

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

FEBRUARY, 1919.

Rev. T. H. Scanlon, B.A.

We regret that it was not possible to make the Presentation to the Rev. T. H. Scanlon in person, as many would have liked, but in war time travelling is not easy, and social gatherings have not up to the present been indulged in owing to the food restrictions, so the Committee came to the conclusion that it was better to send the address and gifts to Mr. Scanlon to Enniskillen. The gifts consisted of a handsome Clock and a Book of Treasury Notes. We print herewith the Address and Mr. Scanlon's Reply—

Address to Rev. T. H. Scanlon, B.A. from the Parishioners of Seagoe.

Dear Mr. Scanlon,

We cannot allow the occasion of your departure from among us and of your Marriage, to pass without an expression on our part of our esteem and regard for you and your work.

During your stay in the Parish your kindly manner and your diligence in visiting won for you an abiding place in the hearts of the people of Seagoe, and they sincerely regret your departure from their midst.

You carry with you into your new sphere of life the good wishes of all the Parishioners, and their prayers that God's blessing may rest upon you and Mrs. Scanlon in all that you undertake.

We ask your acceptance of this Clock and Book of Treasury Notes as a remembrance of the time you spent in Seagoe and of our goodwill to you.

Yours very faithfully,

Signed on behalf of the Parishioners,

JAMES E. ARCHER, Rector,

W. R. ATKINSON, Hon. Sec.

Reply.

My Dear Friends,

I find it very difficult to find suitable language in which to express my very deep gratitude for this proof of your esteem. It is but further evidence of the great kindness which you ever showed me as I worked among you.

On behalf of Mrs. Scanlon, I thank you for your kind thought and good wishes.

I will always treasure your gift, not only as a visible token of your regard, but also as a reminder of many pleasant and happy days spent in the "Service of the Master."

To Canon Archer I tender my sincere thanks for his wise counsel and ready help at all times.

May God's abundant grace and blessing rest upon you all.

Yours very faithfully,

T. H. SCANLON.

Sunday School Social.

A most successful Social for the children attending Edenderry and Seagoe Sunday Schools was held in Seagoe School on Thursday, January 16th. at 6-30. The meeting had been organized and arranged by the Superintendents and Teachers of the Sunday Schools. An abundant supply of cakes had been kindly given by the Parishioners. Over 350 children were present, in fact the capacity of Seagoe School, roomy though it is, was stretched to the utmost to accommodate the numbers present. After tea, a very interesting Programme of Songs, Music, Recitations and Dialogues was given, which the children immensely enjoyed. The Social concluded about nine o'clock, and as each child passed out it was presented with an orange (very precious just now!) which had been most kindly supplied for the children by the generosity of Mrs. Bell, of Ashton, and Mr. W. R. Atkinson, of Eden Villa. We congratulate the Superintendents and Teachers on this very successful Social, and we thank very heartily all those who by gift or effort helped towards making it the success it was. We print herewith a Statement of Receipts and Expenses.

Sunday Schools' Social.

Receipts—Per Miss Halliday, £2 17s 6d; Mrs. Stothers, £1 8s; Mr. W. R. Atkinson, 10/-; Mrs. Bell, 10/-; Miss Hawthorn, 16/-; Miss Magee, 8/4½; Mrs. Johnston, 8/-; Miss Allen, 5/3; Miss Guy, 5/-; Miss Wolsey, 2/-; Miss Montgomery, 2/-; Miss Pentland, 2/-; Miss Cartmill, 2/-; Miss Ramsey, 2/6; Sale of Provisions, 8/4—£8 6s 11½d.

Expenses—By Messrs. Davison Bros., Bread and Hire of Utensils, £1 19s 9d; Miss Dawson, 26½ dozen Oranges, £1 19s 9d; Cartage, Attendances, etc., 6/6; Sugar, 1/3; Washing of Floor, 10/-; Balance on hands, £3 9s 8½d—£8 6s 11½d.

Seagoe Roll of Honour.

The Roll of Honour for Seagoe Parish has been designed and is in process of execution by Messrs. Baird, "Evening Telegraph," Belfast. We are very anxious that the list of names should be quite complete. The old Roll will be hung in the Porch on the next and following Sundays, and beside it a paper and pencil so that anyone may write any name which has been omitted.

Lt.-Col. Blacker and Mr. Wolsey R. Atkinson are calling on the Parishioners in the various Townlands of the Parish asking for subscriptions for the War Memorial which is to be erected in the Parish. They have already met with a most gratifying response.

Presentation.

On Tuesday evening, January 21st, the members of Seagoe Choir were entertained at a Social in Seagoe School by Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Wilson. There was a full attendance of the Choir. The occasion of the gathering was a Presentation from the Choir to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Caddell, of Tarsan. After tea had been partaken of, some round games and music were enjoyed, and then the Rector took the chair and in a brief speech spoke of the help which Mr. and Mrs. Caddell had given in the Parish and Choir. The members of the Choir felt that they could not allow the occasion of their marriage to pass without giving them some tangible proof of their regard and esteem. The Presentation, which took the form of a handsome China Tea-set, was then made to Mr. and Mrs. Caddell by Mrs. T. H. Wilson on behalf of the Choir. Mr. Caddell replied in a few words, thanking the Choir for their kind gift and for the many good wishes expressed on their behalf. The Rev. H. G. de L. Singleton and Messrs. S. Rennix, D. Murray, T. Leake and J. M'Keown also spoke. A very pleasant evening concluded with a vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Wilson and the singing of the Hymn "Sun of my soul."

Congratulations.

Our hearty congratulations to that famous Portadown firm, T. J. Montgomery & Son, on their enterprise in extending their premises by taking over the grocery establishment of Mr. Clement Courtney, which adjoins their premises in High Street. If energy, attention to business, and courtesy in dealing with the public, combined with high quality of goods, can command success, then Messrs. T. J. Montgomery & Son have already achieved it, and now with larger premises they will be able to advance their business in all directions. We notice that in doubling their premises they have also shown their wisdom in doubling their advertisement in Seagoe Magazine, in which they have advertised since the first number appeared. Many residents in Seagoe and Portadown will greatly regret the departure of Mr. and Mrs. Clement Courtney from Portadown. Not merely in commercial life were they esteemed, but in Church and social life their influence was always exerted for that which was highest and best. No one knows Portadown and the neighbourhood better than Mr. Courtney. He is a living epitome of its history. He has resided here for over 50 years, and was for many years a member of the Town Council. We hope often to see him in our midst, and whenever he comes he will receive a hearty welcome.

Captain J. J. Dobson.

Captain Dobson writes under date 6th January, 1919
—I am in France for a few days. I arrived in

Marseilles a few days ago with about 3000 troops who are going to leave the Army. I am Adjutant of His Majesty's Transport "Kaisr-I-Hind," a very fine P. & O. Liner. We move about from port to port. On my last voyage from Italy I had the Bishop of Jerusalem on board, also the present Lord Kitchener. I know a good deal about Palestine, and it was very interesting talking to the Bishop, as we had a good many things in common. We had a great discussion on the identity of the Holy Places, but I find I'm just where I started. The Bishop held a Prayer Service on one of the Troop-decks each night during the voyage, in which Presbyterian and Methodist Ministers joined. I was at sea on New Year's Day. We had 116 nursing sisters on board. The officers got up a Fancy Dress Ball. It was great fun, but I did not enjoy it so well, I had so many other things to do. We all clasped hands as the Old Year passed away. All were in great glee at the prospect of seeing the old country soon again. In a day or two I push off, and it is difficult to say when I may be back, even to Marseilles. I hope you will give my warmest regards to all my old friends at Seagoe and Portadown.

With every good wish for the New Year.

I remain, yours faithfully,

J. J. DOBSON.

Private W. E. Hall.

One of the saddest events in connection with the recent War, so far as this Parish is concerned, has been the death in captivity of Private William Ernest Hall, second son of Mrs. Hall, of Windsor Terrace. There had been some slight anxiety regarding him, owing to his non-return when so many other Prisoners were returning, but all his friends quite expected that they would see him amongst them again within a few days. Just then a letter arrived in German, written by the chief German Doctor in the Hospital at Hasenheide, saying that he had died in Hospital on October 28th, 1918. A letter had been received from him dated October 17th, in which he seemed to be in good health and spirits, and he concluded the letter with the words "I am going to stick it."

Our deep sympathy goes out to Mrs. Hall, to his only brother, Lieutenant Fforde Hall (recently a prisoner) and to his sisters in their bereavement. Many among us will sadly miss Ernie Hall, who was always so bright and pleasant. He and his brother, Lieutenant Hall, joined up quite early in the war, and from first to last set a splendid example of loyalty and courage. Both fought in many engagements, both were wounded and both were taken prisoners. We had hoped that the list of our losses had been completed, but War has claimed yet one more from the ranks of Ulster's splendid heroes.

Presentation to Miss Calvert.

On Tuesday evening, January 14th, at a meeting of the Girls' Friendly Society held at Miss Calvert's house in Breagh, a Presentation was made by the members to their esteemed associate, Miss Calvert. For many years Miss Calvert has carried on the G.F.S. Class in Hacknahay, and for some years has held a fortnightly class for the members in her own house. To mark their appreciation of her constant efforts for their welfare, the girls subscribed and purchased a very handsome silver Cake Basket. The Rector presided at the Meeting, and spoke of the good work Miss Calvert had accomplished among the girls at that end of the Parish. One of the senior members of the Class handed the Basket to Miss Calvert. In a few words Miss Calvert replied, thanking the members for their kind present. There was a crowded attendance, and much interest was taken in the proceedings.

To the Sunday School Children of Seagoe.

We feel sure that the children of Seagoe would like to have a share in the War Memorial, so the Superintendents have kindly arranged to have a penny collection in each Sunday School on the afternoon of the second Sunday in February, the 9th.

A Public Lecture.

The Rector lectured in Drumgor Church Hall on Thursday evening, January 30th. The subject of his Lecture was "Four Months in France with the Church Army." There was a good attendance present. The proceeds of the Lecture were given to the Funds of Drumgor Sunday School.

Coming Events.

- Feb. 3rd—Sunday School Teachers' Meeting for Edenderry Teachers at 8 in Parochial Hall.
- „ 11th—Cottage Service at Mr. W. J. Caddell's in Tarsan at 8.
- „ 13th—Social for Teachers and Children in Drumgor Sunday School at 7.
- „ 18th—Social in Carne Church Hall.
- „ 20th—Edenderry and Seagoe Sunday School Teachers' Social.

It is also hoped to hold a Seagoe Bible Class Social on some date not yet arranged in February.

ITEMS.

On Sunday, February 11th, at Morning Prayer all Hymns will be chosen from those written by our Irish poetess, the late Mrs. C. F. Alexander.

At Christmas-time the Rector had a letter from Mrs. Wolseley, daughter of the late Rev. Capel Wolseley, Curate of Seagoe, desiring to be remembered to the people of Seagoe, and expressing sympathy with all who had lost relatives during the war. Her only son, Sir Capel Wolseley, Bart, has been on active service since the war began.

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The Hymns to be sung on Sunday evening, February 18th, will be by Charles Wesley, one of the most gifted Hymn-writers of the Church of England.

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The Most Rev. Archbishop Lefroy, Archbishop of Calcutta, Metropolitan of India, died at Calcutta on New Year's Day. He was a son of the Very Rev. Jeffrey Lefroy, Dean of Dromore, and at one time Curate of Seagoe under the Ven. Archdeacon Saurin.

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PARISH REGISTER for JANUARY, 1919.

Baptisms.

The following were Baptized in the Parish Church on 4th January, 1919:—

Smyth—Samuel, son of Thomas and (the late) Sarah Emily Smyth, of Portadown.

Sponsors—Sarah Rainey, Eliza Jane Smyth.

Coulter—Amelia Martha, daughter of William Robert and Amelia Martha Coulter, of Ballinry, Parish of Ardmore.

Sponsors—Rebecca Reid, Amelia Martha Coulter.

M'Clatchey—James, son of William and Mary Anne M'Clatchey, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—William M'Clatchey, Mary Anne M'Clatchey.

Private Baptism.

Freeburn—26th January, 1919, John, son of Thomas and Elizabeth Anne Freeburn, of Edenderry.

Marriage.

Wright and Rainey—15th January, 1919. Thomas Wright, of Clounagh, Portadown, to Margaret Rainey, of Edenderry.

Burial.

Browne—January 31st, 1919, Stewart Browne, of Tarsan, aged 77 years.

Death.

"For King and Country."

Hall—October 28th, 1918, at the Hospital for Prisoners of War, Hasenheide, Germany, Private William Ernest Hall, 7th Royal Irish Regiment. late of the South Irish Horse, aged 22 years.

OLD SEAGOE NOTES.

Seagoe Sunday School, 1810.—Vestry Record, September 4th, 1810—It is agreed that the sum of Six Guineas per annum be paid to George M'Caughily, Schoolmaster. for teaching a Sunday School, and also the Poor Scholars of the Parish as may be recommended by the Minister of it. — Richard Olpherts, Curate.

Record of Vestry, March 31st, 1812—Sums agreed to be laid on—To George M'Caughily for Teaching a Sunday School throughout the year, £6 11s 6d.

April 20th, 1818 —To Geo. M'Caughily for Teaching a Sunday School, £6 16s 6d.

To John Walkington for Teaching at Aghacommon £3 8s 3d.

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A Page from Seagoe Vestry Records, 1724.

—At a Vestry held in the Parish Church of Seago on Easter Monday, April ye 6th, 1724, held for the said Parish. It was enacted, agreed and concluded upon by the Minister, Churchwardens and Parishioners then present That Robert Wilson, of Bocomra, and George Ruddil, of Ballynecor, are chosen Churchwardens for the insuing year, and that Arthur Jordon, of Derrevore, and James Twiman, of Bellyhannon, are chosen Sidesmen for ye said year. Tobias Hillary, overseer for the Highways from Kilvergin Bridge to Edenderry. Simon Hewitt and Henry Doweey continews for Bellynemony Constable-wick.

George Dillworth from Mr. Dynes' Hill to Killecomaine and from ye Blew Stone to the Low Mill, Robert Corner, of Derriadda, and Daniel Cittle, of Bellynery, are to serve for the Moynthag Constablewick, Owin M'Grah and Thomas Wallocks continews to oversee from Knock Bridge to Lylo and from Henry Black's to John Binks'.

John Campbell, Min :

Will Smurphett } Churchwardens,
John Geddis }

Will Blacker, Merth Workman, William Mathers, James Fryer, John Bullock, Sidesmen.

Unsatisfactory Churchwardens, 1717.—A note in the Rev. John Campbell's writing says—Memorandum that there is in the Churchwardens' hands more than is set down in the Act (of Vestry) the sum of 4s 1½d. Lower down on the same page is written—Memorandum that Thomas Gibson and George Rodgers, Churchwardens of the Parish of Sego, have now of the Parish Money in their hands the sum of eleven shillings and sixpence—April 24th, 1717, John Campbell, Min:

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Seagoe in Queen Anne's Reign, 1708.—At a Vestry holden in ye Parish Church of Sego on ye 6th day of Aprile, being Easter Tuesday, 1708, It was agreed upon by ye Minister, Churchwardens and Parishioners then present that ye sum of £9 8s 10d be applotted and levied of ye Parishioners and Landowners of ye said Parish and together with £2 12s 6d now in ye Churchwardens hands for ye uses following

for Elements for ye Communion 12 Times in ye year £3 2s 8d.

for ye Bellman's Wages one year £1 6s 0d.

Articles and Charges applotting ye said Moneys 2s 0d.

Washing the Table Linen 2s 0d.

Accidental Repairs that may happen £2 0s 0d.

For lifting ye Moneys 5s 0d.

and that Richard Smurphett, of Clanroll, and John Geary, of Lystriminty, are chosen Churchwardens to serve for the insuing year 1708. Robert Willson at ye band foot, and James Simonton to serve for Mr. Francis Mathers, William Dixon and William Robinson for ye Churchway Leading from Ballymecrannel through Killecomaine and the Queen's Road.

John Campbell, Clerk.

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The Danes in Seagoe A.D. 850--A.D. 1050.

Several clear evidences survive of the Danish occupation of Seagoe a thousand years ago. The Battle-field of Drumlisnagrilly and the discovery near its site 100 years ago of Danish weapons are interesting proofs of the presence of the Danes. The descent of the Blacker family from Blacar the Dane is a link between the long distant past and the present day. Another proof of the Danish occupation is the name of Oxford Island in the Townland of Annaloist, Oxford is clearly a Danish compound, Ogges-fiord.