

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

MARCH, 1920.

Holy Week and Easter, 1920.

This year, as in past years, special Services will be held in the Parish Church during Holy week. We are glad to be able to announce that the Rev. W. T. Grey, M.A., Librarian, St. Finn-Barre's Cathedral, Cork, and formerly Curate of Seagoe, has kindly consented to give a series of Addresses on each night in Holy Week. The Services will be held at 8 p.m. On the Sunday before Easter (Palm Sunday) the Rev. John Taylor, M.A., Rector of St. Jude's, Belfast, and formerly Curate of Seagoe, will preach in the Parish Church.

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, the Rev. W. T. Grey will speak on "The Way of Sorrow," and on Thursday his subject will be "The Lord's Supper."

On Good Friday, April 2nd, the following Services will be held -

11-30—Morning Prayer, Litany.

Address by Rev. W. T. Grey.

8 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon.

Preacher: Rev. W. T. Grey,

Subject—"The Cup of Sorrow."

The offerings at the Services on Good Friday will be given to the Jews Society.

Easter Day.

8 a.m.—Holy Communion.

11-30—Morning Prayer and Holy Communion.

3-30—Children's Service.

7-0—Evening Prayer and Sermon.

The Rev. W. T. Grey will preach at 11-30, 3-30 and 7.

Subject for Easter Day—"Sorrow turned into Joy."

The Easter Day offerings will be on behalf of the Parochial Sunday Schools.

Flowers for the decoration of the church may be sent on Saturday (Easter Eve) at 10-30 a.m., to the Church.

Lent Services and Subjects.

On Sunday Mornings Sermons will be preached on "The Church Catechism," as follows—

March 14th, "The Ten Commandments."

21st, "The Lord's Prayer."

On Sunday Evenings the subject of the addresses will be "How we got our Bible."

March 14th, "The Bible of the Reformation."

21st, "The Bible since the Reformation."

On Wednesday Evenings at 8, addresses will be given as follows—

March 17th (St. Patrick's Day), "St. Patrick as a Christian Missionary."

24th, "Missions in South America."

Missionary Boxes.

The Missionary Boxes will be collected this month. Please see that your Box is quite full. Owing to the altered rate of Exchange, Missions are in deplorable difficulties. Never was generous help so much needed.

Organ Recital.

Mr. Harcastle's Organ Recital was given in the Parish Church on Thursday, February 12th. There was a large gathering, and much reverent interest was displayed in the music. The soloists were Miss Winnie Anderson and Master David Thompson, the former singing Gounod's setting of "There is a Green Hill far away," and the latter the solo from Jephthah, "Angels ever bright and fair." Both solos were sung with much feeling and fine expression. The musical selections were taken from a wide circle of composers, beginning with Boyce and ending with Costa. Our fine organ sounded well, and its varied stops and pedals were used to the best advantage by Mr. Harcastle, who displayed much skill and expression in his treatment of the music. Seagoe is fortunate in possessing an organ of such fine tone and quality. It was built by Foster and Andrews, of Hull, the famous Organ Builders. It was dedicated at a Special Service on Thursday, April 19th, 1900, by the Bishop of Down (Dr. Welland). The Bishop preached from Rev. xix, 5-6. The Organ was erected by the Parishioners as a Memorial to the Baroness von Stieglitz, of Carrickblacker, who died 23rd January, 1899.

The offering at the Recital amounted to £2 16s. Expenses amounted to £2 0s 6d. Balance 15/6 sent to St. Dunstan's Hostel.

General Vestry of Seagoe.

The following names were added to the list of the Registered Vestrymen of Seagoe Parish at the recent Annual Revision—James Fleming, Edenderry; William Gregston, Drumgor; John Hoy, Edenderry; Henry Lavery, Kilvergan; Thomas Lyness, Drumgor; Charles Montgomery, Portadown; Robert McClements, Killicomaine; Thomas McNulty, Drumgor; Gilbert Price, Ballinacorr; George Reid, Kilvergan; Thomas J. Robinson, Drumnagoon; George Simpson, Lylo; Joseph Warnock, Edenderry. The Registered Vestrymen of the Parish meet at the Annual Vestry held in Easter week and select from their numbers the People's Churchwarden and the members of the Select Vestry for the ensuing year. We are glad that so many new names have been added this year and we hope the new members will attend and vote at the Easter Vestry.

Congratulations.

We offer hearty congratulations to Captain J. J. Dobson on his marriage as recorded in the Parish Register of this issue. Captain Dobson has just returned from Syria where he was engaged on a special mission in the French sphere of influence. He will shortly be demobilised. He has had a varied experience since he left Seagoe in August, 1914. He was severely wounded in France, and, on his recovery, did active service in Macedonia and went through the Palestine campaign with Lord Allenby. He then undertook special work as transport officer on troopships in the Mediterranean visiting Morocco,

Algeria, Tripoli, Egypt, and Greece. We offer to Captain and Mrs Dobson our heartiest good wishes for their future welfare and happiness.

We also offer hearty congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Maginnis on the occasion of their marriage. Mrs. Maginnis was until her marriage a parishioner of St. Jude's, Belfast, whose Rector, the Rev. J. Taylor, is so well known to us in Seagoe. We welcome her to Seagoe Parish, and we are confident that in the days to come she will share in the good work which Mr. Maginnis has for so many years accomplished in the parish.

A Welcome Letter.

[We publish the following letter, which we have received from an old friend and former parishioner of Seagoe Mr. William J. Bickett, formerly of Drumnagon, and now resident in the States. Mr. Bickett holds an important post as Principal of Bernardsville Township Schools, New Jersey, U.S.A. But though he has been absent from Seagoe for many years yet he does not forget the old parish at home. The offer contained in Mr. Bickett's letter is a very generous one, and we have written to him accepting it with many thanks. We hope his kindly action will inspire others at home and abroad to do likewise.]
The Public Schools, The Township of St. Bernards,
Office of Wm. J. Bickett, Supervising Principal,
Bernardsville, New Jersey, U.S.A.,
Rector, Seagoe Parish, Portadown, Ireland.

DEAR SIR, I have not received the Parish Magazine for some months and presume that my subscription has expired. Will you kindly let me know the amount due and I will send it to you. I would like to send you about £5 (pounds) each year to be offered as prizes in the Parish Schools according to your judgment. If you care to have me do this let me know and I will be glad to send.

Sincerely Yours,
February 7, 1920.

Nature Notes.

Signs of the approach of Spring multiply around us, and the recent mild weather has hastened its advent. Some of our readers may like to know the dates when the singing migrants arrive in this neighbourhood. Wheatear, mid-March; Chiff-Chaff, end of March; Willow-Warbler, early in April; Wood-Warbler, end of April; Garden Warbler, end of April; Blackcap, mid-April; Grasshopper-Warbler, mid-April; Sedge-Warbler late in April.

Where Birds build their Nests—Missel-Thrush in trees; Song Thrush in bushes and hedges; Willow-Warbler on the ground Chiff-Chaff on or near the ground; Sedge Warbler in bushes and reeds; Skylark on the ground; Wren in banks, thatch, walls; Chaffinch in tree-forks, bushes, etc.; Linnet in thorn hedges and furze; Cuckoo in nests of Hedge Sparrow, Wagtail, etc. The Sedge Warbler is often called the Irish Nightingale. The only bird able to walk down a tree head foremost is the Nuthatch. There are 55 summer migrants, and 45 winter migrants in Ireland. No Irish Owls hoot. Large flocks of Seagulls have

in recent years flown inland. The war, owing to the scarcity of ships, has deprived them of the living they usually got at sea.

PARISH REGISTER for FEBRUARY

Baptisms.

The following were Baptized in Seagoe Parish Church on February 7th, 1920—

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

Sponsors—Annabella Grimeson, Mary Watson.

Collins—Gilbert Henry, son of Joseph and Mary Collins of Kernan.

Sponsors—Annabella Grimeson, Mary Collins.

Gracey—Isabella, daughter of William Joseph and Martha Jane Gracey, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Elizabeth Clarke, Martha Jane Gracey.

McKeane—James Henry, son of Henry and Sarah McKeane, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Mary McKeane, Sarah McKeane.

Wallace—Dorothy Irene, daughter of Acheson and Mary Josephine Wallace, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—May Wallace, Mary Josephine Wallace.

Watters—Samuel Harold, son of Samuel and Rebecca Watters, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Margaret Montgomery, Rebecca Watters.

Killops—Norah Jasmine, daughter of Joseph and Florence Isabella Killops, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Clara Kirby, Florence Isabella Killops.

Caddell—Baptized in Seagoe Parish Church on Wednesday, February 11th, 1920, Margaret Jane, daughter of William John and Priscilla Caddell, of Kernan.

Sponsors—Martha Smartt, Elisabeth Anne Corder, William John Caddell.

PRIVATE BAPTISM.

Watson—February 16th, 1920, Irene Doris, daughter of James and Elizabeth Watson, of Edenderry.

Marriages.

Sharpe and Campbell—February 6th, 1920, John Sharpe (late 9th Batt. R.I.F.), of Edenderry, to Margaret Campbell, of Edenderry.

Maginnis and Ruddell—February 11th, 1920, by Special Licence, at the residence of the bride, "Emohwen," North Parade, Belfast, by the Rev. J. S. Taylor, M.A., Rector of St. Jude's, Belfast, Thomas E. Maginnis, Fortwilliam, Portadown, to Ruth, daughter of the late Thomas Ruddell, Knockramer, Lurgan.

Dobson and Johnston—March 3rd, 1920, at St. Anne's Church, Dublin, by the Rev. J. C. Irwin, M.A., John J. Dobson, Captain 16th R.I.R., of Belfast, to Mary Florence, daughter of R. Johnston, Esq., of Bawnboy House, Co. Cavan.

Burials.

Craig—January 30th, 1920, Sarah Craig, of Levaghery, aged 83 years.

Doherty—February 19th, 1920, Maria Doherty, of Tirsogue, Waringstown, aged 88 years.

Sunday School Socials.

A most successful Social was held in **Levaghery** on Thursday, February 5th. After tea the Rector presided. There never were so many people in Levaghery School before. The programme was very interesting. It included Dialogues, Set-pieces, Songs and Recitations. "Britannia and her Children" was very effective. Miss Sarah Montgomery made a fine Britannia, who received in succession representatives of all the Colonies and Dominions arrayed in characteristic garb. One of the best things done was the Dialogue "Winning a Widow," by Miss Lily Lewie and Mr. J. M'Dowell. Miss Lewie was specially good and delighted her audience. Some of the Levaghery Juniors sang and recited with good effect. Miss Agnes Guy and all who helped are to be congratulated on the success of their efforts.

At **Carne** a Sunday School Social was held on Friday, February 6th. A splendid programme had been arranged by Mr. David Murray. Messrs. T. and J. Ruddel, R. M'Clements and J. Caddell gave Violin and Mandoline items with great success. Mr. Binks in his comic songs surpassed himself. Miss Robb sang several of her Scottish songs with great expression. A little visitor from Drumcree Parish gave several Recitations of unusual merit. Gilbert Price recited as well as ever, and among the Juniors J. Simpson, B. Rock and T. Conrolly gave very successful Recitations, Mr. T. H. Wilson also very kindly helped with a song.

Missionary Lecture.

The Rev. J. A. McCleery will give a Public Lecture on "Missions in India," in Seagoe School, on Thursday, March 11th, at 8 p.m.

ITEMS.

The Bann floods are subsiding and the meadows seem none the worse.

Nine Baptisms are recorded in our Parish Register for February.

Every copy of last month's Magazine was sold.

Seagoe Almanacs can yet be had. Apply to Rector.

The weather was unusually mild and warm in February. The Thermometer on several days registered over 60 degrees in the open.

Mr. Thomas Joyce, who has for the past eleven months been staying at Eden Villa, sailed last week on the "Empress of France," for Canada. He intends to visit Montreal, Toronto, New York and Providence before returning to his home in Cincinnati.

The Select Vestry are organising a Parish Social, to be held in Seagoe School (D.V.) on Thursday, May 6th.

The date of the Lurgan Choir Festival has been altered to Saturday, May 8th. It will be held at Dromore Cathedral.

A most interesting relic known as "St. Colman's Pillow" of great antiquity has recently been presented to Dromore Cathedral by Rev. Canon Lett, Rector of Aghaderg. It has been set in position in the Cathedral, and a Brass Plate has been placed under it giving particulars regarding its history. It is a rounded pillow-shaped stone with incised Celtic Crosses.

Large Scale Ordnance Survey Maps of Portadown and District (6 inches to the mile) are now on sale at the "Portadown Express" Office. Every farmer should possess one. All details of importance are most carefully marked on these maps. The survey was made in 1905.

Two very bright stars are now visible, the planet Jupiter due south about 10 p.m., and the Star Sirius somewhat lower in the heavens towards the South-West.

The Girl Guides had a tea party on Monday, February 16th in Seagoe School and much enjoyed themselves.

Sergeant Jackson and Constable White, of Edenderry R.I.C. are on special duty in County Tipperary.

The sudden and severe illness of the Lord Primate is much regretted by his many friends in this neighbourhood. According to the latest reports he is somewhat better.

We hope shortly to have a visit in Seagoe from our new Bishop (Right Rev. C. T. P. Grierson).

The Rev. Frederick George M'Nally, M.A., Vicar of Fawrey, Ambleside, England, is a native of Edenderry, having been born there so far back as 1848. Mr. M'Nally is a graduate of Dublin University and a Licentiate in Music of Trinity College, London. His sister, who lives with him, is 86 years of age. She also is a native of Edenderry and lived there with her parents until she was 11 years of age. She remembers Archdeacon Saurin as Rector of Seagoe 80 years ago. Mr. M'Nally is an enthusiastic Unionist and a great admirer of Sir Edward Carson. He concludes a letter with the words—"I presume your Parishioners are ready for any steps which the Sinn Feiners may take. What humbugs they are! Like the Germans they think that everyone is a fool except themselves. I hope Carson will speak out plainly."

The Rector has had a letter from Major W. S. Stewart, of Staten Island Club, St. Mark's Place, New Brighton, New York, U.S.A., whose great grandfather, Robert Stewart, resided in the Parish of Seagoe for many years in the middle of the 18th century about 1750 to 1783.

OLD SEAGOE NOTES.

Flooring Seagoe School, 1873.—At a meeting held in Seagoe Parochial School House on the 30th July, 1873, it was unanimously agreed that a subscription be raised for the flooring and otherwise repairing of the Schoolroom. It was also resolved that a School Committee be appointed of the following persons, viz., Messrs. Robert Reid, Valentine Sands, Alexander Russell, Robert Best and James Atkinson, and that James Atkinson be appointed Treasurer of said subscription.

At a subsequent meeting on February 11th, 1874, it was agreed that the Tender given in by Daniel Campbell to complete the work for the sum of £25 be accepted.

Financial Difficulties, 1875.—Some idea of the financial difficulties through which Seagoe Parish passed after Disestablishment may be gathered from the following record of a Vestry Meeting held on May 25th, 1875, the Rev. T. A. Jones being in the chair. Proposed by Mr. James Atkinson and seconded by Mr. Wolsey Atkinson—

1st—That this Vestry request the Diocesan Council to sanction the appropriation of the Church Officer's Composition Balance towards the saving of Rev. Mr. M. Walter's Composition.

2nd—That the Council would recommend the Representative Body to grant to the Parish of Seagoe extension of time to secure the said balance.

3rd—That the Council would recommend to the Representative Body to allocate to the Parish of Seagoe the sum of £500 out of the money at its disposal for the relief of Poor Parishes to enable the Select Vestry to purchase the Glebe and secure the proposed endowment.

Present at the meeting—Rev. T. A. Jones, Major Blacker, Wolsey Atkinson, Esq.; John B. Atkinson, Esq.; Messrs Leonard Jennett, James Calvert, James Collins and James Atkinson.

On January 12th, 1876, the following important and far-reaching Resolution was passed—"That we, the Select Vestry of Seagoe Parish, do not wish to be included in and have no claim upon the Diocesan Scheme."

Edenderry in 1781.—April 17th, 1781—John Askin and John Cook were this day approved of as Applotters for the Town Land of Edenderry, in the Parish of Seago, by the Minister, Church Wardens and Parishioners agreeable to the Certifycate of the High Constable, Thomas Haughton.

RICHD BUCKLEY, Minister.
JOHN MITCALF, } Churchwardens
JOHN IRWIN, }

Seagoe Sunday Schools in 1810.—On Sept. 4th, 1810, it was agreed by the minister and parishioners of Seagoe that the sum of Six Guineas per annum be paid to George McCaughaley, 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.

Churchwarden's Account, 1765.—At a Vestry held in the Parish Church of Seago, on Easter Tuesday, the 9th of April, 1765, it is recorded that—"The late Churchwardens beg leave to defer making up their accounts till Whitsun week. To repairing the Ridgeboards and Shingling of ye Church, £5 0s 0d. It is agreed that the Thirty Shillings in the hands of Wm. Robinson, late Churchwarden, be paid into the hands of Mr. Thos. Newel for flooring the New Isle immediately. To Mats for the Communion Rails, and the font 5s 5d. To repairing ye Pulpit Cushion. £1 0s 0d.

Curing a Broken Leg, 1760.—At a Vestry held in the Parish Church of Seagoe, July the Eighth, 1760, pursuant to an adjournment the late Churchwardens made up their accounts with their vouchers after the following manner—To cash paid motherless child, £2 0s 0d. To cash to Henry Steward for keeping a child 2 years, and for the cure of his Broken Leg, £4 11s 4d. To Thos. Mayes for ye gate and Shingling part of the Roof of the Church, £5.

HUGH TISDALL, Minister.

Seats for Ardmore Church, 1761.—At a Vestry held 31st March, 1761, sums were levied as follows—To Robert Walker's distempered daughter £2 0s 0d. To buy Forms for the Chapel in Ardmore £1 10s 0d. To John Dixon, a poor man, £2 0s 0d.

Appointment of a Sexton, 1769.—We, the Minister, Churchwardens, and Parishioners of Seago, at a Vestry held in the Parish Church of Seago, after due notice given, do nominate, constitute, and appoint Mary Porter, sexton for the said Parish, in the room of the late sexton, Henry Porter, deceased, on the same terms as the former sexton was, as witness our hands this 3rd day of January, 1769. The following sum was also laid on at the same time to defray the expense of a foundling child. Mary Shade, sent to Dublin, One Pound Eight Shillings and three pence Halfpenny.

Richard Buckby, Minister.
W. Blacker.

Selling a Pew, 1749.—"I hereby acknowledge to have sold my right and title of a seat in the Parish Church of Seago, Belonging to my husband, John Ray, for Five Shillings, str., to John Wattson, senr., and John Wattson, junr., Ezekiel Cherry, and John McDowell, as witness my hand this 13th day of July 1749.

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ELIZA X RAY.
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Witness present—Mary Yemans.
James Ruddell, Thos. Gilpin.

Sworn before us at a Vestery held at Seago, on Easter Tuesday, 1779, John Mathers, Nicholas, Purdy, Churchwarden's,

A True Copy of this is in John Wattson's hand.