

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

MAY, 1930.

RECTOR :

Rev. Canon Archer, B.D., The Rectory, Seagoe,
LAY READER (Bishop's Licence) :

Mr. Robt. Gracey, 69 Bridge Street, Portadown.

CHURCHWARDENS :

Rector's—Wm. H. England.

People's—Gilbert Price.

The Easter Vestry.

The Easter Vestry was held in Seagoe School on Thursday, April, 24th, at 8 p.m. The Rector presided and opened the meeting with prayer. The Secretary (Mr. Moses Gilpin) read the minutes of the last General Vestry meeting, which were confirmed and signed by the Chairman. The Rector gave a brief review of the work done in the Parish during the past year. All the organisations were in a prosperous condition. The Communicants had increased in number. The G.F.S. Branch had been revived, and the C.L.B. was doing a good work among the lads. The Men's Bible Class, taught by Mr. Gracey, was largely attended and was a most useful influence in the Parish. The Mother's Union had a successful session. A new Sunday School had been opened at Bocombra under the superintendence of Mr. James Twinem. During the year the Select Vestry had decided to purchase the Grove Field from Colonel Blacker at a cost of £150.

Mr. Hugh Stoops read the annual Financial Statement, which was satisfactory.

The following appointments were made:—

Rector's Churchwarden:

Mr. Wm. H. England.

People's :

Mr. Gilbert Price.

Parochial Nominators :

T. E. Maginnis, J. G. Gracey, J.P.

James Twinem.

Supplemental Nominators.

Lt.-Col S. W. Blacker, D.S.O.

John Dermott.

Thomas Martin.

Diocesan Synodsmen :

James Twinem.

R. M'Clements.

J. G. Gracey, J.P.

T. Martin.

Select Vestry :

Miss Atkinson.

James Twinem.

J. G. Gracey, J.P.

I. Dickson,

T. E. Maginnis.

R. M'Clements.

J. H. Twinem.

R. Scott.

Moses Gilpin.

T. Martin.

Hugh Stoops.

J. Montgomery.

Sidesmen :

R. M'Clements.

J. H. Twinem.

J. Dermott.

Thos. Martin.

J. G. Gracey.

Vic Matchett.

I. Dickson.

W. A. Casey.

A. Allen.

R. Scott.

J. R. Reid.

J. Twinem.

Hon. Secretary :

Mr. M. Gilpin.

Hon. Treasurer :

Mr. H. Stoops.

Hon. Auditors :

J. Dermott.

J. H. Reid.

On the motion of Mr. M'Clements, seconded by Mr. Scott, a vote of thanks was passed to Mr. James M'Dowell (a former parishioner), Providence, Rhode Island, U.S.A., for his kind gift of hymn books and prayer books for the use of visitors in the Church.

A Seagoe Record.

Dear Canon Archer,—Re your remarks in Seagoe Magazine for who will see or hear the cuckoo or cornrake first, I wish to inform you that I saw the cornerake on the 21st of February. I raised her out of a plot of trees and she flew into an adjoining field. Another man with me also saw her. I think above is a record.—Yours faithfully,
A. J. HALL.

C.M.S.

Seagoe C.M.S. Box Collection, 1929-1930:—

Hacknahay—Mrs. Bradshaw, 11s 10½d; Miss M. England, 5s 6d; Miss M. M'Cormick, 4s 7d; Mrs. Duke, 4s 9d; Mrs. T. Neil, 1s 8d; Mrs. Nixon, 6s 9d; Mrs. H. Neill, 10s 1d; Miss S. Maginnis, 7s 10½d; Miss D. Montgomery, 2s 6d; Miss J. Currie, 2s 6d; Miss A. Magee, 2s 3d; Miss Rodgers, 1s; Miss S. Jennett, 14s 2d; Mr. G. M'Neill, 1s; Mrs. N. England, 6s 9d; Mr. Wm. J. Calvert, 2s 6d; Miss Calvert, £1 15s 11d.

Edenderry—Mrs. Metcalf, 4s 4½d; Mrs. C. Magee, 1s 8½d; Mrs. Flannigan, 4s 6d; Mrs. Stoops, 2s 6d; Mrs. Dawson, 9s 0½d; Miss Atkinson, 2s 6d; Miss G. Atkinson, 10s.

Seagoe—Mrs. E. Collins, 2s 6d; Miss M. Ruddell, 3s 3d; Seagoe Senior Girls Sunday School class, 10s.

Drumgor—Mrs. Dickson, 4s 3½d; Miss L. Gracey, 8s 1d.

Carne—Mrs. Brennan, 2s; Mrs. Kirk, 2s 10d.

Total—£9 9s 3d.

Seagoe in the States.

69 Curtiss St., Hartford,

Conn, U.S.A., 4/2/30.

Dear Mr. Gracey,—I often meant to write to you before and tell you about how I like America, but somehow or other I never seemed to get to it. I am working every day and like my work very much. I don't receive a very large amount at present, as times are very hard here now, but later as conditions improve I hope to earn more.

I often think of all of you at home and especially of the Bible Class. It was so good of you to remember me with that nice wallet, and I think of you people when I see it. I am enclosing a small amount to help along the work of the Bible Class. With kind regards to every one at home. I am, sincerely yours,

WILLIAM FORDE.

From Seagoe to Melbourne

In our last issue Jim Porter's interesting Diary was brought up to July 27th, 1929. The last two entries are as follows:—

Sunday, July 28th—We have no service this morning as it is very cold and raining, so we have to keep down below. We have a service in the music room from 6.45 p.m. until 8 p.m. A lot of passengers are packing up to-day as we arrive in Melbourne in the morning. We are off Cape Otway at 10 p.m. We get to bed usual time. Clocks go on 15 minutes.

Monday, July 29th—We arrive at Melbourne on 29th July at 9 a.m., and haven't been sick all the way.

[We thank "Jim" Porter for his kindness in sending us his Diary for publication in the Magazine, and we hope his example will be followed by others of our young parishioners, who may be contemplating voyages to distant parts of the world. Before you start buy a note book, and when you are travelling write down your experiences each day and when you arrive in the new country post the Diary to the Rector and he will be glad to print it in the Magazine.]

Seagoe Mothers' Union.

Miss Cherrie Dawson has kindly consented to speak to the Mother's Union at their next meeting on Tuesday, May 13th, in Seagoe School, at 7.30 p.m. The committee invite any of Miss Dawson's old friends among the Parishioners to come to the meeting. They will be very welcome.

**Parish Register for April.
Baptisms**

Ruddell—April 5th, Everett Ronald, son of Joseph and Matilda Jane Ruddell, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Margaret Gilliland, Matilda J. Ruddell.

Roney—April 5th, Samuel Aubrey, son of Samuel and Christine Roney, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Mary Isabella Roney, Christine Roney.

PRIVATELY BAPTIZED.

Donaldson—April 7th, Eileen and Amelia, children of Isaac and Mary Donaldson, of Killoconnane.

Burials.

Maginnis—April 7th, Ellen Jane Maginnis, at The Wilderness, Lurgan, aged 83. Interred in Knocknamuckley.

Finney—April 12th, Margaret Finney, of Edenderry, aged 73.

Deaths

Atkinson—Feb. 5th, at West Hartlepool, Joseph Atkinson, son of the late Dynes Atkinson, of Seagoe, aged 69. Interred in West Hartlepool.

M'Loughlin—April 1st, at the Toronto Hospital, Weston, Canada, Sarah Margaret, beloved wife of William John M'Loughlin, in her 27th year. The funeral took place from the Funeral Home, Mount Dennis, on Thursday, April 3rd, at 2 p.m., to Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

Choral Festival

The Lurgan Choral Union, of which Seagoe Choir is a member, will hold their annual Choral Festival in Shankill Parish Church, Lurgan, on Saturday, May 31st, at 4 p.m. The Rev. John Bentley, Rector of Jonesborough, the conductor of the Festival, will hold a special practice with Seagoe Choir in Seagoe Church on Tuesday, May 13th, at 7 p.m. Parishioners who would wish to be present are welcome.

Correction

In the list of S.A.M.S. Boxes in our last issue we regret that two errors appeared. Mrs. M'Dougall should have been credited with £1 6s 6d, and Miss S. Price with 6s 9d.

New Curate of Seagoe

Mr. F. W. Hayes, Licentiate of Theology in Durham University, has been appointed to the vacant Curacy of Seagoe. Mr. Hayes is a native of King's County, where his family reside, and he comes to us with the highest recommendations. He hopes to be ordained at the September Ordination of the Bishop of Down and will enter upon his work in Seagoe towards the end of September. The Curacy of Seagoe has been vacant for almost 18 months, a longer period than for many years past.

Our Summer Migrants

This spring our summer migrants were somewhat late in arriving, no doubt owing to the cold north winds which blew continuously for some weeks. The swallow came first on Monday, April 14th, the corncrake followed on Thursday, April 24th, and the cuckoo was first heard on Tuesday, April 29th. The letter from Mr. A. J. Hall which we publish this month is very interesting. White, of Selbourne, the famous naturalist, observes that the corncrake or landrail is apparently very ill-adapted as a migrant. Its wings are short and placed so far forward that it must fly low. It seems to depend more on the swiftness of its feet than on its wings. White gives the following date as the earliest and latest for the arrival of the swallow and cuckoo—Swallow, March 26th to April 20th, Cuckoo, April 7th to April 26th.

Holy Week and Easter

The Services during Holy Week were very helpful. A quiet spirit of meditation and prayer characterised them. Mr. H. C. Grubb, pioneer Missionary in Bolivia, South America, preached at the service on Monday. Mr. Grubb is a Master in Engineering of Trinity College, Cambridge, but has since 1922 been acting as a Missionary under the South American Missionary Society.

On Easter Day a large number of Communicants were present at the early and later celebrations. The Church looked very pretty in its garnishing of flowers and palms. An Easter Anthem "The Lord God Omnipotent reigneth" was sung, Miss Clay Kirby taking the solo.

Ascension Day

Thursday, May 29th, will be Ascension Day, and the following Services will be held in the Parish Church:—11.30 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Holy Communion. 8 p.m.—Evening Prayer.

Concert at Drumgor

On Tuesday, April 29th, a concert was held in Drumgor Church Hall at 8 p.m. The Rector presided. A very interesting programme of sketches, recitation, songs and instrumental items was provided. The room was crowded. At the close of the concert the Rector expressed thanks to all who had so kindly helped at the concert. The proceeds are on behalf of Drumgor Sunday School Fund.

Seagoe C.L.B.

April has been a busy month for the C.L.B. On Friday, April 11th, our lads competed in Belfast for the Ritchie Shield. They were pitted against the Belfast Companies and succeeded in getting fourth place, with special mention. St. Aidan's, Belfast, won the Shield, but the first four of the competing companies were only separated by 4 or 5 marks; the first company got 87 marks and the second 86. Seagoe C.L.B. was loudly applauded for its smart work. Lieut. M'Nally has brought the Company up to the "Guards Standard," as Capt. Lutton expressed it. On Sunday, April 27th, the Seagoe Lads attended the Battalion Parade Service in Lisburn Cathedral (Canon Taylor's Church). The Bishop preached and after the service made a special inspection of the Seagoe Company. The following appointments have been made:—To be Lieutenants—Walter Currie, Richard Hoy, and A. J. Hall. A Parade Service will be held in the Parish Church on Sunday evening, May 11th, at 7 p.m.

The Grove Field

The envelopes for the Grove Field Purchase Fund are coming in and a substantial sum has been already received, but if the £150 is going to be reached everyone must give a liberal gift. Next month we hope to publish a list of subscriptions.

Old Seagoe Notes

A Seagoe Pioneer in Canada.—The Venerable Archdeacon M'Murray was one of the pioneer clergy in Canada in the middle of the 19th century. He was born near Blacker's Mill, about the year 1820, and in early life emigrated to Canada. He joined the Mission at Sault St. Marie and eventually became Rector of Ancaster, Ontario. He worked for many years among the Canadian Indians, and married the daughter of an Indian chieftain who made him an excellent wife. Perhaps some of our readers could supply us with some further particulars regarding the Archdeacon and his work in Canada. We will gladly insert such particulars in the Magazine.

A Kernan Man Who Fought at Corunna.—William Mercer was a member of an important family who lived in Kernan during the 18th century. They had many connections with the Navy, but William enlisted in the Army and served under Wellington in the Peninsular Campaigns. He served in the famous 50th Regiment at the Battle of Corunna, and barely escaped with his life. His regiment was cut up by the French. The Battle was fought on the 16th of January, 1809. It began at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. The French numbered 20,000 and the British 14,000. The English were commanded by General Sir John Moore, who perished in the fight and whose loss is commemorated in the well-known poem on "The Burial of Sir John Moore." In later life William Mercer lived in Clonmel, Co. Tipperary. He was a man of deeply religious character and his Bible is treasured by his great grandson, Mr. Ernest Mercer, of 36 Cliftonville Avenue, Belfast.

Sunday School Excursion

A meeting of the Superintendents and Teachers of the Sunday Schools will be held (p.v.) in Seagoe School on Monday, May 5th, at 8 p.m., to arrange the date and place of the annual excursion.

Social

A very pleasant G.F.S. social was held in Seagoe School on Thursday, May 1st. There was a large attendance of members and their friends. Games were enjoyed to a late hour, and prizes were distributed for various competitions. One competition was based on the advertisements in Seagoe Magazine. Mrs. Scott, the energetic secretary, did much to make the social a great success.

Seagoe P.E.S.

Important improvements and repairs are being made at Seagoe School. A pleasant afternoon for the pupils in the Grove Field has been arranged for Friday, May 9th. The School and its surroundings look very pretty just now.

Seagoe War Memorial

The Select Vestry have arranged for the better upkeep of Seagoe War Memorial. Messrs. M'Clements & Sons have renewed the pillars, and the gates are about to be re-decorated.

Distribution

The Alan Bell Memorial Fund was distributed in the week preceding Easter. There were 51 recipients this year. We wish that a tablet could be erected in Seagoe Church to the treasured memory of Mr. and Mrs. Bell, who loved Seagoe and did so much for it.

Acknowledgment.

Mrs. Atkinson wishes to acknowledge the receipt of a further sum of £3 6s 0d towards the St. Mark's Bell Fund, making a total of £60 6s 0d.

Congratulations

Hearty congratulations to our new Churchwardens, Mr. W. H. England and Mr. Gilbert Price.

Edenderry Children Service

130 of the children attending the Wednesday Children's Service had a splendid afternoon in the Grove Field on Wednesday, April 30th. The children marched up from the Parochial Hall with Mr. Gracey. Abundance of tea and cake were distributed in the field, and then games of all kinds were played. The weather was perfect.

Thanks

We acknowledge with many thanks a generous gift of £5 from our kind friend Mr. James M'Dowell, for the purchase of hymn books and prayer books for use by visitors in Seagoe Church. Mr. M'Dowell hopes to revisit Seagoe in 1931. He has spent the winter months at his home in Florida.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

MAY, 1906.

Mr. Atkinson Costello was nominated Rector's Churchwarden, and Mr. T. E. Maginnis as People's Churchwarden. A parade of the Seagoe C.L.B. was arranged for Sunday evening, April 29th, and the sermon was to be preached by the Curate, the Rev. J. Taylor. Eleven Baptisms are recorded, two marriages, and eight burials, the last including that of

Mr. James Atkinson, of Lower Seagoe, aged 93. A letter to parents on the attendance of their children at Morning and Afternoon Sunday School is inserted, signed by the Rector and the Rev. J. Taylor, Curate.

Regret

We announce with much regret the death of our old and respected Parishioner, Mrs. Finney, also the death of Mrs. Maginnis, mother of our respected Parishioner, Mr. T. E. Maginnis, of Breagh. The death last February of Mr. Joseph Atkinson is much regretted. He spent some time here after his father's death a few years ago. He was much attached to Seagoe and to his Church in West Hartlepool. Mrs. M'Loughlin's death in Toronto was very sad at an early age and after a long illness in a distant land. We sympathise sincerely with all those who have been bereaved.

ITEMS

Mr. Robert Gracey has joined the new Portadown Cricket Club and several of our C.L.B. lads have also joined up.

A very fine building has been erected at Seagoe by Cumo, Ltd. A pretty electrical device in front is brightly lighted at night.

Some of our Seagoe folk in America are eagerly compiling lists of their ancestors. The old registers of Seagoe have proved very useful.

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 8 p.m. during Advent and Lent.

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.

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.

Mothers' Union—2nd Tuesday of each month.

DAY SCHOOL—Seagoe, 9-30 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/- 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.