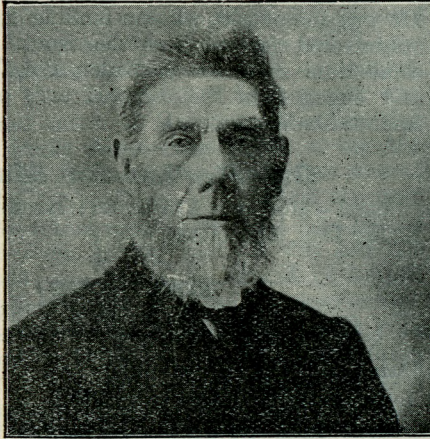


Seagoe Parish Magazine.

APRIL, 1910.

CHURCHWARDENS, 1909-10.



MR. JAMES ALBIN.



MR. J. G. GRACEY.

The Outgoing Churchwardens.

We reproduce above the portraits of two very familiar figures in our Parish life for the past year, the Rector's Churchwarden, Mr. James Albin, and the People's Churchwarden, Mr. John George Gracey. The position of Churchwarden is an ancient and honorable office as may be seen by a reference to the interesting lists of Churchwardens of Seagoe, dating back as far as 1683, now being published month by month in the Old Seagoe Notes. The two retiring Churchwardens have filled the post with great credit and ability. They have been most diligent in the discharge of their duties. They are entitled to the gratitude of the Parishioners for the efficient manner in which they have carried out the tasks entrusted to them by the Rector and the General Vestry.

Eastertide.

The Services during Holy Week and Easter were very well attended. The congregation on Good Friday morning was larger than usual. On Easter Day there were more communicants than at any previous Easter for many years past, and the services were very bright and hearty. The music was well rendered by the Choir, and the Anthem "Christ is Risen," was sung in good time and tune, and with much expression. Mr. David Murray acquitted himself well in the solo parts. The Afternoon Children's Service was very nice. The children sang heartily, and were very reverent and attentive. They placed their offerings and cards in a large basket, and they were then presented on the Holy Table as the children's Easter gifts. There was a good congrega-

tion present at Evening Prayer. The Church was handsomely decorated with a profusion of beautiful flowers given by kind friends. The offertories during the day (including the card collections) amounted to over £12. They were in aid of our Parish Sunday-Schools. We acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of £1 each from Mrs. R. E. Hadden and Mr. Armstrong towards our Sunday-School Funds.

The Easter Cards.

The 'Watch' Cards issued at Easter as collecting cards for the Sunday-School Children were very successful. Those who have not yet sent in their cards must do so without delay. The following have sent in their cards:—George and Mary Wilson, 10/-; Jane Dawson, 3/6; Mary A. Gordon, 2/-; Miss Armstrong, 5/-; George Simpson, 1/-; Miriam Holmes, 1/-; Maggie Simpson, 10d; Sarah Thornton, 9d; Sarah Brown, 1/-; Sarah J. Price, 1/-; Joseph Allen, 4d; Pearl Reid, 1/-; Victor Irwin, 1/-; Theresa Ramsay, 1/2; Judith Gilpin, 1/-; Ella Elliott, 1/1; James Simpson, 6d; Mary A. Gordon, 2/-; Thomas J. Gordon, 1/-; David Flannigan, 3d; May Best, 1/3; Robert Henry Wilson, 6d; Gilbert Price, 8d; Sam and William Gracey, 10d; Minnie Gillespie, 1/-; Hannah Caddell, 1/2; Lottie Roland, 1/-; James M'Keown, 1/-; Olivia Roland, 1/-; Atkinson Conolly, 1/-; Minnie Watson, 10d; Nellie Best, 6d; Sophia Webb, 1/-; Walter Currie, 1/-; Sarah Chambers, 6d; Wm. Chambers, 9d; George Cairnes, 1/-; Thomas H. Boyce, 1/-; Ethel Ruddell, 1/-; Robert E. Crawford, 1/-; Alexander Russell, 8d; Christina Livingston, 2d; Amy Reid, 1/1; Mabel Reid, 1/-; Herbert Livingston, 6d; Carrie Robb, 8d; Bessie Dawson, 1/4; James

Henry White, 1/8; Minnie Allen, 1/-; Minnie Dickson, 6d; Thomas Dickson, 1/1; Victor Holland, 4d; Annie McDonald, 1/-; William Hynes, 1/-; Lizzie Cummins, 1/-; Jack Hynes, 1/-; Minnie Gates, 6½d; Wm. R. Holland, 1/6; Howard Stevenson, 1/-; Abraham Caddell, 1/-; Sam Magee, 5d; Cissie Martin, 1/-; Anne Jane M'Murray, 1/-; Sarah Martin, 1/-; Joseph Ruddell, 4d; Tennie Flannigan, 1/-; Jack Stoops, 1/-; Wm. Best, 1/2; Chas. M'Loughlin, 1/-; Flora Templeton, 1/8; Thomas M'Mullen, 1/-; Amelia Anna Hewitt, 1/3; Susan Cartmill, 5d; Wm. M'Loughlin, 1/-; James Killow, 1d; Joseph Ruddell, 9d; Cissie Gracey, 10d; Annie Killow, 2d; John M'Loughlin, 1/-; Charles Killow, 3d; Emma Webb, 1/3; Thomas J. Kelly, 1/-; Agnes Johnston, 3d; George Bradshaw, 1/-; Be la Magee, 2d; Emily Coxo, 1/-; Maria Coxo, 6d; Mary Jane Best, 4d; Maggie Thompson, 1/-; Maria Magee, 7d; Fanny Thompson, 1/-; Maggie Ford, 1/-; Adelaide Murray, 1/6; Charlotte Clayton, 6d; Fred Freeburn, 7d; Eva Neill, 1/-; Lizzie Reid, 6d; Sam Stevenson, 7d; William Hall, 10d; James Terry, 1/-; George Watson, 1/-; William Watson, 1/-; Maggie Archer, 1/-; K. M'Mullan, 1/-; Lizzie Dickson, 1/1; Cissie Clayton, 9d; Arthur Allen, 9d; Mary Gardiner, 1/-; James Henry Stevenson, 6d; John Burnett, 6d; Lily Turner, 6d; John Porter, 6d; Maggie Turner, 6d; K. Moore, 1/-; M. I. Best, 1/3; total, £5 13s 8½d.

HACKNAHAY.—Grace Best, 2/6; Rebecca Calvert, 2/-; Minnie Black, 2/-; Minnie M'Cormick, 1/3; Ellen England, 1/2; William Finlay, 1/6; Sophia M'Murray, 1/1; Rachel Robinson, 1/-; Maggie Neill, 1/-; Sarah Templeton, 1/-; Thomas E. Maginnis, 1/-; Sarah J. Cunningham, 1/-; Helen Calvert, 1/-; Sarah Thompson, 1/6; Ellen M'Kane, 1/-; Rachel England, 1/-; John H. Magrattan, 1/-; James Bradshaw, 1/-; Edward Vaughan, 1/-; Sam Jennett, 1/-; David M'Kane, 1/-; Minnie Hart, 1/-; Sophia Wilson, 1/-; Eva Brown, 1/-; Anna Gracey, 1/-; Maggie Thompson, 1/-; Netta Spence, 1/-; Albert M'Murray, 10d; James M'Nally, 5d; George H. Currie, 8d; E. J. Livingston, 5d; Maggie Bradshaw, 1/-—£1 15s 4d.

Mr. Twinem's Social.

Mr. Leonard Twinem very hospitably entertained the Superintendents of our Sunday-Schools, together with the Teachers and Pupils of Seagoe Sunday-School, and the members of Seagoe Girls' Bible Class on Tuesday March 15th. The gathering was held in Seagoe School. After a most enjoyable repast the chair was taken by the Rector, who expressed his appreciation of Mr. Twinem's kindness and his regret at the fact that he was leaving the Parish. A short programme of Music and Recitations followed. At the close of the meeting a Presentation of a handsome Dressing Case with silver-mounted fittings was made to Mr. Twinem. An address was read by Mr. S. R. Chambers, and the Presentation was made to Mr. Twinem by Miss Walker of Seagoe on behalf of the Teachers and children. Mr. Twinem suitably replied, and in the course of his remarks expressed his intention of

offering a Prize each year, to be competed for by the children. Mr. Twinem sails by the s.s. California on April 2. His destination is New York. Mr. Twinem has had a varied experience of life. When the Boer War broke out he volunteered for the Yeomanry, and saw much active service during three years in South Africa. He wears a medal with three clasps. He was one of 200, who on landing in South Africa volunteered for work at the front. He acted for some time as escort to Baden Powell of Mafeking, and engaged in the difficult task of chasing the famous De Wet.

Offertories for March.

Total—Morning, £14 3s 0d; Evening, £4 2s 7d; Easter Day, £11 1s 8d.

Baptisms.

"We pray that this child may lead the rest of its life according to this beginning." (Baptismal Service.)
 March 5th—Anne, daughter of William H. and Elizabeth Currie.
 " "—Mary Jane, daughter of William H. and Phoebe M'Cann.
 " 21st—Muriel Phyllis, daughter of Albert and Susan Best,
 " 23rd—Alice, daughter of James Henry and Sarah Magee.
 " 27th—James William, son of James William and Mary Isabella Roney.

Marriages.

"Love is the fulfilling of the law."
 March 4th—John Russell of Clanrole, to Agnes McCormick of Ballydugan.
 " 7th—Robert Livingston of Edenderry, to Anne Conn of Edenderry.
 " 21st—Hugh Shields of Lisburn, to Margaret Flannigan of Edenderry.

Burials.

"To me to live is Christ, and to die is gain."
 March 11th—Alice Lapping, Waringstown, aged 58
 " " John Lappin, Edenderry, aged 80.
 " 15th—Elizabeth McClure, Carne, aged 56.
 " 26th—Isabella Ruddell, Edenderry, aged 80.
 " 29th—Elizabeth Cordy, Killycomaine, aged 21.

Service of Song.

A most interesting service of song was given by the members and candidates of the G. F. S. in Edenderry Hall on Friday, March 4th. The subject of the Service was the Life of the Lion-hearted Bishop Hannington, the Martyr Bishop of Uganda. The story, the music, and the slides were all very good. Miss Armstrong deserves great praise for the excellence of the musical portion. The story was sympathetically read by the Rev. W. R. Crichton, and the slides were skilfully shown by Mr. M'Kettrick. There was a large attendance, and altogether the service was a great success.

The Harrison Millions.

Seagoe has suddenly awoke to the fact that she may have within her borders possible millionaires. During the past fortnight a paragraph relating to the Harrison millions, which first appeared in a Dublin paper, has been copied into all the leading English and Irish papers, so that now the name of Seagoe and the families of Wilsons, Liddells, Graceys and Henrys are being read about and talked about everywhere. Scores of letters have been received from people who bear the charmed name of Harrison, asserting that they are undoubtedly direct descendants of the Mr. Harrison who left the millions. Two facts emerge clearly out of the clouds of uncertainty which surround the matter. One is that some years ago a man named Harrison died without having made a will and left about 2½ millions for which no heir could be found; the other fact is that a member of the Harrison family, resident in Knockmena in Seagoe, left home early in life and was never again heard of. The question to be cleared up is simply this—Can it be proved that the Harrison who disappeared from Seagoe Parish many years ago in the early part of the 19th century is the same individual who later in the same century died a millionaire. If this identity can be established then the relatives of the Harrisons of Knockmena should benefit, but it must be remembered that the world contains a great many of the name of Harrison besides those who came from Seagoe. It seems as if it were worth while to clear up as far as possible the movements of the Harrison who left Seagoe, and see if they fit in with what is known of the millionaire. Meanwhile the pulse of Seagoe life is quickened, and imagination is kindled by those dreams of golden affluence.

The New Churchwardens.

At the Annual Easter Vestry, held in Seagoe School on Thursday, March 31st, at 7-30 p.m., the Rector nominated as his Churchwarden

MR. CHARLES COLLINS,

and the General Vestry unanimously elected as People's Churchwarden

MR. THOMAS REID.

The New Select Vestry.

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| 1. George Calvert. | 7. T. J. Montgomery. |
| 2. Thomas Martin. | 8. John G. Gracey. |
| 3. T. J. Atkinson. | 9. Major Blacker. |
| 4. John Montgomery. | 10. T. E. Maginnis. |
| 5. W. R. Atkinson. | 11. Robert Gracey. |
| 6. J. H. Stevenson. | 12. Joseph Murray. |

Mr. W. R. Atkinson was unanimously re-elected Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer.

Messrs. James Albin, J. G. Gracey, J. Montgomery and Wm. Best were appointed Sidesmen.

Confirmation Classes.

Candidates for Confirmation are asked to attend at the following centres on the dates mentioned so as to have their names enrolled:—

April 12th—Tuesday Carne Hall at 8.

April 12th—Tuesday Drumgor Hall at 8.

April 14th—Thursday Hacknahay at 7-30.

April 14th—Thursday Edenderry Hall at 8.

April 15th—Friday Seagoe School at 8.

Arrangements will then be made for the weekly preparation classes.

The Rector will preach on the subject of "Confirmation" in the Parish Church on Sunday morning, April 10th.

New Superintendent.

Mr. William Turner of Drumgor has been appointed Superintendent of Seagoe Morning Sunday-School in place of Mr. Leonard Twinem. The post is an important one, but we believe Mr. Turner is well fitted for it. The efficiency of a Sunday-School very largely depends on its Superintendent. Seagoe Morning Sunday-School is the most representative in the Parish, containing as it does children from all parts of the Parish. Mr. Turner is a native of Maralin Parish.

Nature Notes.

Now is the time to look out for the arrival of our summer migrants. Who will see the first swallow—who will hear the first Corncrake or Cuckoo? Last year the Swallows arrived on April 4th, the Cuckoo on April 13th, the Corncrake on April 21th, the first Butterfly on April 9th. The Birds are already hard at work planning and building nests. We hope the boys won't rob them. The yellow flower now seen like a buttercup in shady places is the Lesser Celandine, and soon the white star-shaped flowers of the Greater Stitchwort will be seen in the hedges.

Items.

Edenderry was beautifully decorated with flags on Easter Tuesday. The decorations there were the finest in the town.

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The Saunderson Statue is a fine work of art. The pedestal is of a massive structure. It consists of a single huge block of Scotch granite.

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We hope the effect of this beautiful monument will be to raise the taste of our townspeople in art matters. Our Technical School could help us forward in this direction.

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The Rev. T. Bannon, M.A., Curate of Hillsborough and a native of Portadown, preached in Seagoe Church on Wednesday, March 30th.

Old Seagoe Notes.

AN INTERESTING ANNIVERSARY MAY 1st, 1910.—
 In a few weeks an interesting Seagoe Anniversary will occur. May 1st, 1910, will be the one hundredth anniversary of the death of the Rev. George Blacker through whose energy and foresight the present Church at Seagoe was built. He died at the age of 46, deeply regretted by all the Parishioners. He became Vicar of Seagoe in 1796 He is buried in the Blacker grave inside the precincts of the Old Church. The following is the inscription over his grave—"To the memory of the Rev. George Blacker, late Vicar of this Parish. A sincere Christian, a warm friend, an exemplary clergyman who illustrated by his actions the gospel which he preached. He lived beloved and died deeply lamented, May 1st, 1810, aged 46. An Israelite without guile."

The handsome oval marble tablet over the entrance door of the present Church was erected by him to the memory of his predecessor Mr. Buckby. A tablet in the Church to the left of the entrance also commemorates the Rev. George Blacker's worth.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL SAURIN.—This distinguished statesman was uncle of the late Archdeacon Saurin. It was he who negotiated the Act of Union between England and Ireland in the year 1800. He was a son of the Rev. James Saurin, Vicar of Belfast, from 1747-1772. This Vicar of Belfast is buried in the chancel of St. George's Church, Belfast. He was very popular in Belfast and a story is told that when the present St. George's Church was being built the workmen engaged in making the foundation so respected his grave that they arched it over with masonry. In the year 1820 Archdeacon Saurin heard a corroboration of this story from his grandfather's Parish Clerk who was then still living.

SEAGOE CHURCH BELL.—The present Bell in Seagoe Church whose fine clear note is so familiar in our ears was cast in the River Don Foundry, Sheffield, by Messrs. Vickers Son & Company, Limited. It is made of steel, and was one of the first steel bells fixed up in Ireland. It is four feet in diameter and weighs 1474 lbs. Its note is F in the scale.

CHURCHWARDENS OF SEAGOE (Continued):—

- 1693—Patrick Morris.
James Toullerton.
- 1694—John Dynes.
Robert Moore.
- 1695—Robert Wilson (Bocomera).
James Turkenton (Dirretrasnagh).
- 1696—Thomas Hodgson (Drumanerolle).
William Ervin (Carne).
- 1697—George Whaley (Drumeonway).
John Fisher (Kinego).
- 1698—Marten Willson.
John Greenway, junr.
- 1699—Edward Stevenson.
John Binks.

Items.

A Garden Fete in aid of the Belfast Cripples' Home will be held in Moyallon next June. Mrs. Blacker will have a Stall. Contributions of needlework and other suitable things will be gladly received. There is no more deserving charity than that of helping the crippled children to earn a livelihood.

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We hear of several more of our young parishioners who intend to emigrate. Mr. Bertram Holland sails on Thursday week for Toronto, and Mr. Joe Lavery goes shortly to the United States.

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A large number of useful commodities are brought under the notice of our readers each month in our advertisement columns. Look through them carefully and see what you want.

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The next Band of Hope Meeting will be held in Edenderry on Friday Evening, April 8th. A splendid programme has been arranged.

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There are rumours that the Sustentation Fund this year is far in excess of previous years.

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Catch-my-pal meetings have been held with much success in Carbet, Carne, and Seagoe Halls.

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The offerings in the Parish Church on Good Friday were on behalf of the Jews Society.

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Remember the week of our Church Anniversary Meetings in Belfast May 9th to 15th.

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The General Synod of the Church of Ireland assembles for its annual meeting in Dublin next week.

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Those who wish to secure a copy of the Magazine each month should get it at Mrs. Metcalfe's Bridge Street, if no distributor calls on them.

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Several were unable to get copies of the Magazine last month. All copies were sold off in a few days.

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The best paper to send to your friends abroad is Seagoe Parish Magazine. It keeps all in touch with the Old Parish.

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We hope our Seagoe people abroad do not forget to attend the Church Services in their neighbourhood. Help your Rector in his work, whether you are in an American, African, or Australian Parish. The Church is world-wide.

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Our Farmers and Labourers should start Bee-Keeping. It is a profitable industry.