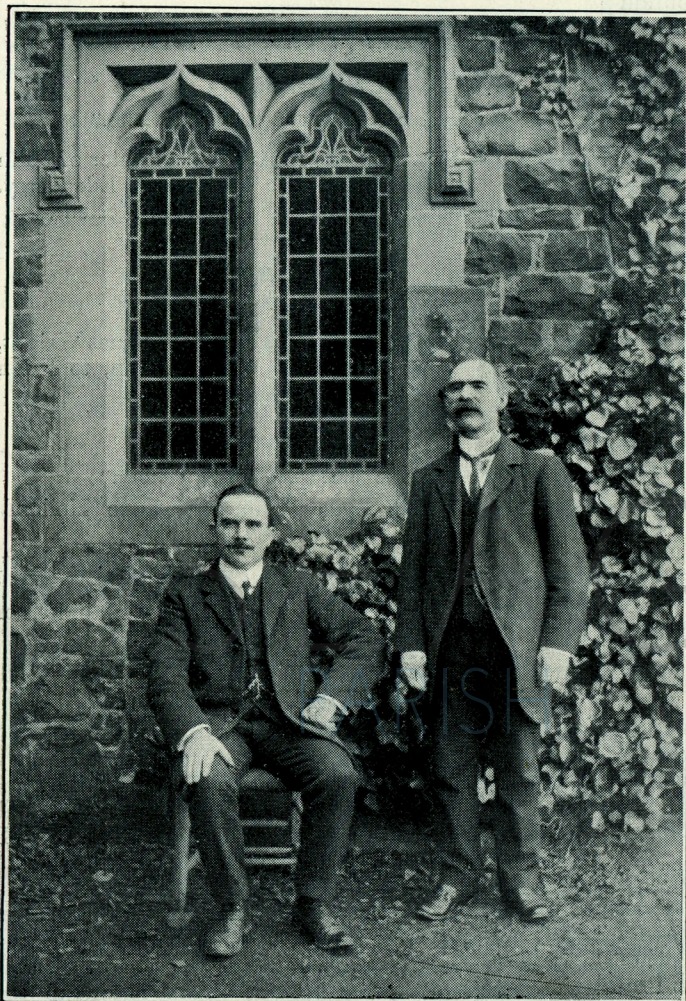


# Seagoe Parish Magazine.

MARCH, 1914.

## Our Churchwardens 1913-14.



MR. JAMES TWINEM, RECTOR'S CHURCHWARDEN (SEATED), AND MR. WILLIAM BEST, PEOPLE'S CHURCHWARDEN.



HE accompanying portraits of the Rector's and People's Churchwardens for the current year will remind our Readers of the responsibility and important work which the laity of the Church are called upon to undertake, and which they willingly and efficiently discharge. Mr. James Twinem and Mr. William Best have, during the past year, given unsparingly of their time and attention to the interests of the Parish of Seagoe, and their year of office, which expires at Easter, has been marked by many important events in our local Church life. The Rectory Purchase Bazaar last December, the building of the New Class Room in Seagoe School (largely due to the enterprise of the Rector's Churchwarden), the beautifying of the Chancel by the erection of the Canon Blacker Memorial, and the efficient ventilation of the Church, have all been accomplished since the Churchwardens assumed office last Easter. Seagoe Parish is highly privileged in having so many of its stalwart laymen deeply interested in the progress of Christian work in our midst. The photograph, besides providing a lifelike portrait of the Churchwardens, gives an interesting glimpse into the architectural beauty of the Church. It was taken by the Rector from the Vestry steps.

### Special Notice.

The Select Vestry on the advice of the Diocesan Council have decided to Insure the Church and Schools against possible injury during the civil commotion which will ensue if the Home Rule Bill passes. This entails a special charge of £21. The Churchwardens will stand at the Church door with plates at each Service, and the Parishioners are asked to give what they can to cover this very needful expense. *Please do not allow your gifts to lessen the amount you usually give at the Offertory in Church.*

### The New School-Room.

This fine addition to Seagoe School was declared open by the Very Rev. C. T. P. Grierson, Dean of Belfast, at a very pleasant Afternoon function on Monday, February 9th. The Rector presided, and spoke on the importance of the School as an educational centre in the Parish. The Dean spoke eloquently on the subject of Religion and Education. Mrs. Blacker kindly entertained all present to Tea at the close of the meeting.



### Prize Distributions.

Last month was marked by a long series of Sunday School Prize Distributions in various centres. The gatherings began with a fine muster of adults and young people in **Hacknahay**, on Friday, Feb. 6th. The Rector presided. An interesting feature of the Programme was the excellent singing of the Day School Pupils, accompanied on the Harmonium by the Principal of the School, Miss Chambers. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to all who had helped and especially to Mr. and Miss Calvert for once again kindly entertaining the Sunday Schools.

The next Distribution was at **Drumgor** on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 15th. This year owing to Mrs. MacMullan's illness there was no festive gathering. On Monday, Feb. 16th, a great crowd gathered in **Seagoe** School, and enjoyed a splendid programme arranged by Mr. Boyle, the Superintendent, and Mr. S. R. Chambers. The action songs were very novel and amusing. Seagoe Sunday School carried off the Blue Ribbon of all the Sunday Schools by winning three silver medals for an unbroken attendance at Church and Sunday School throughout the year. The winners were May Best and Isabella Best, daughters of our People's Churchwarden, and Mary Jane Atkinson, grand-daughter of Dynes Atkinson, Sexton of Seagoe. These three pupils attended twice each Sunday at Church and twice each Sunday at Sunday School and every Wednesday during the week-night service during the year. Mrs. McKeown of Edenderry kindly gave the Tea for the Festival.

**Edenderry** had its Prize-giving on Thursday, Feb. 19th. The large Hall was quite filled, and a great many prizes were distributed. Mrs. Stevenson kindly handed the prizes to the winners.

**Carne** as usual distinguished itself. The programme was unusually good and we were glad to notice many new performers. Mrs. Grimshaw of Peacefield very kindly distributed the prizes. The Superintendent Mr. David Murray had arranged everything very efficiently.

**Levagherey**, last but not least, held its annual gathering on Monday, Feb. 23rd. The Rector presided, and the prizes were handed to the successful children by Mrs. McDowell. Mr. Jas. Sheppard deserves great credit for arranging an excellent Programme. The Sunday School Prizes this year were awarded on a triple basis of marking, viz., for attendance at Church, attendance at Sunday School and Proficiency at the Annual Sunday School Examination.

### Hacknahay School Concert.

Tickets are on Sale at 1s and 6d each for a grand Concert to take place in Hacknahay School, on Thursday, March 19th, at 8. The pupils of the Day School will perform several attractive items, and other distinguished Artists will give their services. Secure your tickets at once.

### Offertories.

"All that I have is Thine."

Sundays—Morning	...	...	£4	4	8
Evening	...	...	1	16	1
Week-days	...	...	0	6	1
Total	...	...	£6	6	10

### REGISTER FOR FEBRUARY.

#### Baptism.

"Jesus called a little child unto Him."

**McNeill**—Feb. 7th—Mary Helena, daughter of John and Elizabeth McNeill, of Edenderry.  
Sponsors—John McNeill and Elizabeth McNeill.

#### Marriage.

"God is our Home."

**Wright and Twinem**—Feb. 19th—James Wright, of Battle Hill, Co. Armagh, to Ellen Twinem, of Tarson.

#### Burials.

"Death is swallowed up in Victory."

**Holland**—Feb. 16th—Margaret Jane Holland, Edenderry, aged 6 months.  
**Pentland**—Feb. 24th—George Pentland, Belfast, aged 46 years.  
**Mahaffy**—Feb. 28th—Sarah Anne Mahaffy, of Edenderry, aged 25 years.

### The Parish "At Home."

Seagoe Parish enjoyed an "At Home" in the fine enlarged Parochial Schools, on Thursday, February 12th. The new Room was used for the first time, but even with this extra space there was not sufficient room for the many who assembled. Messrs. Birrell and Fawcett's Concert Party from Belfast provided a novel and amusing Programme. An interval of 15 minutes for mutual conversation "with the person who sat next you" was largely availed of on the advice of the Chairman. There was a most sociable spirit present, and a word of thanks is due to the ladies who sent in such a large number of splendid cakes. There never were such cakes before. The Parish "At Home" of 1914 will be long remembered.

### Jumble Sale.

Our Annual Jumble Sale will be held (p.v.) in Edenderry Parochial Hall, on Saturday, March 28th, 1914, from 5 to 8. We have received many promises of most useful and valuable commodities and splendid bargains will be on sale. Admission—2d. We ask all those who have helped us in previous years to kindly make up parcels of goods which will be called for on Friday, March 27th, or Saturday, March 28th.



# ITEMS.

10,580 bricks were used in the construction of Seagoe New Class Room.

A Volunteer camp for Volunteer Sectional Officers was held in Carrickblacker during the third week in February.

A bad corner for motors has been rounded off, and made safe on the Gilford Road at Levaghery. Some other sharp corners in the Parish need treatment.

All copies of February Magazine were sold immediately on publication.

Mr. J. J. Forsythe, of Lower Seagoe, is pursuing his Theological Studies in St. Aidan's College, Birkenhead.

We regret the closing of Carne Dairy which for so many years supplied the Parish with the purest milk at a low price.

Mr. James Holmes, of Killicomaine, has arrived at Capetown, per Liner "Runic," after a splendid voyage.

Mr. Dobson, our Lay Reader, has been paying a visit to his home in Mohill, Co. Leitrim.


The Tuberculosis Dispensary in Edenderry is doing most useful work. Dr. Robinson seems to be the right man in the right place.

Remember our Special Lent Services.

All Missionary Boxes and Cards, and Protestant Orphan Cards, must be handed in at once.

A considerable number of names has been added to the List of our Registered Vestrymen.

The first Motor Funeral to Seagoe from Belfast took place on the occasion of the interment of the late Mr. George Pentland, in Old Seagoe Graveyard on February 24th.

 A First-Aid Class in connection with the Ulster Volunteer Force is being arranged in Seagoe. Any woman wishing to join will please communicate immediately with Miss Atkinson, Eden Villa. Entrance fee 1/-

A First-Aid Class also meets on Wednesday evenings in Edenderry Parochial Hall.

We heartily congratulate two of our Parishioners who have entered the state of Matrimony during the past month. Miss Ellen Twinem, now Mrs. James Wright, and Mr. John Lyness of Carne, who married Miss Alicia Kerr, of Tullygally. All our readers will join with us in wishing both couples much prosperity and blessing.

## Lent Services.

During Lent a series of Five Special Addresses will be given on Sunday Evenings in the Parish Church on "The Scriptural Basis of the Book of Common Prayer."

March 8th—"The Visible Church."

" 15th—"The Christian Ministry."

" 22nd—"Holy Baptism."

" 29th—"Holy Communion."

April 5th—"Public Worship"

On Wednesday evenings at 8 o'clock a course of Lent Lectures will be given on the "Seven Penitential Psalms."

Feb. 25th—(Ash Wednesday) Ps. vi., The Psalm of Contentment.

March 4th—Ps. xxxii., The Psalm of Humility.

" 11th—Ps. xxxiii., The Psalm of Self Control.

" 18th—Ps. li., The Psalm of Godly Sorrow.

" 25th—Ps. cii. and cxxx., The Psalm of Despair.

April 1st—Ps. cxliii., The Psalm of Faith and Hope.

## Bible Class Social.

The Annual Bible Class Social was held in Edenderry Parochial Hall, on Shrove Tuesday, February 26th. It was limited to members of the Bible Classes but the attendance was so large that the Hall during the games was almost inconveniently crowded. After an enjoyable tea, games began and were continued until a later hour. During an interval Mr. Gilbert Price, of the Carbet Class gave two very amusing Irish Recitations. The Prizes were distributed at the close of the evening by the Rector. Sixteen Certificates were awarded for a years unbroken attendance. Two gold medals were awarded. One to Mr. Thomas McCrory for a third unbroken attendance of 3 years (making 9 years in all) at Edenderry Men's Class, and one to Mr. David Boyce for three years of unbroken attendance at Edenderry Men's Class. We sincerely thank several kind friends who sent us tea cakes towards the requirements of the Social. The Social was a useful witness to the important work done by the Bible Classes in the Parish.



## OLD SEAGOE NOTES.

**A Remarkable Apology, 1822.**—The following remarkable apology is entered in the Registers for 1822—An unpleasant circumstance having taken place between the Rev. Mr. McCartan, P.P., and Mr. James Walker, of Levaghery, It is this day agreed on, for the purpose of procuring peace and neighbourhood between the Parties, That The Rev. Mr. McCartan shall declare his concern that he happened unguardedly to act or Speak in any manner to Mr. Walker and that he pledges his honour to be more cautious hereafter and hopes to be forgiven on the present occasion. Michael John Macartan.

Eye except (*sic*) the above appology.

James Walker.

1822, June 13th.

Present Stewart Blacker

Francis Smith

George McKaughly,

Vestry Clerk.

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## A Sacrilegious Robbery in Seagoe, 1821.—

The Register for 1821 contains the following entry—At a Vestry held in the Parish of Seagoe pursuant to Public Notice on Tuesday the 9th day of October 1821, the Clergyman, Churchwardens and Parishioners being assembled for the purpose of taking into consideration the late nefarious Robbery committed in this Church between Sunday the 30th of September last and Sunday the 7th inst., when the Table Cloth and Cushions belonging to the Communion Table as also the Cushions belonging to the Pulpit were feloniously taken and carried away by some person or persons unknown.

Now We the Clergyman, Churchwardens and Parishioners assembled in order to shew our indignation at such horrid proceedings, Do offer a Reward of One Hundred Pounds Sterling, To be paid by the Churchwardens of this Parish, To any person who shall within six months after this date prosecute to Conviction the perpetrators of this Sacrilege.

Stewart Blacker, Minister.

Robert Watson, } Churchwardens.

Wm. Burne, }

G. McKaughly, Vestry Clerk.

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**The Iron Entrance Gates at Seagoe New Church, 1820.**—The iron gates which still do duty at Seagoe Church were erected in 1821. They were purchased with money obtained from the Sale of the Roof Timbers of the Old Church. At a Vestry held on Thursday the 26th day of October 1820 it was resolved That the sum of £28 18s 1d shall be expended in erecting a proper Iron Gate at the entrance of the New Church Yard, levelling the Yard and preparing the same for planting. A note is added to the Vestry Minutes of 1821 to the following effect—

Note, the gate weighed 7 cwt. 3q 7lb which at 8d per lb is £10 18s 9d which the Churchwardens settled for and paid in full.

## List of Churchwardens of Seagoe (continued).

1806—Mr. John Calvert, Jun.

Mr. Thomas Jones.

1807—Captain Woolsey, Killycummain.

Mr. William Ellis, of Drumminakelly.

1808—Captain Woolsey, of Killycummain.

Mr. Wm. Ellis, of Drumminakelly.

1809—Mr. James Watson, of Edenderry.

Mr. Simon Huet, Knockramor.

1810—Mr. Henry McCaw, of Kilvergin.

Mr. George Joyce, of Ballydonaghy.

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**Notes on Old Seagoe Church.**—The Blacker Pew in Old Seagoe Church was a very conspicuous object. It was situated on the south side of the Church, between the Pulpit and the Chancel. It was of the old square or box shape, and was surmounted by a canopy from which curtains were hung. Its position in the Old Church is marked by the marble memorial to the Rev. George Blacker in the ruined walls in the old graveyard.

The Font, which finds a place in the present Church, occupied in the Old Church a place under or at the foot of the stairs leading to the gallery, on the left of the entrance door.

It is said that many of the stones and monuments from Seagoe Old Church Graveyard are built into the walls of Seagoe Cottage, now occupied by Mr. T. H. Wilson.

Before the high western gable and belfry fell it was heavily covered with masses of ivy which formed a favourite resting place for a colony of Owls whose twittering at night broke the weird silence of the old graveyard.

For many years a venerable Pear tree stood in the graveyard and was said to have been planted on the boundary line between the townlands of Upper and Lower Seagoe.

The Roof of Old Seagoe Church had a very steep pitch, and must have been supported by massive timbers. The building was very narrow for its length being nearly three times as long as it was broad. The outside measurements of the walls give the length as 66ft. and the width as 27 feet. The east and west walls are 3½ft. thick, and the north and south 3ft. thick.

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