

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

APRIL, 1932.

The Easter Vestry.

Our Annual Easter Vestry was held in Seagoe School on Thursday, March 31st, at 8 p.m. A meeting of the outgoing Vestry was held at 7.30. The Rector presided and the meeting was opened with Prayer and the reading of a portion of Scripture. The minutes of the last General Vestry meeting were read and confirmed and the members of the outgoing Vestry signed the Record Book. The Rector then gave a short address on the present outlook of the Parish, noting some definite marks of progress and some which required attention and strengthening if all-round efficiency was to be reached. The recent successful Bazaar, which realised over £300 nett for the Church and School, was a notable event in the life of the Parish during the past year. The purchase of the field adjacent to the Church ground was a very important move and will eventually greatly improve the approach to the Church and the general appearance of the Church grounds. The Hon. Treasurer read the financial statement, which was satisfactory. The following nominations and elections were then made:—

CHURCHWARDENS :

Rector's—Mr. Robert Scott.
People's—Mr. Isaac Dickson.

SELECT VESTRY:

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| 1. Miss Atkinson. | 7. Robert M'Clements. |
| 2. Moses Gilpin. | 8. Gilbert Price. |
| 3. J. G. Gracey, J.P. | 9. D. Rock, M.B.E., J.P. |
| 4. T. E. Maginnis. | 10. Hugh Stoops. |
| 5. Thomas Martin. | 11. James Twinem. |
| 6. Miss R. Matchett. | 12. John H. Twinem. |
- Hon. Sec.—Mr. Moses Gilpin.
Hon. Treas.—Mr. Hugh Stoops.

Auditors—Messrs. J. Dermott and J. H. Reid.

Sidesmen:

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| R. M'Clements. | R. Scott. |
| J. Twinem. | V. Matchett. |
| J. G. Gracey. | J. H. Twinem. |
| I. Dickson. | H. Stoops. |
| T. Martin. | G. Wilson. |
| J. Allen. | Jas. Reid. |
| W. A. Casey. | John Walker. |
| J. R. Reid. | — M'Kinney. |
| A. Allen. | Nicholas Campbell. |

Alphonso Kirk.

Assistant Treasurer.

Mr. Tom Hall, of Upper Seagoe, was elected Assistant Treasurer of the Parish at the General Vestry meeting.

CLERGY :

Rev. Chancellor Archer, B.D., The Rectory, Seagoe.

Rev. W. F. Hayes, B.A., Edendale, Carrick-Blacker Road, Edenderry, Portadown.

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Generous Gift to Seagoe.

It was announced at the meeting of the Easter Vestry held on Thursday, March 31st, that Miss Atkinson, of Eden Villa, had that day paid through the Hon. Treasurer the sum of £101 7s 7d to cover the cost of purchase and legal expenses of the garden plot beside the Church ground. A very hearty vote of thanks was passed to Miss Atkinson for her generous gift. The possession of this plot of ground will enable the ground surrounding the Church to be greatly improved. We also owe a debt of gratitude to Mrs. Hamilton, of Upper Seagoe, for agreeing to sell this piece of land when she was approached by the authorities of the Church.

Death in Queensland.

We record with much regret the death at Esk Hospital, South Queensland, Australia, on Jan. 4th of George Porter, husband of Mrs. Evelyn Porter (formerly Wilson). He was the eldest son of the late Mr. David Porter, of Drumcart, Lower Seagoe, and had resided for many years in Queensland with his wife and family. His remains were laid to rest in Moore Cemetery. His death is deeply regretted by his many friends. Our sympathy goes out to his sorrowing wife and family. Mrs. Porter, before she left Seagoe for Australia, was very helpful in the Parish. Mrs. Robinson, of Lisniskey, sister of Mrs. Porter, has by Mr. Porter's death suffered a double bereavement. The news of her brother-in-law's death was received by her by cable just a week after the death of her mother, the late Mrs. Eliza Jane Wilson.

Easter in Seagoe.

The Services during Holy Week and Easter were well attended. Addresses were given by the Rector and Curate (Rev. W. F. Hayes) and by Captain Stevenson, of the Church Army. On Easter Day the services were very bright and hearty. The anthem "This is the Day which the Lord hath made" was sung by the choir. It was a new anthem never before sung in Seagoe, and the choir sang it with great reverence and fine

feeling. Mrs. Casey presided at the organ and gave good help. The Church was prettily decorated and we are greatly obliged to all who sent flowers and assisted at the decorating.

Van in Seagoe.

Mr. John Hoy, of Edenderry, has kindly lent his yard for the Church Army van, and Captain Stevenson, with his helper, Cadet Moore, have been working in the Parish. During Holy Week they visited many parts of the Parish inviting people to attend the Services held each evening in the Parish Church. Beginning on Monday, April 4th, they will hold a series of Missions in various centres in the Parish. Our people will give the good Captain and his Cadet a hearty welcome in their good work. They come amongst us to proclaim afresh the old message which is ever new. We will be glad if kind friends will send or bring gifts to the van and also entertain the Missioners. They are our guests and we must treat them well. Already kind friends have helped in many ways.

Mission in Edenderry.

Captain Stevenson and Cadet Moore will (p.v.) begin a fortnight's Mission in Edenderry Parochial Hall on Monday, April 5th, at 8 p.m. Mission Services will be held each evening at 8 p.m. except Saturday. Hymn books will be provided.

Seagoe P.E. School.

The School broke up for the Easter Holidays on Thursday, March 24th, and will resume after the holidays on Monday, April 4th, at 9.30 sharp. A punctual attendance of all the pupils is requested.

School Compositions.

Here is a Seagoe School composition on "St. Patrick":—

Saint Patrick was born about the year 369. He was captured and sold as a slave; he minded cows and swine on Mount Slemish. He prayed to God to help him, so one day he escaped and went to Gaul to study. His father was a Deacon and his grandfather was a priest. He landed at Dublin and then went to Strangford Lough in the year 432 A.D. The Chief at that time gave him a barn to preach in. The people were half wild. They made raids on little villages and took cows and the little children to make money by selling them as slaves. Saint Patrick began to preach to them about God but they could not understand him. He prayed to God to give him some simple idea. He looked down at his feet and saw Shamrock growing. He picked some up and said "One is God the Father, next is God the Son, and next is God the Holy Ghost. He founded a church in Armagh. Saint Patrick died in the year 461 A.D., on the 17th of March. That is why we wear shamrock on Saint Patrick's Day.—Edward Vennard.

Some of our farming friends will be interested in the following:—

"A Farmer's Life"—The farmers go to bed at night very tired and rise with the sun in the morning as they have a long day's work before them. The cattle have to be attended, the cows milked and fed, the calves fed, also the horse cleaned and fed. Then the poultry must be let out and get grain. The women usually do this part of the work on the farm, also the churning, making butter and cheese and all the dairy work. No idle hand is ever found in a busy farm.—Jean Finney.

Here are two Seagoe compositions on "My Favourite Pet":—

My favourite pet is a dog. His name is Rover. He is black with a white streak on his back. He is a Retriever, and he goes with the gun. He can beg for a piece of meat when he is hungry. He lies in the sun every day. My dog can hunt. I have a cat. His name is Nigger. He catches mice every night. He sharpens his claws on the chair.—George M'Clatchey.

My favourite pet is a little white cat. Her name is Spot. She is full of tricks and fun. She is very fond of me. When she gets her supper she goes to her little bed to sleep. She follows me everywhere I go. Her eyes are a dark yellow colour. She is very good at catching rats and mice.—Edna Gray.

Alan Bell Fund.

The gifts in memory of Mr. Alan Bell were distributed by the Rector and Churchwardens in the week before Easter. Forty-four gifts were made to parishioners.

Seagoe Cookery Book.

The following is a summary of the receipts and expenditure connected with Mrs. J. H. Twinem's Bazaar Cookery Book. The 41 unsold copies have been given to the Mothers' Union Committee to sell for the benefit of their funds. The book reflected the greatest credit on Mrs. Twinem, who compiled it and published it. The Bazaar Fund has benefited by its publication in the substantial sum of £21 10s 6d.

Dr.—By printing 494 books, £18; Portadown News Advert., 5s; 7 books lost at Bazaar, 7s; cash to Treas., 20 3s 6d; cash in hand, per Mrs. Twinem, 16s; cash in hand per Miss W. Gracey, 11s. Total—£40 2s 6d. Books unsold, 41.

Cr.—Recipes—101 per Miss W. Gracey; 18 per Mrs. Abraham; 18 per Misses Cox; 20 per Mrs. Darling; 16 per Miss Bradshaw; 10 per Miss Matchett; 348 Recipes at 6d, £8 14s 0d; Advertisements—8 full pages at 10½-, £4; 18 half pages at 5/-, £4 10s—£8 10s 0d; subscription, per Mrs. H. J. Gracey, 4s; 452 books sold at 1s and 1 book at 2/6, £22 14s 6d. Total—£40 2s 6d.

St. Donard's Entertainment.

The St. Donard's (Belfast) Dramatic Society gave a splendid entertainment on behalf of Seagoe Bazaar Fund in the Town Hall, Portadown, on Friday, April 1st, at 8 p.m. There was a large attendance. The programme was of great interest and variety. Two dramatic pieces were performed and caused much amusement. Violin solos were given by Mr. Greenaway and Mrs. Kenmuir recited with great power and effect. Mr. Wakely's humorous sketches were first-rate, and Mrs. Littlejohn sang with splendid voice. At the close of the entertainment the Rector expressed the thanks of all present to the people of St. Donard's and to Canon Moore and the Rev. R. Gracey for their great kindness in giving the entertainment and coming such a distance at their own expense to help the work in Seagoe.

**Parish Register for March.
Baptisms.**

Johnston—March 5th, Muriel, daughter of Robert and Helen Clow Johnston, of Lower Seagoe.

Sponsors—Millicent Coulter, Helen Clow Johnston.

Russell—March 23rd, Sarah Jane Molseed, daughter of Joseph Thomas and Eliza Jane Russell, of Carne.

Sponsors—Joseph Thomas Russell, Sarah Jane Corscadden, Eliza Jane Russell.

Marriages.

Simpson and Ramsey—March 24th, Moses Simpson, of Carne, to Anne Ramsey, of Portadown.

Killow and Porter—March 28th, Thomas Killow, of Belfast, to Anne Porter, of Lisniskey.

Hawthorne and Watters—March 30th, Joseph Howard Hawthorne, of Portadown, to Georgina Matilda Watters, of Edenderry.

Burials.

England—March 12th, Evelyn England, of Portadown, aged 48 years.

Calvert—March 13th, Samuel Calvert, of Edenderry, aged 84 years.

Smith—March 21st, Margaret Smith, of Edenderry, aged 82 years. Interred at Milltown Churchyard.

Neill—March 22nd, James Neill, of Drumlisnagrilly, aged 62 years.

Death.

Porter—January 4th, at Esk Hospital, South Queensland, Australia, George Porter, formerly of Lower Seagoe. Interred in Moore Cemetery.

Our Losses.

Death has been busy in our midst and has

taken from amongst us many who were much loved and respected. Especially sad was the sudden passing after a few hours' illness of Mrs. Evelyn England. Always so bright and happy, her loss is deeply felt in the home where, with husband and family she was so much beloved. Only five weeks had gone by since the death of her sister, Mrs. Graham. We offer our sincere sympathy to her sorrowing relatives and to her bereaved mother, Mrs. Holmes, who has suffered so many sad losses. James Neill, of Drumlisnagrilly, had years of weakness, but is now released from his suffering. Samuel Calvert, although blind for years, passed away suddenly at a ripe old age. Margaret Smith, who lived with her sister, Mrs. Stothers, had for years been in weak health. To all those who have been thus bereaved we express our deep sympathy.

Twenty-Five Years Ago.

APRIL, 1907.

A glance at Seagoe Magazine for April, 1907, is interesting. Easter, the season of joyful memories, is at hand. At the evening service on Easter Day there was a Church Parade of the C.L.B. On the Sunday evenings during Lent there had been sermons on "The Letters to the Seven Churches" in the Book of the Revelation. Mrs. Hadden sends £1 to our Sunday School Funds. Victor Walker, Ellen J. England, Thos. England and Nicholas England had not missed any Service in the Parish Church for the nine months ending Dec. 31st, 1906. Six Baptisms are recorded, also three Marriages and three Burials. A presentation is given to Mr. Wm. Reid on his leaving for the States. A pathetic interest attaches to the account published of the voyage of George Porter (whose death we record this month) to Australia on R.M.S. "Omrah." He tells his experiences when passing through the Red Sea and the Indian Ocean and how the big waves came up on deck and drenched them all. "You must excuse this bad writing as the wind is blowing the paper about. I am tired watching the flying fish. There are plenty of sharks about."

Service of Song.

The Service of Song "A Mother's Prayer" was given in the Parochial Hall on Tuesday, March 15th. The Hall was full and everyone enjoyed the story and the pictures. The latter were very large and clear and added much to the interest of the story. Mr. R. Scott read the pathetic accompanying words with much feeling.

Our Advertisements.

Please read our advertisements. You will get new ideas and discover useful bargains.

Old Seagoe Notes.

Churchwardens of 1862.—At a Vestry held on Easter Monday, 21st April, 1862, Stewart Blacker, Esq., of Carrick Blacker, and Thomas Armstrong, Esq., of Eden Hall, were elected Churchwardens.

First Signature of Mr. James Atkinson.—Mr. James Atkinson, of Lower Seagoe, who was afterwards for many years Secretary of the Vestry, signed the Records for the first time at the Easter Vestry of 1861.

Discreditable State of Seagoe Graveyard in 1862.—At the Easter Vestry of 1862 the following note is recorded—"Mr. Stewart Blacker called the attention of the Vestry to the present unfenced and discreditable state of the old graveyard as also of the Parochial Buildings connected therewith, and offered that he would give one hundred pounds towards the building of a proper fence wall, repairing the Parochial Houses and making them adequate for the Parish, provided that the other Proprietors and Parishioners of Seagoe will subscribe and collect £200 additional. This was proposed by the Rev. L. D. Elliott, and seconded by Mr. Henry. Resolved that the improvements suggested by Mr. Blacker meet with the approval and sanction of this Vestry and that we pledge ourselves to give the Churchwardens and Rector every assistance and co-operation in our power with regard to carrying out the same, and that Archdeacon Saurin, Stewart Blacker, Esq., and Thomas Armstrong, Esq., be appointed Trustees and Committee for the fund and its expenditure. [These notes are in the neat handwriting of Mr. Stewart Blacker.] John Walker signs as V.C. (Vestry Clerk). In 1863, 6th April, it was decided that a townland collection should be made.

Getting a New Bell, 1860.—A new Bell, which is still used, was purchased in 1860. The items are entered in the Records as follows:—1860, April 3rd, Naylor Vickers & Co., Sheffield, as per account, £74 17s 7d. Carriage per rail, £2 10s 0d. Cost of fitting up the Bell, £16 9s 0d. Total, £93 7s 7d. Price of old Bell, £10 7s 10d.

Hiring a Harmonium.—On Aug. 23, 1861, a Harmonium was hired at a cost of £6 6s 0d. A music stool was bought for 10s. A sexton's clock cost 5/-. "Choir" costs 18/3½; 2 doz. Canticles 1/6. On March 21st, 1862, a Harmonium was bought for £15. The above items come under the head of "Church Collections." Apparently a modern choir was being organised. On Nov. 20th, 1862, 12 Hymnals are bought at 4/-. 3 other "Choir" items appear this year.

Regular Sunday Collections first Mentioned.—Church Collections began to be made each Sun-

day from March 24th, 1861, and the total collected up to April 6th, 1862, was £16 8s 4d.

A New Curate, 1864.—The Rev. Saml. Brennan signs the Register for the first time as Curate on 28th March, 1864.

First Easter Vestry held in the Parish Schoolhouse.—The Easter Vestry held on Easter Monday, 17th April, 1865, was held in the Parish Schoolhouse at 11 o'clock.

A Vote of Confidence in Archdeacon Saurin.—At the Easter Vestry of 1865 the following resolution was passed:—"Resolved, that this meeting having heard the statement of accounts having reference to the erection of the Schoolhouse, New Bell, Church and Graveyard Repairs, and having heard the Archdeacon in explanation of the same, we hereby express our entire satisfaction with the accurate manner in which the accounts have been kept and the way in which the monies have been expended and also beg leave to tender to the Venerable Archdeacon Saurin our strong sympathies in reference to the persistent unjust and calumnious attacks to which he has been subjected by a series of articles which have appeared in the columns of the Portadown News.—Wolsey Atkinson, Chairman, 17th April, 1865."

A New Curate, 1867.—The Rev. Henry Badham signs the Vestry Records for the first time on Monday, 22nd April, 1867.

The Vestry of 1869.—This was an important Vestry in the year prior to Disestablishment. Mr. John Montgomery and Mr. Henry Lavett were elected Churchwardens, and Messrs. Abraham Macoun, Wolsey Atkinson, Joseph Macoun and Robert Reid were elected as Synodsmen.

A New Curate, 1870.—The Rev. T. Smyth Franks signs the Vestry Records as Curate for the first time on Monday, April 18th, 1870.

Difficult Days in Seagoe, 1870.—The Disestablishment of the Church in 1870 caused many changes in Seagoe. The Easter Vestry was adjourned to Whitsun Monday. The following "gentlemen" were chosen as a "Select Vestry"—1, Stewart Blacker, Esq.; 2, Thomas Armstrong, Esq. (junior), Eden Hall; 3, Mr. Abraham Macoun, Drumgor; 4, Mr. Robert White (Robt Best?); 5, Mr. Wm. Vaughan; 6, Mr. Leonard Jennett; 7, Mr. Joseph Lawson; 8, Mr. Robert Reid; 9, Mr. Leonard Calvert; 10, Mr. Thomas Atkinson, Bank of Ireland; 11, Mr. Alexander Russell; 12, Mr. James Atkinson. The following were appointed Synodsmen—Wolsey Atkinson, Esq., Eden Villa; T. Armstrong, Esq. junr., Eden Hall; Mr. John Montgomery, Mr. Abraham Macoun. The following were appointed "Nominators"—Stewart Blacker, Esq., Wolsey Atkinson, Esq., Thomas Armstrong, Esq., Eden Hall.