



MR. WOLSEY RICHARD ATKINSON.

DEATH OF MR. WOLSEY R. ATKINSON.

We record with deep regret the death of Mr. Wolsey Richard Atkinson, which took place on Friday Evening, April 22nd, at his residence, Eden Villa. Mr. Atkinson had been in failing health since June, 1919, but had made a wonderful rally last summer, so much so, that he was able to go for some weeks to Port Ballintrae, and returned apparently much stronger, but the weakness again returned and within the last few weeks his strength rapidly declined. Mr. Atkinson's death is a serious loss to Seagoe Parish, as well as to the community in general. He held a very high ideal of the duties of a Christian citizen, and lived up to that ideal throughout his life. His earlier years were spent in Seagoe Parish. As a young man he entered the service of the Ulster Bank, and eventually became Manager of the Branch in Omagh, where he resided for many years. ~~On the death of his brother, Mr. John Buckley Atkinson, he inherited the family property and came to reside in Eden Villa, resigning his position in the Bank.~~

From the day when he came to reside in Eden Villa he has lived a most strenuous life and has spent all his great energy in furthering every worthy cause in the neighbourhood. He was President of Portadown Agricultural Association, and was mainly instrumental in securing the present fine Recreation and Show Grounds. He was a most active member of the Portadown Fruit-Growers Association. He was President of the Portadown Boat Club. In all these positions he worked indefatigably in the interest of the various causes, always doing the most laborious part of the work himself, and never asking anyone to do anything which he was not ready to do himself. In any movement for the welfare of Portadown and

the neighbourhood he was always keenly interested. But we believe the work that lay nearest to his heart was that which he did for Seagoe Parish. For 20 years he acted as Honorary Secretary and Treasurer for the Select Vestry, and we believe was never once absent from a Vestry Meeting during these many years. He was the life and soul of the meetings, and his suggestions always wisely and carefully made were usually adopted. Mr. Atkinson was first elected a Member of the Select Vestry on Wednesday, April 18th, 1900, and at the same time was appointed Secretary and Treasurer. He succeeded Mr. James Atkinson, of Lower Seagoe, who had filled these offices for the long space of 50 years. Mr. W. R. Atkinson was also elected Parochial Nominator in 1900 and held that important office up to the date of his death. Mr. Atkinson was most thorough in the discharge of his duties and his wise counsel will be much missed by the Vestry.

Special references were made to the sad loss sustained by the Parish at the Services on Sunday, April 24th. The Hymns were chosen appropriately, and it was evident that all the worshippers had in their mind the loss of one whom they had known so well. The Rector (Rev. Canon Archer) preached from 1 John xvii, 4—"I have finished the work which Thou gavest me to do." He referred to Mr. Atkinson's devotion to the interests of Seagoe Parish, and the blank which his death had left. He expressed the sympathy of all with his bereaved relatives.

Mr. Atkinson's unselfish efforts for the welfare of the community marked him out as one greatly deserving of honour. His example should be an inspiration to all. At Evening Prayer the Rev. H. G. de L. Singleton referred to the same subject, and dwelt especially on Mr. Atkinson's old-world courtesy of manner and stern devotion to duty.

At the close of Morning Prayer the "Dead March" was played by Mr. T. H. Wilson, Organist.

The Funeral took place at 11 a.m. on Monday, April 25th, to Seagoe Graveyard. It was a glorious day of bright sunshine. The Funeral being private only a few more intimate friends attended. The coffin was borne from the house to the gate by members of the Select Vestry. The Service in the Parish Church was taken by the Rector, assisted by the Rev. H. G. de L. Singleton, and Rev. George Bloomer, Rector of Woods Chapel. As the coffin was carried from the Church, the Organist, Mr. T. H. Wilson, played the "Dead March." The pupils of Seagoe School, with their Teachers, Mr. and Mrs. Rennix, and Mr. Dickson lined up at each side of the church walk, the girls on one side and the boys on the other. At the grave the words of committal were said by the Rector. Many beautiful wreaths, including one from the Clergy, Churchwardens and Select Vestry of Seagoe, were laid on the grave. All the members of the Vestry were present at the funeral.

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The next Double Number of Seagoe Magazine for June and July will (D.V.) appear on Saturday, July 2nd. Price Fourpence.

THE EASTER VESTRY.

The Easter Vestry was held on Thursday, March 31st, in Seagoe School. The Rector presided, and in his opening address reviewed the work of the Parish during the past year. The Minutes of the last Meeting were read by the Hon. Sec., Mr. J. H. Stevenson. The following appointments were made:—

Parochial Nominators—Lieut.-Col. Blacker, D.S.O.; Mr. W. R. Atkinson, Mr. T. E. Maginnis.

Churchwardens—Rector's, Mr. T. J. Montgomery; People's, Mr. John H. Twinem.

Diocesan Synodsmen—Messrs. D. W. Murray, James Twinem, J. H. Stevenson, J. G. Gracey.

Select Vestry—Mr. W. R. Atkinson, Miss Isobel Atkinson, Messrs. J. G. Gracey, Thomas Martin, J. Montgomery, John E. Lavery, Robert Price, J. H. Stevenson, James Sands, James Twinem, T. E. Maginnis, D. W. Murray.

Hon. Sec.—Mr. J. H. Stevenson.

Hon. Treasurer—Mr. James Sands.

Sidesmen—Messrs. D. W. Murray, G. Price, R. M'Clements, J. Twinem, J. G. Gracey, W. J. Cox, W. J. Caddell, T. Metcalf, jun.

Our New Churchwardens.

The Rector's Churchwarden, Mr. T. J. Montgomery, has been closely associated with Seagoe Parish all his life, and his father before him was an honoured member of the Church. Mr. T. J. Montgomery has held office in Seagoe Parish for many years. He was Rector's Churchwarden in 1903, and People's Churchwarden in 1904, and has frequently been elected a member of the Select Vestry and a Diocesan Synodsmen. His association with a big business in Portadown has never diverted his attention from or weakened his interest in Seagoe Parish Church.

Mr. John Harrison Twinem, of Lylo, elected People's Churchwarden, has acted as Sidesman for several years, and has always shown a deep interest in Seagoe Parish. His brother, Mr. Leonard Twinem, was at one time a most efficient Superintendent of Seagoe Morning Sunday School. We welcome Mr. Twinem to higher office, and we believe that the interests of the Parish are safe in his hands.

A Seagoe Record.

The appointment of Miss Isobel Atkinson as a member of Seagoe Select Vestry constitutes a record for this Parish. She is the first lady to be elected to the Vestry in this or any of the neighbouring Parishes. By a recent Act of the General Synod women became eligible for election to Vestries.

The Coming Elections.

The coming Elections to the New Ulster Parliament will be of the utmost importance. Everyone must Vote. The future of Ulster depends upon YOUR Vote.

Ascension Day.

Thursday, May 5th, being the Festival of the Ascension, there will be a Celebration of Holy Communion in the Parish Church at 11.30, and Evening Prayer at 8. The Preacher at Evening Prayer will be the Rev. E. C. Tisdall, M.A., Deputation Secretary for the Jews' Society.

Whitsunday.

On Whitsunday, May 15th, the following Services will be held in the Parish Church:—8 a.m., Holy Communion; 11.30 a.m., Morning Prayer, Sermon and Holy Communion; 7 p.m., Evening Prayer and Sermon.

Carne Sunday School.

Carne Sunday School held its Annual Fete on Tuesday, April 12th, at 8. There was a full attendance, and after a substantial feast of Tea and Cake a very attractive Programme of Songs and Recitations followed. Most of the items were done by the pupils of the Sunday Schools. A Quartette of four Boys from Portadown, who had won Prizes at the Derry Feis, delighted the audience with their splendid singing. At the close of the evening the Prizes were distributed. Mr. David Murray and his band of willing helpers are to be congratulated on the pleasant evening.

Seagoe War Memorial.

The Lord Bishop of the Diocese has arranged to come to Seagoe on Sunday, June 19th, to dedicate the Memorial Pillars and Gates at Seagoe Church. The Bishop will preach at Morning and Evening Prayer (11.30 and 7). The Service of Dedication will begin at 3.30 p.m. The Pillars and Gates are now completed, and ready to be put in position at the entrance to the Parish Church. They are very handsome and massive, and on each Pillar a tablet of polished red granite contains the names—52 in number—of those connected with Seagoe Church who fell in the Great War. When erected they will form a very impressive Memorial to our fallen Heroes.

Seagoe Scouts.

Seagoe Scouts have increased in numbers, and form now two fine Troops. The Seagoe Troop meet in Seagoe School on Thursdays at 6.30, and the Edenderry Troop in the Parochial Hall on Thursdays at 8. On Friday, April 15th, a Record Jumble Sale was held in Edenderry Parochial Hall at 6 p.m. There was an abundant supply of valuable material on the Stalls, and in addition a Farm Produce Stall had been arranged. The Stalls were swept clear within an hour of the opening. There was a great crowd of buyers. Mr. Robert Richardson helped to swell the proceeds with his Electrical Shocking Machine. A considerable sum of money was received towards the Sale in subscriptions, and when all the receipts were added together it was found that a total of over £50 had been realised. We think this must be a record result from a Jumble Sale. The proceeds of the Sale go towards pro-

viding equipment for the Seagoe Scout Troops. We are greatly obliged to all who helped to make the Sale so great a success.

Parish Register—Mar.—April, 1921

Baptisms.

The following were Baptized in Seagoe Church on 5th March, 1921:—

Guy—Ada, daughter of David and Hannah Maria Guy, of Upper Seagoe.

Sponsors—Sarah Clifford, Hanna Maria Guy.

Watson—Robert, son of George Annesley and Mary Watson, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Martha Tate, Mary Watson.

Cummings—Joseph William, son of Joseph and Sarah Elizabeth Cummings, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Kathleen Williamson, Sarah Elizabeth Cummings.

Watson—Winifred, daughter of Thomas and Rose Jane Watson, of Tarsan.

Sponsors—Thomas Watson, Millicent Coulter, Rose Jane Watson.

RECEIVED INTO THE CONGREGATION:

Cummings—March 5th, 1921, Irene, daughter of Joseph and Sarah Elizabeth Cummings, of Edenderry.

The following were Baptized in Seagoe Church on April 2nd, 1921:—

Boyce—Mary Anne, daughter of James and Sarah Boyce, of Bocombra.

Sponsors—Kathleen Graham and Sarah Boyce.

Kearns—Sarah, daughter of David and Nellie Kearns, of Killicomaine.

Sponsors—Mary Rachel Neill, Nellie Kearns.

PRIVATE BAPTISM:

Guy—8th April, 1921, David James, son of Samuel James and Annabella Guy, of Derryvore.

Marriages.

Hardy and M'Clure—22nd March, 1921, James Richard Hardy, of Knocknamuckley, to Margaret M'Clure, of Tammficarbet.

Houston and Yeates—2nd April, 1921, David Houston, of Lurgan, to Mary Yeates, of Edenderry

Burials.

Proctor—March 4th, at Three Rivers, Mass, U.S.A., Sarah Proctor (formerly Allen) late of Red Row, Edenderry.

M'Keown—March 7th, Thomas James M'Keown, of Edenderry, aged 62. Interred at Blaris, Lisburn.

Beckett—April 16th, William John Beckett, of Drumgor, aged 47. Interred at Lurgan Cemetery.

Chambers—April 20th, Ellen Chambers, of Drumgor. Interred at Lurgan Cemetery.

Thompson—April 6th, Hugh Thompson, of Killicomaine, aged 71.

Burnison—April 6th, Samuel Burnison, of Lurgan, aged 63.

Cooke—April 22nd, Ellen Cooke, of Hacknahay, aged 89.

Atkinson—April 25th, Wolsey Richard Atkinson, of Eden Villa, Edenderry, aged 76.

ITEMS.

The work of widening Portadown Bridge is progressing. The granite wall at one side and the piled foundations are now complete.

A new X-Ray apparatus has been installed in Lurgan Infirmary. It is the gift of the Red Cross, and will prove of great value in the treatment of certain diseases, and in the healing of fractures.

A Scout Association has been formed for Portadown and District.

We hope to have "Cubs" and "Brownies" at work in Seagoe Parish in a short time.

Seagoe Choir is holding its Practices now on Tuesday evenings at 8.

The Choirs of the Lurgan Choral Union will have their Festival this year at Waringstown on Saturday, May 28th. The Rev. James Carey, M.A., Rector of Bangor, will be the preacher. The Rev. J. Bentley, M.A., will conduct.

George Magee, of Carrick Blacker Road, met with a motor accident in Lurgan last week, and is, we regret to say, lying seriously ill in Lurgan Infirmary.

The death of Mrs. Proctor (widow of the late Pte. W. J. Allen) took place in Three Rivers, Mass, U.S.A., on March 5th. She had resided for some years in the Red Row with her three little boys before going back to America, where she married Mr. Proctor. She had many friends in this Parish, and was greatly esteemed by all who knew her. Her first husband, Private W. J. Allen, was killed in the War.

We hear that Seagoe Villa has been re-sold by Mr. T. D. Gibson to Mr. Forsythe, of Cavan. Mr. Forsythe has many connections with Seagoe Parish.

Edenderry Sunday School held its Annual Fete on Tuesday, March 1st. There was a crowded attendance in the Parochial Hall, and a substantial repast of Tea and Cake was generously provided by the Teachers.

WITH THE "NINTH" IN FRANCE.

By Lieut.-Col. S. W. BLACKER, D.S.O.

[Continued from February-March Magazine.]

Sunday Evening, Feb. 13th—"D" Coy held an outpost from here, and are quite comfy and very perky, and pleased with themselves. Had a bath this evening, which was wanted. The frost and rain have made all the trenches very bad. There are a lot of 2nd line trenches all round here, which we have to keep in order. For instance, to-morrow night we find 400 men to dig a 2nd line trench for 400 yards. As it is in full view of the German lines it has to be finished in the night. A few men (4) are suffering from shell fever and have to be sent off to recover. The wounded man of yesterday has died—Nicholson, 'B' Coy. 2 cooks were knocked about also, and both Johnstons—C. and J., and Given, had narrow escapes, all being grazed.

WE'VE ALL GONE UNDERGROUND

now. They were 5.9 shells, not 4.2, as I thought at first. It rained and drizzled up to 3 p.m. Now clear night. An excellent cake from Miss Wyer arrived, and was pronounced A1 by H.Q. Mess. Scott goes to 108th Field Ambulance early this week. We got 300 men bathed to-day and given a change of underclothing, and hope to do 300 to-morrow, and the balance the next day. F—is showing signs of shell fever. Curious, the only one who is, the others are splendid. Monday, 1 p.m.—Quiet night and morning. 50 go on leave to-morrow, which leaves us rather short of Officers and Sergts. 4.30 p.m.—Such a stormy p.m., blowing great guns and raining. Just after 2 p.m. they put in 47 5.9 shells in and around the village. No damage done; every one went to ground after first shot. We have 100 steel helmets, enough for sentries, and are getting more. Brew is Commanding 'D' Coy and doing very well. 'Shill' has got another month's leave. Tuesday, Feb. 15th—Such a gale blowing. It was a beautiful quiet fine night and we dug our trench without the Huns finding us out. The men played up splendidly. 50 go on leave to-day. Young Gibson had a narrow escape Sunday. He was walking on the line when they put 8 Whizz-Bangs suddenly all round him. He lay down and one landed about 6 feet from his head,

and he was not touched. 1 p.m.—A quiet morning. Post just going. 9.30 p.m.—It has been a wild blustery day, and now is blowing very hard and raining. I went down to the Trench line to see Bull and arrange about continuity of work. He is full of sound projects which want co-operation to bring success. We shall work in well together, I think. The Trenches are in a shocking state after the frost and rain, falling in everywhere, and full of water and mud. A new scheme and programme of reliefs is out, and I'm glad to say when we come out of the line after this tour, we go back further, instead of coming to this place. 'At' and others going on leave went off this p.m. and start from rail head at 5.30 a.m. in the morning. It has been very quiet here to-day, no shelling. Percival's Div. has come in on our right. I hear old Baldock was hit, 3 miles behind the line, standing by his chateau, after only a fortnight out here. The G— was shot at yesterday once or twice by snipers, or a M.G., and said it must not occur again! Padre goes on leave on 22nd. Wednesday, Feb. 16th—

SUCH AN AWFUL DAY,

the worst I have seen since we came out. Blowing a hurricane and raining in torrents. The Trenches are fearful, and no one can work on them while it lasts. As fast as you clear them more falls in. Quiet day here so far in the shell line. We go in to-morrow evening and come out 23rd. What it must be like there to-day I cannot imagine. The Trenches here that we look after are impossible. They've now brought out a new scheme of leave. 10 go from each Battalion every 4 days, so that the whole scheme has to be worked out anew. Luckily one hasn't much else to do to-day. No letters in at all to-day. They seem only now to come every 2nd day. 9 p.m.—Such a wild day. Bull telephones the Trenches are all falling in and are knee deep in water, and they are pumping day and night. I'm not looking forward to the next 6 days, with the weather conditions as they are and Trenches crumbling away. The Downs have had 21 casualties.

(To be Continued.)