

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

MAY, 1912.

The Easter Services.

DURING the week before Easter, Service was held in the Parish Church each evening at 8 o'clock. The congregations were good, and those who attended each service were able to follow in worship and meditation the solemn events connected with our Lord's suffering and Crucifixion. On Good Friday Services were held at 11.30 a.m. and 8 p.m.

The Services on Easter Day were very bright and hearty. The day began with a celebration of Holy Communion at 8 o'clock when a large number of communicants were present. At the morning service the Easter Anthem was sung "Awake thou that sleepest." Many of the congregation remained to partake of Holy Communion. The afternoon Children's Service brought together a large number of our Sunday School children who sang with much heartiness the children's hymns. The Rector gave a short address on the "Angels at the Tomb." At this offertory those present placed their Sunday School collecting cards on the plates. At the usual evening service there was a large congregation, and the Anthem was repeated. The collections during the day were in aid of the Parish Sunday Schools. There was a full choir and the bright Easter hymns were sung with good effect. The Church was prettily decorated with flowers and plants. Some choice white flowers the gift of Miss Irwin, of Carne, were placed at the back of the Holy Table. The pulpit and font looked well in their garlands of fragrant spring blossoms. The offerings (omitting card collections) amounted to £4 19s 9d.

The Easter Vestry.

The annual meeting of the General Vestry of Seagoe Parish assembled in Seagoe School on Thursday, April 11th, at 8 o'clock. It was preceded at 7.30 by a meeting of the outgoing Select Vestry. The Rector presided, and after prayer the Chairman gave an address on the state of the Parish. He dwelt at length on the large proportion of non-churchgoers in the Parish and suggested the possibility of extra clerical or lay help to meet the difficulty. The subject of attendance at Holy Communion and the increased attendance at the Sunday Evening District Services were also touched on. The largely increased contributions to Foreign Missions were a conspicuous feature of the year's advance. The Rector referred also to the loss sustained by the Parish in the departure of the Rev. W. R. Crichton to the curacy of Hillsborough, and he offered a cordial welcome to the Rev. George Bloomer on his coming to the Parish as Curate in Mr. Crichton's place. The minutes of the last Easter Vestry were then read and the minutes of the Select Vestry were signed by the members of the outgoing Vestry in accordance with the ancient custom of the Parish. The triennial and annual

appointment of office-bearers were then made. The Rector nominated as his Churchwarden Mr. T. J. Atkinson, LL.B., and Mr. W. R. Bickett, of Tamniglasson, was unanimously appointed People's Churchwarden, being proposed by Mr. W. R. Atkinson, and seconded by Mr. Robert Gracey.

The following is a complete list of the newly appointed Parochial Officers:—

Parochial Nominators—Major Stewart Blacker, J.P.; W. R. Atkinson, George Calvert.

Synodsmen—Major Blacker and T. J. Atkinson, LL.B.

Churchwardens—T. J. Atkinson, LL.B. (Rector's) W. R. Bickett (People's).

Select Vestry.

George Calvert,	Thos. Martin,
T. E. Maginnis,	Jos. Murray,
C. J. Collins,	R. Gracey,
J. G. Gracey,	T. J. Montgomery,
J. H. Stevenson,	John Montgomery,
W. R. Atkinson,	Joseph Monroe.

Sidesmen—Andrew Costello, R. Gracey, D. Rock, W. J. Cox.

Hon. Sec. and Treasurer—W. R. Atkinson.

Death of Miss M. F. Saurin.

Mr. W. Saurin, nephew of Archdeacon Saurin, sends us the following interesting cutting from a Northampton paper:—

A HUGUENOT FAMILY.

The death is reported, at Mentone, of Miss Mary Frances Saurin—a relative of Mr Saurin, of Lamport, and Mrs Beatty, wife of Dr. J. Beatty, of Northampton.

Miss Saurin was the daughter of the late Admiral and Lady Mary Saurin, and the grand-daughter of the late Right Hon. William Saurin, M.P., Attorney-General for Ireland for 14 years under William Pitt. On her mother's side she was the grand-daughter of the late Earl of Harrowby. Miss Saurin came from an old French family dating back to the 10th century, and the first to settle in this country was Jacques Saurin, the celebrated French Protestant Divine, one of the Huguenots at the Edict de Nantes.

Seagoe Summer Fete.

It has been arranged to hold a Summer Fete in Seagoe School on Thursday, August 29th. An energetic committee of ladies has been formed, the stalls have been organised and everything seems to prove that it will be a great success. The Fete is being held in order to raise money for our Day Schools in the Parish, and especially for the building and equipping of a new Class Room in Seagoe Day School. Further particulars in our next issue.

Easter Penny Cards.

Edenderry.—Maggie Ellis 1s 6d; Arthur Allen, Emily Cox 1s 8d each; May Hynes, James M'Nally, 1s 1d each; Dorothy Stevenson, Annie Cox, Maggie Magee, Richard Best, William Gracey, Louie Montgomery, James Forde, Flora Templeton, Howard Stevenson, Bella Magee. Jim Long, Mary Crawford, Willie Cox, Emma Webb, Joseph Cull, Teenie Flanigan, Mollie Cox, Jack Stoops, Lucy Dawson, Tom Dawson, 1s each; May Best 10d; Minnie M'Crory 9d; Minnie Gates, Willie Best, Charlotte Allen, Floribel Best, George M'Cann, 8d each; David Rainey, Sam Johnston, 7d each; Henry Matchett 3d; Maggie Rainey 2d. Total, £1 12s 8d.

Drumgor.—S. Gracey 1s 8d; Lizzie Dickson, Maggie Robinson, Fannie Dickson, 1s 4d each; Madge Gracey, Thomas Dickson, Alex Russell, Alice Best, Wm. A. Gracey, Julia Hoy, Samuel Martin, Rachel Stevenson, E. J. Anderson, John Bullick, Alice J. Holmes, Sarah Quail, 1s each; Jane Turner 8d; Thomas Holmes 7d; Samuel Stevenson 4d. Total, £0 19s 3d.

Carne.—Adelaide Murray 1s 7d; Sarah Brown 1s 6d; Hannah Caddell 1s 2d; Thomas Simpson, Agnes Costello, Thomas M'Mullan, Maggie Costello, Jas. Connolly, A. E. M. Grimshaw, Pearl Grimshaw, 1s each; Stewart Twible, 10d; Josie Grimshaw, 8d; Willie Grimshaw, 7d; Jack Grimshaw 6d; Lizzie Gordon 4d; D. W. Gordon 2d. Total, £0 14s 4d.

Seagoe.—Lily M'Kerr 4s; C. Cordy 2s 6d; M. F. Atkinson 1s 1d; Selina M'Cormick, Joe Kelly, Herbert Magee, Eveline Webb, Theresa Ramsey, Annie Reid, Georgina Porter, Tom Porter, Henrietta Porter, Lizzie Reid, Norman Dickson, 1s each; James Porter; Eva Best, Emma Reid, 6d; Maggie Ford 5d; Nellie M'Loughlin 1d. Total, £1 0s 7d.

Hacknahay.—William Finlay, 2s; Thomas E. Maginnis, Eddie Calvert, Jack Calvert, Sam Jennett, Minnie M'Cormick, Rachel England, Sarah Templeton, Rebecca Calvert, Sophia Wilson, Jane E. Acheson, Annie England, Sophia M'Murray, Mrs. Wm. J. Wilson, Annie Currie, Sarah Currie, Grace Best, Sarah Cairns, Ella Heathwood, Eliza Thompson, 1s each; David Thompson, 4d. Total, £1 1s 4d.

Levaghery.—Lily Lewie, C. M'Dowell, 1s each; Joseph Bradshaw, 6d; George Bradshaw, 5d. Total, 2s 11d. Total for all Schools, £5 11s 1d.

Our Oldest Parishioner.

We offer our very hearty congratulations to Mr. Thomas Armstrong, of Eden Hall, on the completion of his 93rd year on April 22nd. Mr. Armstrong has spent a long and busy life in our midst, and is still, even in his advanced age, active and energetic. He was for many years a Parochial Nominator for Seagoe Parish, and filled, we believe, also the same office for the Parish of Portadown. Mr. Armstrong comes of a very long-lived stock. His great grandmother lived to the age of 106 years. When Mr. Armstrong was twelve years old he re-

members being brought by his father to visit his aged relative, who was then in her 103rd year. She was born in the year 1728, so that the two lives thus connected cover a space of no less than 184 years, or if the actual ages be added together, of 200 years. Mr. Armstrong has lived under six successive English sovereigns, George III, George IV, William IV, Victoria, Edward VII, George V. He was born in the last year of the reign of George III.

Lecture on "Seagoe."

The Rev. Canon Lett gave a most interesting Lecture on "Seagoe and its neighbourhood" on Friday, March 29th. The Rector presided. The Lecturer dealt first with the names of the townlands of the Parish, pointing out how they threw light on the features of the district, on the occupations of the inhabitants and in some cases on the very names of the residents. He then described the plant life of the Parish, dividing it into dry-ground plants, plants which grow in marshy places and plants which grow only in the water. He showed a number of beautifully-mounted specimens of plants to illustrate this part of the Lecture. The third section of the Lecture was devoted to the geology of Seagoe Parish. The Lecture was most interesting and useful, and at its close a cordial vote of thanks was passed to the Lecturer on the motion of Mr. T. J. Atkinson, LL.B., seconded by Dr. R. E. Hadden.

Our New Churchwardens.

Mr. T. J. Atkinson, LL.B., the newly-appointed Rector's Churchwarden, is a son of Mr. Wolsey R. Atkinson, of Eden Villa, who has for many years acted as Hon. Sec. to the Select Vestry of Seagoe. Mr. T. J. Atkinson is a graduate and LL.B. of Dublin University, and was called to the Bar some years ago, but recently relinquished his practice, and entering the solicitors' profession became a member of the Portadown firm of Messrs. Carleton, Atkinson & Sloan. Mr. Atkinson has been a member of Seagoe Select Vestry for the past two years, and has also represented the Parish in the Diocesan Synod. He is a direct descendant of the Rev. Richard Buckby, a Rector of Seagoe in the 18th century.

Mr. W. R. Bickett, our newly-elected People's Churchwarden, is a resident in the townland of Tamniflglasson, where he farms extensively. His family has been long resident in the Parish, and he has assisted the Church in many ways, having for some time acted as Superintendent of Drumgor Sunday School. He is a most regular attender at the Parish Church, and has always shown an interest in its welfare.

Hymns for May.

MORNING.		EVENING.	
5th—254, 279, 362, 614		52, 428, 442, 330, 276	
12th—491, 472, 455, 550		71, 479, 552, 397, 60	
16th (Ascension Day)—205, 207, 208		192, 209, 200	
19th—256, 238, 210, 535		255, 402, 285, 97, 520	
26th—221, 112, 605, 335		217, 32, 216, 113, 215	

Offertories for April.

"God giveth the increase."

Sundays—Morning, £6 15s 3d.

Evening, 2 10s 11d.

Week-days, 1 2s 5d.

The following special collections are included in above:—Good Friday, for Jews' Society, 9s 1d; Easter Day, for Parochial Sunday Schools, £4 19s 9d.

Parish Register for April.

Baptisms.

"Thy God hath sent forth strength for thee."

APRIL 2—Margaret, daughter of John George and Margaret Thompson, 14 James Street, Edenderry.

„ 3—William John, son of John and Anne Coulter, 29 Bridge Street, Edenderry.

„ 6—Francis Sloan, son of James and Ellen Margaret Traynor, Drumnagoo.

„ 6—John, son of Thomas and Elizabeth Wilson, 10 Bright Street, Edenderry.

„ 6—George, son of George and Agnes Long, Edenderry R.I.C. Barrack.

„ 6—John, son of William Henry and Phoebe M'Cann, Killycomaine.

„ 29—Margaret, daughter of Joseph and Anna M'Ardle.

Marriages.

"I will betroth thee unto me for ever in righteousness."

APRIL 5—Gardiner Atkinson, Ballinacor, to Sarah Jane White, Lylo.

„ 13—Thomas Hewitt, 12 Ripley Terrace, Portadown, to Sarah Jane Forde, Killycomaine.

Burials.

"I will fear no evil for Thou art with me."

MARCH 31st—William Sweeney, Edenderry, aged 85 years.

APRIL 1st—Mary Jane Russell, Aldergrove, Parish of Killead, aged 3 weeks.

„ 5th—Margaret Thompson, 14 James Street, aged 2 weeks.

„ 6th—William John Coulter, 29 Bridge Street, aged 3 weeks.

„ 7th—William Robinson, buried at Kilmore, aged 7 months.

„ 10th—Mary M'Knight, buried at Knocknamuckley, aged 95 years.

„ 11th—Samuel Quinn, Century Street, buried at Kilmore.

„ 12th—Esther Livingstone, buried at Knocknamuckley, aged 75 years.

„ 22nd—Jane Robinson, of Tamnifcarbet, buried at Drumcree, aged 53 years.

MAY 1st—Margaret M'Ardle, aged 3 weeks.

Jumble Sale.

The Jumble Sale held on Saturday, March 9th, proved very successful. The Ladies' Committee worked with great energy, and we return all who

helped our hearty thanks. The sale brought in a nett sum of £7 18s 6½d, as will be seen by the statement following:—

Receipts—At door, 17s 4d; R. Best, 8s 2d; Stalls—Miss E. Montgomery, £1 1s 0d; Mrs. McMullen, 11s 2d; Miss McMullen, 10s 9½d; Mrs. T. Reid, £1 6s 0d; Mrs. Martin, 15s 2½d; Mr. Boyle, 4s 11d; Mrs. S. Porter, 10s 2½d; Miss Monroe, 19s 6½d; Miss Sands, 14s 3d; Mr. Chambers, 12s 6½d; Miss Walker, 5s 4d; small sums, 7s 7d; Mrs. McKeown (sub.), 2s 6d.—Total, £9 6s 6½d.

Expenses—Discount on Sales, 1s; Printing, 8s 6d; Caretaker, 2s 6d; Tips, 2s; Hall, 10s; Sewell, 4s—Total, £1 8s 0d. Receipts, £9 6s 6½d; Expenses, £1 8s 0d. Net Receipts, £7 18s 6½d.

Nature Notes.

The records of the arrivals of our summer migrants this year are more interesting than usual, owing to the very early date at which they were seen.

The Swallow was first seen by Mr. Dynes Atkinson, Sexton of Seagoe, on Tuesday, April 2nd.

The Cuckoo was first heard in the townland of Kernan on the same evening, April 2nd.

The Corncrake was first heard in the townland of Breagh by Mr. George Calvert, on Wednesday, April 17th.

Butterflies were seen on April 2nd in large numbers.

Howard Stevenson and Willie Holland, pupils of Seagoe Day School, made very early observations of the Swallow, Cuckoo, and Corncrake.

This year Spring seems to have commenced on Tuesday, April 2nd, and on that evening the air resounded with the notes of wild birds passing overhead. Last Summer a white swallow was seen by the men working in Seagoe Brick Works. Perhaps some of our readers may be fortunate enough to see the curious bird again this Summer if it visits our district.

Conference at Seagoe.

A Conference of the Sunday School Superintendents and Teachers of Seagoe Parish will be held in Seagoe School on May 30th. It will begin at 4-30 p.m. There will be two sessions. The first lasting from 4-30 to 6 and the second from 7 to 8-30. Tea will be provided in the School at 6 o'clock. The following programme has been arranged:—

4-30—Paper by the Rev. F. B. Aldwell, B.A., Curate of Donaghcloney on "The Preparation of the Lesson."

5-15—Paper by the Rev. G. Bloomer, B.A., on "The Teaching of the Lesson."

6 —Tea.

7 —Paper on "Defects in our Present Sunday School system."

7-45—Paper on "The Devotional Life of the Sunday School Teacher" by the Rev. O. W. Scott, M.A., Rector of Gilford.

Each paper will be followed by a short discussion. Tickets for the Conference sixpence each.

Items.

The eclipse of the sun on Wednesday, April 24th, was viewed with much interest by the pupils of Seagoe Day School.

The G.N.R. has expressed its intention of raising the excursion fares for Sunday Schools from Portadown to Warrenpoint. A strong protest is being made.

Owing to pressure on our space we are compelled to hold over until next month an interesting letter from Mr Samuel Porter, of Lower Seagoe, who has just arrived in Queensland, Australia.

The Rural Dean of Shankill Rural Deanery (Ven. E. D. Atkinson, LL.B., Archdeacon of Dromore) paid his triennial visit of inspection to Seagoe Church, on Wednesday, May 1st. He was received by the Clergy and Churchwardens, and made a careful examination of the fabric of the Church, of the Registers, Church Plate, and Service Books. He also visited the Day School.

Next month we hope to publish the names of those who sent in collecting cards and boxes for Foreign Missions.

Hacknahay School has been re coloured and thoroughly cleaned up during the Easter vacation.

The removal of the Factory buildings and chimney in Edenderry at the Bridge is an immense improvement. We hope the trees which surrounded the buildings will be preserved.

The Rev. W. Pakenham Walsh, of the Dublin University Mission at Foo-Chow, China, addressed an afternoon meeting in Seagoe School on Friday, April 26th. There was a large attendance. The Misses Atkinson, of Eden Villa, kindly entertained all present to tea.

The attention of our readers is called to the Scale of Fees for Certificates printed on the inside of the front cover.

Presentation to the Rev. W. R. Crichton, M.A.

On Thursday afternoon, April 25th, a pleasant gathering met in Seagoe School to present our late Curate, the Rev. W. R. Crichton, M.A., Curate of Hillsborough, with a token of the esteem in which he was held in Seagoe Parish. The Rector presided, and there was a large gathering of parishioners from all parts of the parish. The Address, which was handsomely illuminated, was read by the Hon. Sec. of the Select Vestry, Mr W. R. Atkinson, and then handed to Mr Crichton. The accompanying gifts, a roll-top desk and library chair, had been already forwarded to him. Mr Crichton replied thanking all for their kindness in giving him these parting gifts which would always remind him of the happy days he spent in Seagoe. Speeches were also made by Mr Wolsey Atkinson, Mr G. Calvert, Mr R. Gracey, Mr T. J. Atkinson, LL.B. (Churchwarden) and the Rev. G. Bloomer. Some ladies of the Parish afterwards

kindly entertained all to tea. Mr Crichton's work in Seagoe Parish will be long remembered and the good wishes of his many friends in Seagoe will follow him in his new sphere of labour.

"Napoleon the Great."

A Public Lecture on the above subject will be given by the Rector in Carne Church Hall (not in Tamnificarbet, as originally announced), on Tuesday, May 7th, at 8 o'clock. The proceeds will be devoted to the fund for the purchase of the Harmonium used at the Services in Tamnificarbet Orange Hall on Sunday evenings. Tickets 6d each.

Church Attendance Cards.

Gold Seals—Edenderry—William Best, Mary Best. **Seagoe—**Mary J. Atkinson. **Drumgor—**Tissie Quaile.

We have only space this month to print the names of those children who during the past quarter were awarded gold seals for an unbroken attendance at Church and Sunday School during the quarter. In the case of those residing in the distant townlands attendance at Church on Wednesday evening is not required.

Next month we hope to publish a full list of those who attained *high marks* on their church attendance cards.

Old Seagoe Notes.

Curious Extracts from Old Seagoe Registers.

March 10th, 1736—Old Murphy buried.

The Tailor in Druminegowan (Drumnagoon) had a child buried on ye 1st of May, 1736.

John Porter's Mother-in-law buried December the 3rd, 1736.

The smith in Sego, a child buried September 7th, 1737.

A gentleman at Robert Blacker's in Edenderry buried December 10th, 1739.

The Relation of Edward Murphy buried ye 9th of June, 1743.

A child of the Miller of ye Low Mill buried ye 22nd of April, 1750.

May 25th, 1766, Baptized, Daniel May, a foundling [called by the name of the month].

Feb. 8th, 1774, child found at Lilo, baptized Hannah Lilow.

Churchwardens of Seagoe (Continued).—This month we publish the Churchwardens of two centuries in parallel columns.

1774—John M'Callan.	1784—Wolsey Atkinson, Esq.
Thos. Mease (Mayes).	Mr. James Atkinson.
1775—Wolsey Atkinson.	1875—Mr. James Atkinson.
John Brown.	Mr. James Calvert.
1776—James Miller.	1876—Mr. James Atkinson.
Robert Williamson.	Mr. Joseph M'Cune.
1777—John Sloane, Esq.	1877—James Atkinson.
Nicholas Carlow.	Joseph Macoun.
1778—Mr. John Mathers.	1878—James Atkinson.
Mr. Nicholas Purdy.	James Morrison.