

# Seagoe Parish Magazine.

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## THE EASTER VESTRY.



THE annual meeting of the general vestry of Seagoe Parish was held on Thursday, April 4th, at 7-30 in the Parochial Schools. There was a good attendance of the vestrymen of the Parish. The Rev. J. E. Archer, Rector, presided, and in a short opening statement referred to the various organisations, which were in a healthy and prosperous condition. The congregations had continued to improve, but were not yet proportionate to the numbers of the church population. Reference was also made to the mission work of the past year and to the efficiency of the Sunday schools. The introduction of a very perfect system of gas lighting in the church was also mentioned as a great improvement.

The following elections were made:—

### Churchwardens:

Major Stewart Blacker, Rector's Churchwarden,  
Mr George Calvert, People's Churchwarden.

### Select Vestry:

Mr James Albin,	Mr Atkinson Costello,
Mr W. R. Atkinson, Hon. Sec. and Treas.	
Mr Robert Gracey,	Mr Wilson Irwin,
Mr John Lavery,	Mr T. E. Maginnis,
Mr Joseph Monroe,	Mr W. J. McDowell,
Mr David Rock,	Mr J. H. Stevenson.
	Mr T. Martin.

### Sidesmen:

Mr Atkinson Costello,	Mr T. E. Maginnis,
Mr T. Atkinson,	Mr J. H. Stevenson.

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### CONFIRMATION.

The Lord Bishop intends to hold a Confirmation in Seagoe Parish Church in June.

A special address to those who intend to join the Confirmation classes will be given in the church on Wednesday, May 8th, by the Rev. Oswald Scott, Rector of Gilford, at the 8 p.m. service. We hope to see ALL present at this most important gathering. The arrangements for the classes will then be announced. Every person over 14 years of age, who has not yet been confirmed, should join the classes.

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### IMPORTANT.

The Auxiliary Fund Collections should be paid in to Treasurer before May 1st. This is a most important Fund for the future support of the Clergy of the Church throughout Ireland, and it is hoped none of the Parishioners of Seagoe will fail in their duty to support it, as it is incumbent on the Parish to make up at least the Assessment of £300 in the 5 years.

## BAZAAR AND FETE.

Thursday, June 6th, will be a most important day for the Parish. On that day we hope to have our annual Sunday school fete. It will be held this year in the Portadown Recreation Grounds, and if the day is fine (but Seagoe is always fortunate in this respect) it ought to be most enjoyable. We are going to have all kinds of amusement. There will be Tug of War, Football, Sack races, 3-legged Races, Aunt Sallies, Potato and Spoon Race, High Jumps, etc., etc. The bazaar will be held in the afternoon, and in the evening Athletic Sports will be held, which will be open to all comers. Placards and handbills are being got ready giving full particulars about the various events.

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### REV. JOHN TAYLOR.

The expressions of regret which have been heard on all sides at Mr Taylor's departure from the parish, have found tangible result in quite a series of presentations. On last Saturday week a surprise gathering of Miss Armstrong's missionary class presented him with a beautiful Bible and Hymn book. The choir met in the Parochial School on last Thursday week on the hospitable invitation of Mr and Mrs T. H. Wilson, and a marked feature of a very pleasant social evening was the presentation to Mr Taylor of a beautifully fitted dressing case. The present was handed to Mr Taylor by Miss Armstrong on behalf of the choir, who, in giving it, said a few words of good bye and good wishes, and expressed the sorrow felt by all on losing Mr Taylor from among them. Mr Taylor replied thanking the choir for their gift, and saying how much he felt having to part from so many true friends. On Thursday last a social meeting in connection with Seagoe Men's Bible Class was held in Seagoe Orange Hall (kindly lent for the occasion.) There was a full attendance of the members and their lady friends. Tea and cake having been dispensed, a most interesting and entertaining programme was gone through. The various items were received with loud applause. During a break in the programme Miss Atkinson, in a neat speech, presented the Rev. J. Taylor with a Travelling Bag and a handsome bound volume of Hasting's Dictionary. Speeches were also made by Mr. T. Atkinson, Capt. Atack of the Church Army, and the Chairman (Rev. J. E. Archer). Mr. Taylor replied thanking the men for their beautiful presents and wishing the class much success in the future. After some round games were indulged in, "God Save the King" was sung, and all separated, having enjoyed the evening. Mr Taylor officiated in the Parish Church for the last time on Sunday evg., April 28th. The congregations at both services on Sunday were very large. We hope our people will all remember the words spoken with so much earnestness on so touching an occasion, and strive to be "steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord."

**CHURCH ATTENDANCE CARDS.**

The returns of the attendance of our children at the Parish Church for the Quarter ending March 31st, are very gratifying. We print the names of the best attenders:—

**Edenderry.**

EXCELLENT—*Attended every Service.*—Girls—Eliza J. Martin, Jemima Allen, Maggie Hawthorne, Maggie Magee, Minnie Atkinson, Maggie Smith, Alice Hawthorne, Susan Allen, Mary Jane Fleming, Lizzie Gates, Maggie Rowney, Mary J. Livingston.

Boys—George Fleming, Eddie Richardson, Charlie Montgomery, Thomas Flannigan.

12 Girls—4 Boys.

VERY GOOD ATTENDANCE—*Missed one Service.*—Girls—Lily Magee, Edith Mills, Charlotte Green, Maggie Martin, Louie Montgomery.

Boys—Thomas Smith, John Dawson, A. V. Richardson.

The following also attended very regularly:—Isabella Magee, George Graham, Joseph Fleming, Valentine Graham.

15 others also made good attendances.

**Seagoe.**

EXCELLENT—*Attended every Service.*—Girls—Maud Dickson, Jennie England.

Boys—Victor Walker, Thomas England.

VERY GOOD—*Missed one Service.*—Maggie Ruddy, Maria Watson, Theresa Ramsay.

The following also deserve mention:—John Porter, Minnie Watson, James D. England, Mary Jane Webb, Sarah Webb, Jane A. Webb, Annie White, Adeline M'Loughlin, John M'Loughlin.

**Levaghery.**

EXCELLENT—*Attended every Service.*—Bertie Holland, Maggie Lewie.

VERY GOOD—*Missed one Service.*—Jane Gillespie.

HONOURABLE MENTION—Sarah Montgomery, Minnie Lewie.

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EXCELLENT—*Attended every Service.*—Susan Cordy, Adelaide Murray.

**Baptisms.**

"One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism."

- April 6th—Joseph Atkinson, son of Robert and Maria M'Cullough.  
 " " Sarah Ethel, daughter of William and Eliza Jane Hall.  
 " " Robert, son of James and Annie Best.  
 " " James Robert, son of Robert James and Jessie Beckett.  
 " " Sarah Ann, daughter of George and Sarah Teggart.  
 " 15th—Norah, daughter of James and Annie Freeburn.

**Marriage.**

"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

April 17th—John Gardiner, Moyraverty, to Sarah Jane Jamison, Lurgan.

**Burials.**

"In the midst of Life we are in Death."

March 31st—Mary Ellen Hagan, Balteagh, aged 37 years.

Albert M'Cabe, Seagoe, aged 3 years.

April 6th—Annie Millar, Belfast, aged 38 years.

" 7th—Eva Fryar, Seagoe, aged 16 years.

" 16th—Jane Hughes, Clanrole, aged 2 days.

" 19th—Mary Lewie, Levaghery, aged 99 years.

" " —John Collins, Seagoe, aged 79 years.

" " —Samuel Porter, Seagoe, aged 40 years.

" 21st—John Hara, Bocombra, aged 76 years.

It is seldom we have to record so long a list of deaths. We are sure the sympathy of all our readers will go out to those in our midst who are in trouble and bereavement. The aged, bowed down with the weight of years; and the young, just entering upon the bright prospect of life, must both pass out into the great Eternity. The Lesson for those who are left is surely this—"Be ye also ready, for in an hour that ye think not, the Son of Man cometh."

**MISS ARMSTRONG'S CLASS.**

A most enjoyable social evening was held in Edenderry Hall on Friday, April 6th, when Miss Armstrong most kindly entertained the members of her Missionary Class and some other guests to tea. There was much excitement during tea-time by the frequent discovery of treasure hidden in the cakes. After tea a very pretty "Song of the Flowers" composed by Miss Armstrong, was sung by some wee ones dressed up to represent flowers. It was so much appreciated that an encore was demanded. The latter part of the evening was spent in games which were thoroughly enjoyed.

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**SEAGOE PAROCHIAL SCHOOL.**

Mr T. B. Stothers, principal of Seagoe National School, has received an increment of salary from the Commissioners of National Education. The increment is awarded for general efficiency in school work based on the government inspector's reports. We are glad to notice a large increase in the number attending the school this quarter. The Rector has offered a silver medal for competition, which will be awarded to the child (boy or girl) who, in the opinion of the teachers, is in every way the best child in the school. Good attendance, neatness, and knowledge, will be taken into account in the awarding of the medal. The result of the competition will be made known at the break-up for the summer holidays.

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**OFFERTORIES.**

"Give, and it shall be given unto you."

	Morning.		Evening.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Mar. 31—Easter Day	0	13 10	2	16 6
Afternoon	7	18 10	1	4 1
April 7—1st S. after Easter	1	5 3	0	4 2
"          "	1	5 0	0	13 2
"          "	1	5 4	0	1 9
"          "	0	1 9	0	13 8
"          "	1	3 9	0	18 1
Wednesday Services			0	10 9
<b>Total</b>	<b>£13</b>	<b>17 11</b>	<b>£7</b>	<b>11 0</b>

The Collections at our Church Services are improving, but considering the size of the Congregations, they are still very meagre. Last Sunday morning, out of a congregation of 450, only six worshippers gave silver coins. This is not as it should be. If God for one moment withdrew His gifts from us what would become of us, but "He daily loadeth us with benefits."

The Easter Collecting Cards were a great success, and have already been the means of adding over £8 towards our Sunday School Prize Fund.

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**THE BAZAAR.**

District Organisers are asked to make special efforts to gather in as much work as possible for the forthcoming Sale on Thursday, June 6th. Those who have Collecting Cards will please make a big effort to double their Collections before the Sale comes on. Begin to-day! There are some of your friends whom you have not yet asked to give you something on your Card. Ask them without delay.

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**QUESTIONS FOR TEACHERS & CHILDREN.**

The Sunday School Teachers in the Parish are asked to make out for each Sunday the answers to these Questions and to see that every child in the class knows the answers before the close of the Sunday School.

**MAY 5th.**

**MORNING**—Joshua's Exhortation—Josh. 23—1. Name the boundaries of the Promised Land (verse 14)? 2. What was Israel to keep and do? 3. How does Joshua describe the Strength of Israel in verse 10? 4. What was Israel warned not to do (verse 12)? 5. How does Joshua encourage the people (verse 14)? 6. If Israel transgressed what would happen?

**AFTERNOON**—A Suppliant—S. Matt. xv. 21-31. 1. Where did these events happen? 2. What did the woman of Canaan say? 3. Did Jesus answer her? 4. What did the disciples say? 5. How did Jesus reply to them? 6. What kind of sicknesses did Jesus heal?

**MAY 12th.**

**MORNING**—Joshua's Last Charge—Josh. 24 1-16. 1. Where did Joshua gather the tribes to? 2. Who was the father of Abraham? 3. Why is Abraham mentioned here? 4. What mountain did Esau possess? 5. What do you know about Balak and Balaam? 6. Who was the "hornet"?

**AFTERNOON**—SPECIAL MISSIONARY LESSON—Acts 2, 1-21. (Hints to Teacher)—Describe upper room—the wind—fiery tongues—the multitude—point out on Bible map the countries where they came from—explain Peter's words—Leaflets on Missionary Work will be given to each Teacher. Hymn to be learned 112, verse 3. Bible verses to be learned by heart S. Matt. xxviii 19, 20.

**MAY 10th.**

**MORNING**—Joshua's Death—Josh. 24, 17-43—1. Whom did the Lord drive out before Israel? 2. Why did Joshua say—"Ye cannot serve the Lord"? 3. What were the people to put away? 4. What did Joshua do after he wrote in the Book? 5. How old was Joshua and where was he buried? 6. What do we read about the bones of Joseph?

**AFTERNOON**—Blindness—S. Mk. viii, 22-38—1. Where was the miracle performed? 2. How did Jesus heal the man? 3. What did the man say? 4. Whom did men say that Jesus was? 5. To whom did Jesus say "Get thee behind me, Satan"? 6. If we are ashamed of Christ what will happen?

**MAY 26th.**

**MORNING**—Further Conquests—Judges 1, 1-26—1. What question did Israel ask of God? 2. Who went up with Judah? 3. What did Achsah ask of Caleb? 4. Why could not Judah drive out the inhabitants of the valleys? 5. What was the other name of Bethel? 6. Tell the story of the spies.

**AFTERNOON**—Madness—S. Mk. ix., 14-20. 1. What did Jesus see when he came to His disciples? 2. Describe the sickness of the man's son? What did Jesus say to the father? 4. What did Jesus say would make all things possible? 5. How did Jesus cast out the evil spirit? 6. Why could not the disciples cast it out?

**QUESTIONS ON THE COLLECTS.**

5 S. after EASTER—1. What do we attribute to God in this Collect? 2. What will make us think good things? 3. What will incline us to do good things?

ASCENSION DAY and S. of ASCENSION—1. What effect should the Ascension of Christ have on our life? 2. Where has Christ been exalted to? 3. Who is to comfort and exalt us?

WHITSUNDAY—1. To which Person of the Trinity is this Collect addressed? 2. How did God at this time teach His people? 3. What do we ask Him to grant us?

TRINITY SUNDAY—1. What is the special attribute of the Trinity? 2. What is our special duty towards the Unity? 3. For what two things do we pray in this Collect?

**OUR NEW CAPTAIN.**

Captain H. Atack, of the Church Army, arrived in the Parish on Tuesday last. He comes with a grand record of strenuous spiritual work from Bolton, Lancashire, the native place of Captain Gaskell, who was so well liked in Seagoe. The Rector is getting a "Seagoe Parish Tent," which will be moved about from place to place in the Parish during the spring and summer months, and which will form the headquarters for Church Army work. The Tent will hold a large number of people. A large red flag with the words "Seagoe Parish Tent" is being made and will float from the top of the tent. Due notice will be given of the Districts in which services will be held.

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**GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.**

On Monday, April 22nd, the closing meeting of the G.F.S. was held in the Parochial Hall, Edenderry. There was a large gathering present of members from all parts of the Parish. Several candidates were admitted to full membership by the Rev. J. Taylor. A most useful and practical address to the girls was given by Mrs. Chambers, who is always a welcome visitor to our Seagoe G.F.S. The meeting was brought to a close with prayer by the Rector. We congratulate Miss G. Atkinson on the very successful way in which she has conducted the onerous work of the G.F.S. during the past session.

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**ITEMS.**

The following should have been inserted in last month's issue—Prizes for excellent Church attendance—Susan Cordy, Adelaide Murray.

Easter Text Card.—Highly Commended—David Frazer.

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A most interesting address on Mission Work in India was given in Edenderry Hall by Miss White, of the Chota Nagpur Mission, on Friday, April 26th.

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Mr. John George Gracey, of Drumgor, has been elected to fill the place on the Select Vestry, rendered vacant by the resignation of Mr. Wilson Irwin.

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The Easter Services this year were very bright and the Church was very prettily decorated with flowers.

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Captain Atack held an open-air meeting in Florence Court on Tuesday evening, and also addressed meetings in Drumgor and Carne on Wednesday and Friday.

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Temperance meetings were held during the month in Edenderry, Carne and Drumgor. Most attractive programmes were provided.

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The Annual Parochial Report will be issued in a few days.

Come to the Church Army Social in Edenderry Hall on Saturday, May 4th, at 7-30. Address by Captain Atack. Refreshments provided. Admission free. Children not admitted. Short speeches, songs, hymns, etc.

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We congratulate the Seagoe Football Team on the high place they occupy this season in the Junior League. We hope they will carry off the Cup in triumph.

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An excellent group of the members of Mr. Taylor's Men's Class has been taken by Messrs. Mcfett & Co. Copies may be ordered through Mr. Wm. Atkinson, Bridge Street.

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We are glad to say that the circulation of the "Church Army Gazette" in Seagoe Parish has gone up to 130 weekly. This is a large increase, but why should not a copy be purchased by every family in the Parish. It costs 1/2d weekly.

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From this time during the summer months the Wednesday evening service will be held at 8 o'clock, instead of 7-30. Please remember that next Wednesday it will be at 8.

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The Infant Sunday Schools in Edenderry both morning (Teacher—Mrs. Stothers) and afternoon (Teachers—Misses Montgomery) are, we rejoice to say, in a most prosperous condition. There were almost 100 present last Sunday.

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**OLD SEAGOE NOTES.**

In our last issue we promised to give this month some further particulars concerning the history of the Old Church, and the following facts will no doubt interest our readers:—The only monument now remaining on the walls of the Old Church that was there when it was used for Divine service, is that immediately over the Blacker vault, where the Blacker pew originally stood in the Old Church. It was erected to the memory of the Rev. Geo. Blacker, who was Vicar of Seagoe from 1796 to 1810. He died at the early age of 46 in the year 1810. His memory was long revered as that of a pious and devoted clergyman, and until recently there were living some who remembered the solemn impression made on them by the bitter wailing of the many poor who followed his body to its resting place in the Old Church. The tablet bears the following inscription—"To the memory of the Rev. Geo. Blacker, late Vicar of this Parish, a sincere Christian, a warm friend, an exemplary clergyman, who illustrated by his actions the gospel which he preached. He lived beloved, and died deeply lamented May 1st, 1810, aged 46. An Israelite without guile."