

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

MAY, 1915.

THE EASTER VESTRY.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Registered Vestry of Seagoe Parish was held in Seagoe Parochial School on Thursday, April 8th, at 7-30 p.m. The Rector presided. The Meeting was opened with prayer and the reading of a portion of Scripture. The Financial Statement was made by the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. W. R. Atkinson. An apology for non-attendance was read from Lt.-Col. S. W. Blacker, J.P. A vote of congratulation to the Ven. Archdeacon Hobson on his appointment to the Archdeaconry of Armagh, and also an expression of regret at his approaching departure from Portadown, was proposed by Mr. William Best, seconded by Mr. J. H. Stevenson, and passed unanimously. The following appointments were then made:—

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Parochial Nominators.

**Lieut.-Colonel S. W. Blacker, J.P., Mr. W. R. Atkinson,
Mr. George Calvert.**

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Diocesan Synodsmen.

**Lieut.-Col. Blacker, Capt. T. J. Atkinson, Mr. T. J. Montgomery,
Mr. J. Twinem.**

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Churchwardens.

**Rector's—Mr. George Calvert of Breagh. People's—Mr. Thomas
Dawson of Portadown.**

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Select Vestry.

**Thomas J. Atkinson
Wolsey R. Atkinson
William Best
Stewart W. Blacker
John G. Gracey
Thomas E. Maginnis**

**Thomas Martin
Joseph Monroe
Thomas J. Montgomery
James Sands
Joseph H. Stevenson
James Twinem**

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Sidesmen.

**W. R. Atkinson, J. Twinem, W. Best, W. J. Cox, R. T. Mont-
gomery, D. Rock, W. Tedford.**

Our New Churchwardens.

A great deal of interest is always shown in the appointment to the office of Churchwardens of Seagoe. The office is so ancient, and the position in a large and populous Parish so important that the names of the two Parishioners who occupy the post obtain considerable prominence. The Parish is to be congratulated on its two Churchwardens recently appointed.

Mr. George Calvert, Rector's Churchwarden, has in his day filled many important offices in Seagoe Parish. It is exactly thirty years this year, since Mr. Calvert's name appeared in Seagoe Registry as holding office in the Church. In the year 1885 he was appointed Rector's Churchwarden, Mr. James Collins being People's Churchwarden in the same year. Since that year he has practically, without intermission, been a member of the Select Vestry. He has also filled the post of Churchwarden in the following years—1886, 1891, 1892, 1895, 1896, 1899, 1900 and 1906. In 1888 he was elected to the responsible position of a Parochial Nominator. Mr. Calvert has for many years acted as Superintendent of Hacknahay Sunday School, which is one of the most successful of our many schools, and its success is largely due to the constant attention and interest which he and Miss Calvert have devoted to it.

In addition to the active part which Mr. Calvert takes in Church work in Seagoe he, fills innumerable offices in the public life of his native county, Armagh.

Mr. Thomas Dawson who has been elected People's Churchwarden by the votes of his fellow churchmen, has for many years been an active and earnest helper in the Parish. Though born in England he comes of an old Seagoe stock. His father, Sergeant William Dawson, of the Royal Field Artillery, fought throughout the Crimean campaign, and wore upon his breast the medals and clasps won in many a hard-fought fight. Mr. Dawson has done useful work in Seagoe Parish. He has been a collector for the Sustentation Fund for many years, and from time to time has taught in our Sunday Schools. He is at present Superintendent of Edenderry Afternoon Sunday School, and has brought the school into a high state of efficiency. Two members of his family also teach in Edenderry Sunday School.

The Ven. Archdeacon Hobson.

The promotion of Canon Hobson to the Archdeaconry of Armagh has been speedily followed by his appointment to the office of Librarian at Armagh. This is a very honourable and distinguished post, and we congratulate the Archdeacon very heartily. We regret, however, that the appointment necessitates his leaving Portadown, where he has been Rector for the past 17 years. We in Seagoe, will miss his courtesy and kindness, which have always been generously extended towards his neighbours across the Bann. We wish the Archdeacon and Mrs. Hobson much blessing and happiness in their new sphere of labour.

Death of Mr. J. Reid, M.A.

We greatly regret to announce the death of Mr. J. Reid, M.A., principal of Balteagh N.S., which occurred quite suddenly on April 19th. Mr. Reid had the interests of the children very much at heart, and was always ready to help in any good work. His pupils will feel very deeply the loss of a diligent and faithful friend,

Jews' Society.

On Sunday, May 9th, Sermons will be preached in Seagoe, both at Morning and Evening Prayer by the Rev. J. Politeyan, M.A., on behalf of the Society for promoting Christianity among the Jews, and special collections for this important work will be made. Mr. Politeyan has for many years acted as Deputation for the Society in England.

Jumble Sale.

The Jumble Sale takes place in Edenderry Parochial Hall, on Saturday, May 1st, from 5 p.m. to 6-30 p.m. Great Bargains! Admission 2d. Proceeds in aid of Dental Clinic at Seagoe School.

Seagoe at the Front.

The fine spirit of our Seagoe men at the front is shown in the following extract from a letter, dated Easter Sunday, April 4th, 1915, written by Driver Thomas Freeburn, 5th Division, Royal Field Artillery who, when at home, resides in Bright Street, Edenderry—"Since we came out here, in August, we have been over a lot of France and Belgium. We are now on the borders of Belgium. When it dries up we expect to make a big advance and march straight through Germany before we go home. You need not expect me home for July. We haven't any idea when the war will be finished. I was in a very bad state when first I came out here, but I have got over it now and am fairly used to it. I was at the battle of Mons, and the shells were flying all round us. I have got through very lucky so far. It was very hard to walk into a field and lie down on the wet grass to sleep. No covering above only the sky. We did not get our clothes off for three weeks, night or day, and very little to eat and no rest, but what about it when all is over, and us home safe. It's a bit of a rough life, but through it all I never have been sick. I am in the best of health."

Offertories for April.

Sunday Mornings	...	...	£8	8	11
" Evenings	...	...	1	5	6
Week-days	...	...	0	12	1
			£10	6	6

Special offertories included in above are—on Good Friday, for Jews' Society, 6s 11d; and on Easter Day, for Sunday Schools, £6 11s 11d.

ITEMS.

The epidemic of measles in the Parish is subsiding.

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Linen for Aeroplanes and blue serge for military uniforms are now being manufactured in our local Factories.

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Sincere regret and sympathy has been felt in Edenderry at the sudden death of Mr. William F. Armstrong, on April 8th.

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A meeting on behalf of the Jews' Society will be held in the Anchor Cafe on Monday, May 3rd, at 3-30 p.m.

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An octogenarian worker in Seagoe Parish has just finished her 21st pair of socks for our Soldiers and Sailors.

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The Camp at Newtownards is very popular with our boys in khaki, and the bracing air has made them very strong and healthy.

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74 dozen eggs were collected by Miss Calvert and her helpers in Breagh District, on April 29th, for the wounded soldiers and sailors. The other Districts will find it hard to beat this.

Church Attendance Cards

(1st Quarter).

SEAGOE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

1st Rank 35—39. Mary J. Atkinson, 39; Isabella Best, 39; Mary Best, 39; Joseph Kelly, 38.

3rd Rank 25—30. Henrietta Porter, 28; Elizabeth Patton, 27.

EDENDERRY SUNDAY SCHOOL.

2nd Rank 30—35. Agnes Johnston, 32.

3rd Rank 25—30. Sam Magee, 26; Arthur Allen, 26; Edward Crawford, 26; Emma Best, 26; Miunie Crawford, 26; Emily Cox, 26; Sarah Coulter, 26; Charlotte Allen, 27.

4th Rank 20—25. Richard Best, 22; Willie Cox, 21; Mollie Cox, 23; Hilda Walker, 22; Annie Walker, 22; Edith Haire, 21; Lucy Dawson, 20; Georgina Best, 24.

CARNE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

2nd Rank 30—35. None.

3rd Rank 25—30. Agnes Costello, 25; Wm. J. Costello, 26; Margaret Costello, 26; Andrew Costello, 26; Theresa Ramsay, 27; Hannah Caddell, 26.

4th Rank 20—25. Willie Coulter, 22; Maggie Simpson, 22.

Our Summer Migrants.

All our Summer migrants have arrived up to time, and their arrival has been duly noted by observers in the Parish.

The Swallow—First observed by Wm. Holland (aged 14), of Kernan, at Seagoe on Easter Day, April 4th.

The Cuckoo—First heard and seen by Mr. Samuel Hall, at Seagoe on Sunday, April 11th.

The Corncrake—First heard at Breagh by Saml. Abraham, on Friday, April 16th.

PARISH REGISTER FOR APRIL,

Baptisms.

Baptized on 3rd April, 1915.

Forde—Edna Maude, daughter of Thomas and Mary Forde, of Drumnagoan.

Sponsors—Elizabeth Forde, Mary Forde.

Guy—Olive, daughter of David and Hannah Guy, of Upper Seagoe.

Sponsors—Rebecca Gordon, Hannah Guy.

Patton—Emma Josephine, daughter of John and Agnes Patton, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Charlotte Patton, Agnes Patton.

Porter—William James, son of Robert Henry and Jemima Porter, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Martha Porter, Margaret Allen.

Hewitt—Letitia Florence, daughter of Thomas John and Sarah Jane Hewitt of Killicomaine.

Sponsors—Mary Anne Forde, Sarah Jane Hewitt.

PRIVATE BAPTISMS.

Johnston—April 21st, 1915, Anna May, daughter of Joseph and Margaret Johnston of Edenderry.

Coulter—April 25th, 1915, Samuel, son of William Robert and Amelia Anne Coulter of Ballynary.

Marriage.

M'Clatchy and Brown—April 26th, 1915, George M'Clatchy of Lisburn, to Mary Anne Brown of Edenderry.

Burials.

Dunlop—April 3rd, Anne Jane Dunlop, of Edenderry, aged 22 years.

Gilpin—April 14th, John Gilpin, of Clanrole, aged 92 years.

Wright—April 21st, Elizabeth Wright, of Edenderry, aged 30 years.

Dickson—April 25th, Margaret Dickson, of Edenderry, aged 27 years.

EGGS FOR THE SOLDIERS.

It has been arranged in connection with our branch of the P.W.E.C., to organise a collection of eggs through the Parish for our wounded soldiers and sailors. Collectors are being appointed in each townland to receive the eggs on a given date.

The order is as follows:—

Breagh, Ballyhannon, Ballymacrandle, Drumlisnagrilly, Hacknahay, Knock, Levaghery—April 29th.

Seagoe Upper and Lower, Derrylvore, Edenderry—May 6th.

Tarson, Carne, Ballinacor—May 13th.

Bocombra, Killycomain, Lylo—May 20th.

Clanrole, Knockmena, Kernan, Lisniskey—May 27th.

Drumgor, Balteagh, Tamnifglasson, Tamnifcarbet, Kilvergan—June 3rd.

Even the smallest quantity will be most gratefully received, but all are asked to be as liberal as possible.

Letter from the Rev. W. T. Grey.

The Rector has received a letter from the Rev. W. T. Grey, The Parsonage, 234, Bluff, Yokohama, Japan. He writes—"I am now British Chaplain in Yokohama. The Bishop sent me here at the beginning of the year, and has asked me to take on the work indefinitely. I minister to the large British community of this Treaty Port. There is a very large and beautifully appointed Church, and quite a mansion of a house to live in. I have just received the Parish Magazine for January. I am very much interested in your war news. 169 is a good muster from Seagoe. Several of them were in the C.L.B. in my time. Poor Tommy Cordner! But he couldn't have had a nobler death, and his family are, I'm sure, proud of him. Twenty-four young Englishmen from Yokohama have gone home to join the new army. We have a Service of Intercession for the War every Friday evening in Christ Church (the Church here), which is well attended.

Old Seagoe Notes.**An Ancient Seagoe Will, 1724.**

[We print here the Last Will and Testament of one Robert Black, of Ballymacrandle, made by him 191 years ago. The original document is in the Record Office, Dublin.]

In the name of God, Amen, I Robert Black of Ballmacrannell in the Parish of Seago and County of Ardmagh, farmer, being somewhat indisposed as to my bodily health, but of sound and perfect minde and memory, Praise be given to Almighty God for the same, doe make and ordain this my present last Will and Testament in manner and form following, that is to say:

First and principally I commend my soul into hands of Almighty God, hoping through the merrits of my Saviour Jesus Christ to have free pardon of all my sins and to inherit Everlasting Life, and my body I commit to the Earth to be decently buried

att the discretion of my Executor hereafter named, and as concerning the disposition of all such worldly substance or estate as it hath pleased Almighty God to bestow upon me I give and dispose thereof, as followeth:—

Imprimis—I will that my debts and funeral charges be paid and discharged, Item I give and bequeath unto my wife Ruth Black the sum of Two Shillings and Sixpence and one Bay Horse now in her custody or possession, and in regard my said wife heath thought convenient for some time past to live separate from me I order and appoint that the above sum of two shillings and sixpence and Bay Horse, aforesaid, be to her in full, or in lue of all thirds or dowers whatsoever.

Item I give and bequeath to my eldest son Henry Black all that part of my Farme (now in his actual possession), which I hold from the Revd. Doctor Henry Jeney for the full time I have the same, he the said Henry, paying the rents and performing the covenants I am obliged to do in my grand Lease of the premises and other lands alsoe.

I will that five shilling and five pence be paid to him in full of his part of my goods and chattels.

Item I leave and bequeath to my daughter Anne Rodgers *alias* Black one shilling, sterling, in full of her parte of all my goods and chattels.

Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Ruth Bamer *alias* Black one shilling sterlg.

Item I give and bequeath to my sone George Black full and sole executor of this my last Will and Testament all my right, title and interest of in or unto the Lease I hold from and under the Revd. Doctor Henry Jeney, with all its rights, members, profits and appurtenances (except that part already bequeathed to my son Henry Black, aforesaid), and I doe hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my son, George Black, my full and sole executor, and I doe hereby revoke, disannul and make void all former Wills and Testaments by me heretofore made. In Witness whereof I the said Robert Black to this my last Will and Testament doe sett to my hand and seal this 16th day of February, in the year of our 1724.

ROBERT x BLACK (seal)

Signed, sealed and published for the presents of
John Sinkler.
George Shepherd.
George Whalley.

Will proved 4th December, 1729

Jo: Rowan,
Vicar General.

[The Revd. Dr. Henry Jenny mentioned in the above Will was a son of Cornet Jenny, of Fleetwood's Regiment of Horse, and was born in 1655. He was ordained in 1678, and became Vicar of Seagoe in 1679. His name appears in the Act of Attainder of James II as "Henry Genny of Seago, Clerk." On August 2nd, 1689, he was made Archdeacon of Dromore and Rector of Seagoe. He resided at his house, Harrymount, Donagheloney, on his Gortmoira property. He died at a very advanced age at Harrymount on 20th November, 1742.]