

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

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The Consecration of Seagoe Graveyard, Tuesday, March 3rd, 1925

A very important event in the history of Seagoe Parish took place on Tuesday, March 3rd, 1925, when the Lord Bishop of Down and Connor and Dromore (the Right Rev. C. T. P. Grierson, D.D.) consecrated the additions which had been made to the Graveyard in 1874, and in 1914. The day was very fine, and a large number of parishioners and others were present. A procession was formed at the Church, in the following order:—Members of Select Vestry preceded by Messrs J. G. Gracey and D. W. Murray, members of the Rural District Council; the Churchwardens, Messrs T. H. Wilson and J. E. Lavery; the Clergy, Revs. H. F. O. Egerton, M.A., J. Armstrong, B.Sc. from St. Mark's; J. Dunlop, B.A. (Drumcree), G. C. Johnston, B.A. (Shankill), G. H. Daunt (Knocknamuckley), J. Smyth, M.A. (Ardmore), W. T. Wilson, M.A., and R. W. Johnston, L.Th., Curates-Assistant of Seagoe; Canon Archer, B.D., Rector of Seagoe; J. T. Belton, M.A. (carrying the Pastoral Staff), the Archdeacon of Connor (Ven. H. R. Brett, M.A.), and the Lord Bishop. A Guard of Honour of the B.U.C. under Captain Andrews was drawn up at the graveyard gate. The procession moved from the Church to the entrance to the graveyard, and turned to the left after passing through the gate. The service began where the Old Ground adjoins the new. The Bishop and people read the verses of the Psalm alternately; the Psalms said were Psalms xvi., xxvi., exliii., xxliii. and xxiv. Mr. Samuel M'Cabe, the caretaker of the graveyard, walked in front of the procession, which first passed along the West wall to

the railway, then along the path parallel to the railway, then along the Eastern side (omitting a small rectangular plot), then along the North side of the Old Burying Ground and by the path passing the West end of the old Church. When the procession reached the place where the Service had begun it halted, and the Bishop said the concluding prayers. The Deed of Consecration was then submitted by the Diocesan Registrar (Archdeacon Brett) to the Bishop for signature, and after it had been signed the Bishop handed it to Mr. John George Gracey, a member of Seagoe Select Vestry, and also Vice-chairman of the Lurgan Rural District Council. The Deed is worded as follows:—

DEED OF CONSECRATION

Of Additional Ground in Seagoe Graveyard.

In the Name of God. Amen.

WHEREAS the Rural District Council of Lurgan have requested us to separate two portions of ground, namely, that portion of the Seagoe Burial Extension Ground recently added, and also the portion added in 1874, from all profane and common uses, and to dedicate, appropriate and consecrate them as a place of Burial for the Dead:

THEREFORE, We, Charles Thornton Primrose, D.D., by Divine Permission, Bishop of Down and Connor and Dromore, being desirous of promoting their pious and religious intentions, do hereby for ever separate the said portions of ground from all common and profane uses, and do Dedicate, Appro-



THE CONSECRATION OF SEAGOE GRAVEYARD.

The Bishop presenting the Deed of Consecration to Mr. John George Gracey in the Graveyard after the Consecration on March 3rd, 1925.

appropriate and Consecrate them for a place of Burial for the Dead in Christ.

In testimony whereof we have signed our name this Third day of March, 1925.

CHARLES T. P. DOWN

Henry R. Brett,
Diocesan Registrar.

The procession then made its way back to the Church in the same order. Tea was provided in the Schoolhouse after the Service.

Seagoe Parochial Mission.

The Parochial Mission held in the Parish Church from March 21st to March 29th by the Rev. Canon Forrester proved, we are thankful to record, a great success. A large number of the Parishioners attended the Services, and as the Mission went on the numbers steadily increased until at the concluding Service on Sunday evening, March 29th, the Church was crowded. Canon Forrester followed a definite course in his addresses. The Mission began on the evening of Saturday, March 21st, with a short Service in the Church for Church workers. On the Sunday morning, March 22nd, the Missioner began his series of Addresses by preaching on "The Fact of God," the fundamental principle on which all Religion is based. His second subject (on Sunday evening) was "The Fatherhood of God." Then on each succeeding evening of the week he gave addresses on "Jesus Christ, the Incarnate Son of God," "Sin which Separates us from God," "Forgiveness of Sin," "Judgment," "The Means of Grace." On Saturday, March 28th, he gave an address to Communicants, and on Sunday (29th) he spoke in the morning on

"Holy Communion," and at Evensong on "What we must do." On each Sunday afternoon Canon Forrester held a Service for Men at 3.30. His subject on Sunday (22nd) was "Self-control, the way to Power," and on Sunday (29th) "The Church in Work and Home." There were two celebrations of Holy Communion on each Sunday at 8 and 11.30, and also two early Celebrations at 8 on the Wednesday and Friday. A large number waited at the close of the last Service of the Mission to receive Memorial Cards. The Mission has, we believe, been productive of much spiritual benefit to the Parish, and many among us will look back to that week of quiet meditation on the great truths of the Christian revelation as a time when their faith was deepened, their hope confirmed, and their love for eternal things warmed and strengthened.

Thanks.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of 10s towards the Recreation Room from "Anon," and £1 from Mrs. Bond. We also desire to thank the Misses Dawson, who very kindly gave a generous gift of splendid Oranges for the Edenderry Sunday School Fete last month.

The Easter Vestry.

The Easter General Vestry for Seagoe Parish will be held (D.V.) on Thursday, April 16th, in Seagoe School at 8 p.m. A full attendance of all the members of the General Vestry is requested. At this meeting the Churchwardens will be appointed and elected, and also the Select Vestry for the coming year. The Annual Statement of Accounts will be submitted by the Hon. Treasurer.

Holy Week and Easter.

LIST OF SPECIAL SERVICES.

During Holy Week there will be a Service in the Parish Church on each evening except Saturday, at 8 p.m. The following is a list of the Services and subjects of the Addresses :—

Monday, April 6th—"Geithsemane."

Tuesday, April 7th—"The Betrayal."

Wednesday, April 8th—"The Trial."

Thursday, April 9th—"The Last Supper."

Good Friday, April 10th—11.30 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Litany. 8 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon.

Easter Day, April 11th—8 a.m.—Holy Communion.

11.30 a.m.—Morning Prayer, Sermon and Holy Communion. 7 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon.

On Good Friday the Offerings will be given to the Jews' Society, and on Easter Day at all the Services the Offerings will be on behalf of the Sunday Schools of the Parish.

Parish Register for March.

Baptisms.

The following were Baptized in Seagoe Parish Church on March 7th, 1925 :—

M'Murry—Mary Anna, daughter of Thomas and Sarah M'Murry, of Hacknahay.

Sponsors—Elizabeth M'Knight, Sarah M'Murry.

Hamilton—Allen Norman, son of Robert and Margaret Jane Hamilton, of Upper Seagoe.

Sponsors—Edith Florence Richardson, Margaret Jane Hamilton.

Gracey—Joseph, son of Joseph and Martha Jane Gracey, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Lily Clarke, Isabella Gracey.

Robinson—Thomas Kenneth, son of Johnston and Sarah Robinson, of Drumgor.

Sponsors—Frances Mary Irwin, Johnston Robinson.

Kearns—Samuel James, son of David and Ellen Kearns, of Killicomaine

Sponsors—Mary Rachel Neill, Ellen Kearns.

Guy—Alfred, son of Samuel James and Anna Bella Guy, of Derryvore.

Sponsors—Millicent Coulter, Anna Bella Guy.

(We regret that in last month's issue the names of the Sponsors—Elizabeth Hummiford and Josephine Webb—were omitted from the notice of the Baptism of the twin daughters of Mr. Wm. Jas Campbell, of Balteagh.)

Burials.

Joyce—9th March, at Eden Villa, Edenderry, Thomas John Joyce, late of Cincinnati, U.S.A., aged 82 years.

Date of Confirmation.

The Lord Bishop will (D.V.) hold a Confirmation in Seagoe Parish Church on Tuesday, June 30th, at 8 p.m. All those who have reached the age of 14 are

eligible to join the Confirmation Classes, which will be held in Seagoe School on Mondays for Girls, and on Thursdays for Boys. The Classes will begin on Monday, May 4th, at 8, and on Thursday, May 7th, at 8 p.m. A Class for Adults will be held on Sunday afternoons at 4 p.m. in Seagoe School, beginning on Sunday, May 3rd.

The Mothers' Union.

The next meeting of the Mothers' Union will be held (D.V.) in Seagoe School on Tuesday, May 5th, at 4 p.m. A very pleasant gathering was held on the Tuesday of the Mission Week in Edenderry Parochial Hall, and Canon Forrester addressed those present. Tea was kindly provided for the members by some of our helpers.

Emigrants.

Mr. and Mrs. David Johnston, of Carrickblacker Road, left on Saturday, April 4th, by the liner "Scythia" for America. They will reside at Thompsonville near Springfield. They will be much missed in the Parish, where they were ever ready to assist in all kinds of Parish work. The thoughts and prayers of many among us will accompany them to their new home.

A School Address.

An Address, accompanied by the gift of a Gold Fountain Pen, was presented to John Johnston by the pupils of Edenderry P.E. School before he left for America. The Address contains the following interesting sentences :—

Edenderry P.E.S.,

Portadown, 26th March, 1925.

Address and Presentation to Master John Johnston on the occasion of his departure for the States.

Dear John—We are all very sorry that you are leaving us for the States, especially as you have always been one of our cleverest boys, and an example to the rest of us in steadiness and perseverance.

We are sure you will do us credit among the Yanks, but we hope that you will never acquire the nasal twang so common out there. It is scarcely necessary for us to add that we wish you every success in the land of your adoption, and we hope that whatever may be your lot you will not forget the chums you left behind you. As an aid in this direction we ask your acceptance of the accompanying Fountain Pen, which we hope you will find useful. Again we wish you all happiness and prosperity.

We are, on behalf of the class,

Signed,

S. M'COLLUM.

H. WALLACE.

A handsome Brooch was presented to Miss Annie Johnston by the Edenderry Choir on her departure for America.

Canon Forrester.

Many in Seagoe would, we are sure, like to know more about Canon Forrester, who so kindly came to help us in the Mission, and whose words will be treasured for many a long day in our hearts and consciences. Canon Forrester was born in Cork, but in early life moved with his parents to Dublin. His grandfather lived in Belfast, and Canon Forrester's parents are buried in the Old Clifton St. Burial Ground in Belfast. Canon Forrester had a distinguished Mathematical Scholarship. He was ordained in 1899, and having served as a Curate in St. George's Church, Dublin, for some years, he volunteered for Missionary work in India, and in 1907 joined the staff of the Dublin University Mission in Chota Nagpur in the North-east of India. In 1912 he was appointed Chaplain to the Bishop of Chota Nagpur, and also Head of the Dublin University Mission, a post which he held until 1921. He was elected a Fellow of Patua University in 1917. On his return from India in 1921 he was appointed Chaplain of Trinity College, Dublin, and also Lecturer in Divinity and in Mathematics in Dublin University. Canon Forrester has conducted Missions in many parishes in Ireland and England, and his work is everywhere greatly appreciated. The Offertories on the last Sunday of the Mission amounted to £14 19s 0d, and this sum is being forwarded to the Chota Nagpur Mission in which Canon Forrester is deeply interested.

The Diocese of Dromore.

An important work has just been published by the Ven. Archdeacon Atkinson, Rector of Rostrevor. The Archdeacon is already favourably known by his History of the Parish of Donacloney, published some years ago. He has now attempted a bigger work with much success. He has written the History of the Diocese of Dromore, the Diocese in which the Parish of Seagoe is situated. The first part of the book deals with the general History of the Diocese from the 6th century until its union with the Diocese of Down and Connor on the death of Bishop Saurin (father of Archdeacon Saurin) in 1840. The second part of the book deals with the Parishes of the Diocese. A short account is given of each Parish together with the succession of Clergy as far as it can be ascertained. The book is illustrated by photographs, one of which is that of the Cloch-Bann or the cracked Bell of St. Patrick, or the Bell of Seagoe, which in former days was carried in front of funerals in Seagoe Parish. It is now in the Kildare Street Museum, Dublin, having been purchased in 1839 by Archdeacon Saurin for £50 from its guardian, Peter Hennon. Five pages of Archdeacon Atkinson's History are devoted to Seagoe Parish. The price of the book is 15s. It is published by Tempest of Dundalk.

ITEMS.

Will those who have grave plots in Seagoe Churchyard kindly get them into order. A little attention bestowed just now will keep them nice all through the summer.

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The Offertories on the second Sunday of the Mission amounted to £14 9s 0d, which is being sent to the Dublin University Mission to Chota Nagpur, with which Canon Forrester was associated for many years

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Seagoe School was in use as a polling station at the General Election held on Friday, April 3rd.

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Dynes Atkinson, for many years sexton of Seagoe, has entered his 90th year. He has a great memory, and can tell many stories of the good old days. He served in the Armagh Militia during the period of the Crimean Campaign. When a small boy he worked about Seagoe Rectory under Archdeacon Saurin, and in later years acted as gardener under Dean Dawson and the present Rector. He continued to work until he reached his 80th year.

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Who will be the first to notice the coming of the Swallow, Cuckoo, and Corncrake? We will be glad to publish particulars in our next issue if they are supplied to us by observers.

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Photographs of the Consecration of Seagoe Graveyard appeared in many newspapers, including the "Daily Mail" and "Daily Chronicle," also in the "Portadown News" Seagoe has seldom been so well advertised as it was by the cameras of the Pressmen on that occasion

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We record with regret the death of Mr. Thomas John Joyce, of Eden Villa, who passed away after a long illness on March 6th at the advanced age of 82 years. Mr. Joyce had resided for many years in Cincinnati, Ohio, U.S.A. In his early days he attended Seagoe Church, and lived at Drumlin House. In recent years he had paid frequent visits to his native land, and returned for the last time only last year. He was always interested in Seagoe Parish, and when on visits here was a regular worshipper in the Parish Church. On Monday, March 9th, his remains were interred in Old Seagoe Graveyard in the plot belonging to the Joyces' of Drumlin. Mr. Joyce was a brother of Mrs. W. R. Atkinson, of Eden Villa.

[The List of Services and Classes is omitted this month owing to pressure on our space.]