrations will take place on the 26th, 27th and 28th October. Archdeacon Crichton had heard with deep regret of the death of Miss Emma Walker, for whom he had a great regard when he lodged at Seagoe Villa.

C.L.B. Sports Rally.

On Friday, July 5th, a C.L.B. Sports Rally will be held in Mrs. Best's field in Church Lane (kindly lent for the occasion). The Rally will begin at 5 p.m. Admission Sixpence.

**25 Years Ago.
JUNE, 1910.**

This former number of the Magazine is chiefly filled with references to the death of King Edward, which took place on May 6th, 1910. The King had only returned from a holiday in Biarritz two days before. A Confirmation is announced to be held on June 26th. Seven Baptisms are recorded, also 3 Marriages and 2

Burials. Nature Notes are inserted, attention being drawn to the Stitchwort, Germander Speedwell and the pink Cranesbill. Halley's Comet is expected but had not been seen. The Misses Dawson are about to leave for South America. Jones's Field, at Warrenpoint, has been taken for the excursion. The Choir Festival had been held at Banbridge on May 14th.

Old Seagoe Notes.

Forty Years Ago in Seagoe.—The foundation-stone of the chancel of Seagoe Church is to be laid on Friday, 11th April, 1890, by the Baroness Von Stieglitz, of Carrick-Blacker. This is an important portion of the extensive and elaborate improvements designed by Mr. Thomas Drew, R.H.A., and which are now being carried out under his direction by the Messrs. Colten Brothers, of Portadown. The following architectural notes supply a graphic sketch of those interesting operations:—The parish church of Seagoe, built in 1814, to take the place of an older one, was not of an architectural character; although it is recorded that it had an architect, by name J. Brownlee. It was simply, in the manner of that day, an ugly, plain, four-square room, of large dimensions, 70 feet long, by 30½ feet wide, and having a flat ceiling, concealing an ordinary roof of low pitch, and it had a gallery of the usual plain and unsightly sort. A more unpromising building to be recast into architectural form, according to more modern standard of taste, could not well be conceived. It was too short, too wide, and too low in its proportions, and there was not even sufficient room at the east end to lengthen it by extending a chancel. With generous expenditure, however, much is possible, and it is somewhat satisfactory that the substan-

tial old church, built with much courage and Churchmanlike spirit in a depressing time seventy-six years ago, and which has known three generations of worshippers, is not to be done away with. Seagoe Church will but illustrate forcibly the advance that has been made from 1814 to 1890 in good architecture, in wealth, and the facilities for its production, in the better ordering of church services, and the latter-day feeling among all Churchmen that in the adornment and furnishing of the House of God, and thoughtful care for the decency and convenience of worship, even the best that can be offered is but unworthy. The first care in the improved church has been to provide a worthy chancel. It has been devised by extending its eastern wall as far as the churchyard boundary would permit, and by taking some length from the nave. The plans provide thus for a well-proportioned chancel, 25 ft. long by 17½ ft. wide, opening to the nave with a lofty chancel arch, and on the north and south sides, with like arches to the organ-chamber and vestry, and a lateral side respectively. The chancel is a memorial, and the last-named feature, while it gives additional seating room, would be specially suitable as a kind of chantry for monuments or memorials of the founders. The parishioners' addition to the church consists of a southern aisle 37½ ft. long and 21½ ft. wide, and giving 200 additional seats. It opens into the nave with three lofty pointed arches, and gives additional architectural character and interest to the heretofore four-square building. There remains the nave of the somewhat unusual proportion of 65 ft. of length to 30½ ft. in breadth, to be brought into architectural character with a low-pitched roof, which it would not be desirable to raise higher.

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 8-30 p.m.

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

Edenderry—Wednesdays at 8 p.m.

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 Sarcophagus 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.

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.