

Seagoe Parish Magazine.



This photograph of Seagoe Parish Church was taken early last year (1912), and is the first photograph of the Church taken from this point of view. Next year (1914) will be the Centenary year of the present Church which was built in the year 1814. The side aisle seen in the photograph was added to the Church at its restoration by Sir Thos. Drew in the year 1891.

Clergy.

RECTOR: REV. JAMES E. ARCHER, B.D., Seagoe Rectory, Portadown.
CURATE: REV. GEORGE BLOOMER, B.A., Seagoe Villa, Portadown.

Churchwardens, 1911=12.

THOMAS J. ATKINSON, LL.B., Eden Villa.
WILLIAM R. BICKETT, Tannifiglasson.

Services.

Holy Communion: 1st Sunday after Morning Service, 3rd Sunday at 8 a.m. and on the Chief Festivals.
Holy Baptism: 1st Saturday of each month at 3 p.m., or during any Public Service in the Church if due notice be given. Two Sponsors at least are required and they must be Confirmed members of the Church. Churchings are held at the Monthly Baptismal Service and at other times as arranged. Those who are intending to present children for Holy Baptism should read the Service of Public Baptism of Infants carefully beforehand.

Morning Prayer: On Sundays and Chief Festivals at 11.30 a.m.

Evening Prayer: On Sundays at 7 p.m. in the Parish Church, and also at Drumgor and Tannifiglasson at the same hour. On Wednesdays at 8 p.m. in the Parish Church.

Marriages may be performed between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. Licences are issued by Very Rev. Dr. O'Loughlin, Rectory, Lurgan. Due notice (48 hours) must be given. Fee, Five Shillings and upwards.

Funerals will be attended by the Clergy if proper notice is given.

Sick Cases should be notified to the Parish Clergy without delay.

Fees for Certificates.

When application is made for a Certificate the application should always be accompanied by the necessary Fee. All applications for Certificates should be addressed to the Rector, and in the application for Baptismal Certificates the names of parents, townland, and approximate date should be given. The Registers of Seagoe Parish are complete from the year 1672.

Certificate of Baptism Under 50 years, 2/7; over 50 years, 3/7. **CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE:** Under 50 years, 3/7; over 50 years, 5/1. **CERTIFICATE OF BURIAL:** Under 50 years, 2/1; over 50 years, 3/1. **SPECIAL FEES:** For Admission to Factories—Residents in Seagoe Parish, 1/-; outside Seagoe Parish, 2/- For Old Age Pensions—Residents in Seagoe Parish, 1/-; outside Seagoe Parish, 2/- In certain cases there is a Search Fee chargeable of 1/- up to 50 years, and 2/6 over 50 years.

For List of Bible Classes, Sunday Schools and Day Schools see inside of cover.

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HE:

"In old Church, dear, come month-to-day,
Parson—he'll make our two hearts one:

Let's mark it up to mind us how
We've pledged our troth for storm or sun."

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

JANUARY, 1913.

The Magazine.



WITH this number Seagoe Parish Magazine begins the eighth year of its existence, and this number is the 85th issued since it was started in 1906. The Magazine is a very great bond of union between Seagoe people all the world over. Fresh evidence has been forthcoming recently, that it is eagerly read in places so far apart as Canada and North Queensland. Copies are mailed every month to subscribers in South America, The United States, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, India and South Africa. It has not yet reached the South Pole, but we confidently expect that before long a copy will be found even there. In fact wherever Seagoe people congregate there the Magazine is to be found. We hope our readers will like the new cover. The photograph of the Church will remind those in distant lands of the House of Prayer where they worshipped in the Home-land. The old tower may recall to their mind the swelling tones of the great bell which so often echoed in their ears in the old days. In a letter we have just received from Canada, the writer says:—

One of the things we miss most in this land of our adoption is our old familiar Church, and if we could attend there each Sunday, and could drop in and see the Old Folks at Home we feel as if we should want nothing more to complete our happiness. One of the first things I noticed in the country when I first came out (five years ago) was that hardly any of the Churches have a bell. I missed this very much, and sometimes felt I would willingly give a five-dollar bill to hear the Church bell rung for just one Sunday like they did at home."

These words are a testimony to the influence of the old Parish Church on the heart and life of the emigrant. Perhaps the picture on our cover will awaken sacred memories of old times in the hearts of many who will read these words. We hope in the new year to keep the Magazine up to its usual level of interest. We would like here to thank those parishioners who help to distribute the Magazine through the Parish from month to month. Extra copies of the Magazine can be had (if early application be made for them) from Mrs Metcalf, 72 Bridge Street, Portadown. We recommend the Parishioners to get two copies of each number. One to send away, and one to keep for future reference. We wish all our readers A BRIGHT AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

The Sunday Schools.

During the month of December examinations were held by the Clergy in each of the Afternoon Sunday Schools. The children were questioned on the Course taught in the Sunday Schools during 1912. This was the first examination held in Seagoe Parish for many years. The result of the examination proved that there is a large amount of Christian Knowledge efficiently taught to the children by our devoted band of teachers every Sunday. The Catechism seems to have been very carefully taught, and some of the Hymns. As a rule the children do not know the Sunday text. The study portions had been learned fairly well. Prizes were awarded to those who answered best. We hope to hold similar examinations in each year's work. It is very important that the Church Catechism in this year's Calendar should be learned by the children in all the schools. Next month we hope to publish a complete list of those who won prizes at the examination.

The following dates have been arranged for the Prize Distributions:—

Levaghery ...	Tuesday, January 7th.
Carne ...	Thursday, " 9th.
Hacknahay ...	Friday, " 24th.
Edenderry ...	Monday, " 20th.
Drumgor ...	Tuesday, " 21st.
Seagoe ...	Monday, " 27th.

The Christmas Services.

A large number of Communicants were present at the early celebration on Christmas morning, and at the later Service there was a good congregation many of whom remained for the second celebration. The offerings were on behalf of the Clothing Fund for the poor of the Parish, and were more liberal than on former occasions. They amounted to £4 13s. 3d. Out of this blankets were given to thirteen persons, clothing to five, and gifts of money to five others. Every effort was made to limit the gifts to the deserving poor.

Thanks.

We acknowledge, with sincere thanks, the receipt of £5 from Mr. James Hewitt, of Queensland, Australia, towards the recent sale of work on behalf of Seagoe Day School. This generous subscription will be a great encouragement in the work. Perhaps there are others from Seagoe Parish, now living in distant lands, who will emulate the good example set by Mr. Hewitt. The subscription was sent through Mrs. Thos. Reid, of Lower Seagoe.

Correct Seagoe Time.

Last month we commented on the difficulty of finding out what is the right time in Portadown. The Town clock, Post Office clock and Factory Syrens vary by as much as five minutes sometimes. It may be interesting to our readers to know what is the exact time which a clock at Seagoe should register. Irish time is based on the moment when the sun crosses the meridian of longitude which passes through Dunsink Observatory outside Dublin. That meridian is 6 degrees 20 minutes West of Greenwich from which English time is measured. The difference between English and Irish time (or Greenwich and Dunsink) is exactly 25 minutes 21 seconds. For each degree of longitude 4 minutes are allowed, and for each minute of longitude 4 seconds are allowed so that for 6 degrees 20 minutes, the allowance is 25 minutes 21 seconds. The Dunsink meridian of longitude passes exactly through Lurgan Parish Church, and therefore Lurgan clocks should always be the same as Dublin, but Seagoe lies some distance West of Lurgan, and its exact longitude is 6 degrees 26 minutes West of Greenwich or 6 minutes West of Dunsink. Allowing 4 seconds of time for each minute of longitude, Seagoe time is 24 seconds later than Lurgan or Dublin time. When it is 12 noon at Dublin it is exactly 11 hours 59 minutes and 36 seconds at Seagoe. If we say that Portadown is just one mile West of Seagoe, then Portadown time is 4 seconds later than Seagoe, so when it is 12 noon at Dublin it is 11 hours 59 minutes 32 seconds at Portadown. The easiest way to explain a complicated subject is as follows. If a person leaving Dublin by train sets his watch to Dublin time, when he reaches Drogheda his watch will be exactly right, at Dundalk it will be 16 seconds slow, at Portadown 28 seconds, at Seagoe 24 seconds, at Lurgan it will be exactly right, and at Belfast it will be 1 minute 37 seconds fast. Portadown time is 2 minutes 4 seconds in advance of Belfast.

Presentation.

On Thursday evening, December 12th, a social meeting of Seagoe Choir was held in the Parochial School. After tea, which was most kindly provided by Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Wilson, some musical items were given, and a presentation was made to Mr. David Livingston on the occasion of his marriage to mark the esteem in which he is held. The presentation took the form of a handsome marble time-piece, and it was handed to Mr. Livingston by Mrs. T. H. Wilson. Mr. Livingston replied, thanking the members of the choir for their kindness. The Rector expressed his high appreciation of the services which Mr. Livingston had rendered in the choir, and of his worthy character on all occasions. A most agreeable evening was spent, and at the close the hymn, "Son of my soul" was sung by all present.

Hymns for January.

"Sing ye to the Lord for he hath triumphed gloriously."

MORNING.

5th	12th	19th	26th
90 (ii)	515	467	388
93	105	516	466
91	101	541	330
507	514	472	543

EVENING.

512	102	275	257
96	513	254	236
97	103	277	276
510	511	237	14
95	70	542	400

PARISH REGISTER FOR DEC.**Baptisms.**

"Even a child is known by his doings."

Baptised on Dec. 7th, 1912.

LIGGET — Violet, daughter of George and Sarah Ligget.

WILSON — George, son of Leonard and Mary Anne Wilson.

Marriages.

"God, our Home."

CORNER AND GRACEY — December 4th, William James Corner, Lurgan, to Mary Gracey, Drumgor.

BEST AND KANE — December 24th, Henry John Best, Balteagh, to Helena Kane, Monbrief.

GLASSEY AND MONTGOMERY — December 25th, Thomas Glassey, Portadown, to Susannah Montgomery, Edenderry.

McCANN AND MAGEE — December 25th, John George McCann, Edenderry, to Letitia (Lily) Magee, Edenderry.

PRESTON AND SIMPSON — December 26th, George Preston, Ballinacor, to Margaret Simpson, Ballinacor.

Burials.

"I give unto them eternal life."

QUAILE — December 11th, Robert Quaile, Drumgor, aged 21 years.

CARVILLE — December 12th, William James, Killicomaine, aged 1½ years.

GUY — December 13th, Thomas Guy, Derryvore, aged 84 years.

WILSON — December 31st, Ellen Wilson, Belfast, aged 45 years.

MALCOMSON — January 1st, Joseph Malcomson, Edenderry, aged 54 years.

Offertories for December.

"An offering of a free heart will I give thee."

Sundays—Mornings,	£4 15 6
Evenings,	2 0 11
Wednesdays	0 7 9
Christmas Day	4 13 3

Total, £11 17 5

Items.

We are glad to record an all-round increase in the Sustentation Fund this year.

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A meeting of the Sustentation Fund Collectors was held in Seagoe School on Monday, January 6th.

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Several trees have been blown down in the Parish by the recent gales.

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Next month we hope to publish portraits of the Churchwardens.

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The B.C. Social will take place (p.v.) in Seagoe School, on Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 4th, at 7-30.

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The Rector has received a neat little Church Calendar from some anonymous correspondent in Wilmington, Illinois, U.S.A., for which he is much obliged,

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There were five weddings in the Church this Christmas. We congratulate the happy pairs and wish them all blessing and prosperity.

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Seagoe Day School was thoroughly cleaned out and ventilated during the holidays. The school buildings are now in first rate condition,

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The Commissioners of National Education have made a move for the establishment of a centre for the cure of teeth ailments in children in the district.

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The Magazine Distributors are asked to send in any monies they have received up to the end of the year; also the money received for Almanacs should be paid in without delay.

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The Monthly Prizes for November and December in Hacknabay Day School were awarded to Eliza Thompson and Ella Heathwood who both obtained very high marks.

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We regret to record the death of one of our oldest and most respected parishioners, Mr. Thomas Guy, of Derryvore. Much sympathy is expressed for his aged widow and family in their trouble.

Miss Walker's Singing Class held every Tuesday evening in Seagoe School at 8 o'clock is proving a great success. The progress of the girls in the art of singing has been wonderful. New members should join at once. To those joining now the charge is 2/6 for the quarter.

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Mr. George Preston, whose marriage is announced this month in the Parish Register, is one of the distinguished soldiers produced by our military townland—Ballinacor. Mr. Preston served with great distinction throughout the Boer War, and escaped without wound or fever through it all. He fought through the fatal battle of Pieter's Hill, where so many brave men fell. He has seen 16 years service, and is now a Corporal in the Royal Irish Fusiliers, stationed at Shorncliffe. We wish him and Mrs. Preston every happiness. Corporal Preston wears two medals, one with four clasps and the other with two.

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The sudden death of Mr Joseph Malcomson is much deplored in the Parish. He was at his work in Mr Robb's Factory until 4.30 on the closing evening of the year and before eight hours of the New Year had passed he had been summoned into Eternity. Mr. Malcomson was a most regular attendant at the Parish Church, and in the Seagoe Bible Class, and was present at the Class and at morning prayer on the Sunday before his death. We express our deep sympathy with Mrs. Malcomson and her family in their sad and sudden bereavement. The members of the Seagoe Bible Class provided a handsome wreath for the funeral.

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Old Seagoe Notes.**The First Railway Engine in Seagoe, 1839.**

—Seagoe Parish contains so large a number of Railway Workers that many amongst us will be interested to know all about how the Railway first began in the Parish.

The name of the first engine that ran along the line through Seagoe Parish was the "Express." It was the first engine to run from Belfast to Seagoe where the Ulster Railway stopped. This engine was built by the then noted firm of Messrs Sharp, Roberts and Co., of Manchester. It cost £1,600 and the tender cost £460. The tender carried 200 gallons of water and 20 cwt. of coke, which was the fuel then used. The chimney of the engine was 14 inches in diameter and no less than 5 ft. 10 inches in height. The two driving wheels were 6 feet in diameter, and there were four bearing wheels of 4 feet diameter. The working pressure was 56lbs. to the square inch,

and the average speed in September, 1839, was 25.43 miles per hour. The stoppages averaged only .79 of a minute, and were, therefore, much shorter than we are accustomed to. Coke at that time cost 42 shillings a ton. The second engine to run on the line was called the "Fury" and the third the "Spitfire."

The First Railway Carriages on the Ulster Railway.—The first carriages on the line through Seagoe were very different from those now running. There were in 1839 only two classes—first and second. The first class were fairly comfortable and had elbow rests. There was a seat for the guard outside on the top of the carriage. There were four compartments in each carriage, and each compartment held eight persons. The carriages were built by a Mr. Wise, of Lancaster, and each carriage cost £510.

The second class carriages had no windows in them, being open at the sides, but closed at the ends and roofed over. Lockers for parcels and luggage were fitted under the seats. These carriages were built by Brady, of London, and cost £260 each. The goods waggons and horse boxes were much the same as now. The carriages were usually painted in very bright colours like the old stage coaches, the first class were sometimes purple, the second yellow, and the third green, when these last came into use.

Some Old Seagoe Christian Names.—Christian names in Seagoe 200 years ago were naturally somewhat different from those given to children nowadays. Here are some taken from the Registers of 1700-1710—Girls' names—Christian, Eleanor, Lettice, Rose, Dorothy, Judith, Joan, Barbara. Boys' names—Huan, Christopher, Anthony, Simon, Meredith.

Marriages in Seagoe 200 Years Ago.—Here are the surnames of couples married in Seagoe 200 years ago.—Mathers and Hall, Louie and Ellis, Dixon and Wilson, Fryars and Bradshaw, Smurphett and Henderson, Porter and Trotter, Tuft and Ruddell, Lyness and Dynes.

Description of Seagoe Church by Archdeacon Saurin, 1868.—In 1868 a Return of Seagoe Church and Glebe was made by Archdeacon Saurin at the request of the Primate, evidently in anticipation of Disestablishment. The manuscript book containing the return was given to Dean Dawson by Mrs. Saurin in 1883. It contains many interesting facts regarding the Parish. We hope in our next issue to make some extracts from it.

Churchwardens of Seagoe.—(Continued):—

- 1795—John Greer, Esq.
Mr. George Ruddle, of Knockrammer.
- 1796—Mr. Woolsey Atkinson.
Mr. David Ruddle, Knockrammer.
- 1797—John Harrison, of Monraverty.
Leonard Calvert, jun.
- 1798—(No record).
- 1799—John Walker, of Kernan.
William Robinson, of Lisnaminty.
- 1800—Robert Maze.
William Dickson.

The above is interesting for several reasons. It contains names very familiar in our ears. It will be noticed that there is no record of the Churchwardens for 1798. This was the year of the Rebellion. It broke out on May 23rd, 1798, but during the months preceding the country was greatly disturbed.

Presentation to Miss Calvert.

On Tuesday evening, Dec. 3rd, a very pleasant event occurred in connection with the Hacknahay Branch of the Girls' Friendly Society. The Branch meets every alternate Tuesday at Miss Calvert's, Breagh. On this the opening night of the session the members assembled in large numbers determined to give their local Associate a surprise. At 7-30 the Rector took the chair and in a few words welcomed the members to the meeting. He said that they desired in some special way to mark their esteem and regard for Miss Calvert who had done so much for the success of the branch. He then handed, on behalf of the members, to Miss Calvert two silver flower vases and a silver epergne. Miss Calvert replied in suitable terms, expressing the pleasure she had always felt in conducting the class for the members of the G.F.S. in Hacknahay.

Social at Levaghery.

On Tuesday, January 7th, a largely attended Social Meeting was held in Levaghery School. The room looked very well having recently been repainted and renovated. After a splendid tea the tables were removed and an excellent programme of music and recitations followed. The items were so numerous that it would be impossible to mention them separately. Several performers from outside the Parish kindly assisted. The chair was occupied by the Rector. At the close the prizes for answering and attendance at the Sunday School were handed to the successful pupils by the Superintendent, Mrs. C. Collins. A silver medal was awarded to Nellie Lewie for obtaining the highest marks in answering at the recent examination. The proceedings were brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthem. Much of the success of the evening is to be credited to Mr. James Shepherd who worked indefatigably before and during the Social. Mr. Chambers kindly played all the accompaniments.