

# Seagoe Parish Magazine.

MAY, 1916.

## THE EASTER VESTRY.

THE Easter Vestry was held in Seagoe School on Thursday, April 27th, 1916, at 8 o'clock. The Rector presided. The Financial Statement was made by the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. W. R. Atkinson. The following appointments were then made:—

### CHURCHWARDENS, 1916-17:

Rector's Churchwarden—Mr. Robert Price, Ballinacor.  
People's Churchwarden—Mr. James Sands, Edenderry.

### SELECT VESTRY:

Wolsey R. Atkinson.  
Thomas J. Atkinson, *Major*.  
Stewart W. Blacker, *Lt.-Col.*  
George Calvert.  
Thomas Dawson.  
John G. Gracey.

Thomas E. Maginnis.  
Thomas Martin.  
Joseph Monroe.  
Thomas J. Montgomery.  
Joseph Stevenson.  
James Twinem.

### SIDESMEN:

G. Calvert, T. Dawson, James Twinem, W. Best, W. J. Cox, D. Murray, John Twinem.  
Hon. Sec. and Treasurer—Mr. W. R. Atkinson.

## Confirmation.

The Lord Bishop of Down has signified his intention of holding a Confirmation in Seagoe Parish Church on Sunday, June 25th, 1916, at 3-30 p.m.

## Confirmation Classes.

Classes for Confirmation will be held at the following centres:—

Edenderry Parochial Hall—

Boys—Mondays.

Girls—Thursdays.

Seagoe School—Thursdays.

Hacknahay School—Mondays.

Drumgor—Wednesdays.

Carne—Fridays.

All the Classes will begin at 8 p.m.

The Classes commence work in the week beginning Monday, May 8th.

A punctual attendance of all Candidates is requested.

No one under the age of 14 will be Confirmed.

Candidates are asked to bring Bible and Prayer Book with them to the Classes.

N.B.—A special **Class for Adults** will be held in Seagoe School on Sunday, at 4-15, beginning on Sunday, May 14th.

## Acknowledgment.

We desire to thank contributor, who wishes to remain anonymous, for a kind gift of £2 towards our Sunday School Funds.

## Days of War.

Unprecedented events have been occurring in Ireland during the past week. The War has come almost to our doors. It was terrible enough to have War in Flanders and France, but we scarcely expected a Civil War at home. The sight of armoured engines and trains on the G.N.R., and of motor lorries laden with our Ulster soldier lads, fully armed, speeding along the roads in the Parish, made us feel that we were "in the War Zone." And yet while a large part of the rest of Ireland has been ruthlessly ravaged by war, or shaken by war's alarms, Ulster has been a Province at peace. The contrast is significant, and suggests many far-reaching thoughts. The effect of the revolutionary outbreak in Dublin and the South must alter materially the future course of Irish history, and strengthen still further the commercial and political position of Ulster.

## The Choir.

Several new members have been admitted to the Choir, which now numbers some 26 voices. During the first Sundays in Lent Stainer's Anthem, "God so loved the world," was sung. The Quartette was taken by Miss Walker (soprano), Miss M. Wilson (alto), Mr. David Murray (tenor), and Mr. D. Livingston (bass). The Choir is at present engaged in practising the music for the forthcoming Lurgan Choral Festival. The singing and music in Seagoe Church will compare favourably with that of even the best of our country choirs. All the four voices, Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass, are now well represented in the Choir, and the musical part of the Services is well and heartily rendered. The Congregation also, we are glad to note, join heartily in the Responses, Canticles, and Hymns.

**With a Motor at the Front.**

Frank Anderson, of Drumgor, a Driver in the Motor Transport Corps, writes from "somewhere in France," under date March 25th, 1916;—

I hope you are all well, as this leaves me in the best of health at present. I don't think that there will be any leave for me for some time; the leave has stopped again. I see that the Germans are out in the North Sea with fifteen of their battleships, so till they get them shifted out of there the leave will remain at a standstill. I would not care how soon it came, for I think it is about my turn now.

**I HAVE HAD MY WHACK**

of it. I reckon that I have done my bit, and done it well. I was five weeks away from the column here with my lorry, and I had a very rough time of it, bringing up ordnance stuffs to the troops. I had my second and third man with me and a lance-corporal, looking after the clothing and boots, and such like. We had

**A HOT TIME OF IT,**

but I got through all right, and got finished on that job. The Huns have lost some ammunition on me and my lot, but did not manage to get me. I have been very lucky. The weather is very cold here.

**I SLEEP ON THE MOTOR**

at nights: the front cushion is what I put down, and my oil-sheet on top of that, my blanket over me, so I am like a bug in a rug: as hard as iron, the Major says sometimes.

**BREAKFAST AT FOUR,**

sometimes at five, and sometimes any time you feel ready for it you can eat it.

I came to a farm the other day; I looked around the yard to see if there were any eggs. I got 4, and came away satisfied. I had a nice feed that evening. The next time I go back there I am going

**TO LOOK FOR THE HEN,**

so I will have a little soup by the time you get this.

Here is a card from France. I got a chance to buy this one the other day. I have not another photo that I could send.

Hope to hear from you soon.

**Nature Notes.**

We are glad to find that our nature observers have been busy again this year in observing the coming of the summer migrants. Here is the result:—

**Swallow** first seen on April 2nd by *Joseph Monroe* at *Levaghery*. (This is a very early record for the Swallow in Seagoe.)

**Corncrake** first heard on Friday, April 14th, by *David Murray*, at *Ballinary, Ardmore*, and by *Wm. McLaughlin* of *Levaghery* on April 16th.

**Cuckoo** first heard on Monday, April 24th, by *Captain J. J. Dobson, R.I.R.*, at *Seagoe*, and by *Wm. J. Calvert*, at *Ballymacrandle*, on April 25th.

**Our New Churchwardens.**

**Mr. Robert Price**, of Ballinacor, who was appointed Rector's Churchwarden, has been prominently identified with Church work in Seagoe Parish for many years. He is a native of the Parish of Tartaraghan. Mr. Price has worked in many capacities in the Parish. He has been elected a member of the Select Vestry on several occasions; has done useful work as a Collector for the Sustentation Fund: has taught a class in Carne Sunday school, and has been a staunch helper at the Sunday evening Church Services in Tannificarbet Orange Hall since they were commenced eight years ago.

**Mr. James Sands**, People's Churchwarden, is well known and highly esteemed throughout the Parish. In his capacity as Manager of Messrs. Armstrong's Factory, he is especially well known in Edenderry. He has done good service to the Church as a Collector for the Sustentation Fund, and as a member of the Select Vestry. He belongs to a family who have for many years been connected with Edenderry.

The Parish of Seagoe is to be congratulated on having in office this year as Churchwardens two such loyal Churchmen as Mr. Price and Mr. Sands. We hope in some future number of the Magazine to present our readers with their portraits as a remembrance of their year of office.

**The Magazine.**

If anyone has a difficulty in securing a copy of the Magazine each month, the Rector would be glad if they would let him know. The best way to make sure of a copy is to pay the distributor 1/- in advance at the beginning of the year. Last month we fear some of our regular customers failed to obtain a copy.

We welcome to our list of advertisers the popular and well-known firm of Hamilton & Rock. This Magazine ought to be one of the best advertising mediums in Portadown and the neighbourhood. It circulates widely, and is closely read by 4,000 people each month or about 50,000 each year. Many readers outside the Parish would do well to study our advertising columns and order their goods by post from Portadown. A noticeable feature of the recent commercial life of Portadown is the number of orders executed in the Grocery and Printing lines for clients in Belfast, and even in London.

**Jumble Sale.**

The Jumble Sale will be held on Saturday, May 20th, in Edenderry Parochial Hall from 5 p.m. to 6-30 p.m. Admission 2d. All kinds of bargains will be on sale.

The weird cry of the Screech Owl may be heard nightly at Seagoe. In old days the heavy ivy mantle on the belfry gable (now fallen) of the old Church, sheltered for many years a colony of the *Strix Flammea*—Barn or Screech Owl.

**Bits from the Front.**

Trooper Thomas Robinson, a native of Seagoe Parish, has just retired from the 1st Life Guards, in which he served for many years, distinguishing himself in the Boer Campaign and in the earlier stages of this present War. He has gone to reside in Australia.

Captain J. J. Dobson, 7th Royal Irish Rifles, is at present staying at Seagoe Rectory. He is making a good recovery from the severe wounds he received at the front.

Leslie Clench, of the Royal Flying Corps, has been here for a holiday. He is stationed at Farnborough, and is acting as a wireless operator in the Aviation Department.

Lieut. R. T. Montgomery, 9th Batt. R.I.F., has been home from the front for a few days after seven months in France. His many friends in Seagoe and Portadown were delighted to see him looking so well and fit. He returned to France on Friday, May 5th.

Privates Harry Forsythe and J. Gilliland, of the 9th Batt., have also been home for a holiday.

**ITEMS.**

The Rev. W. R. Crichton, M.A., will preach in Seagoe Parish Church on Sunday, May 14th, at morning and evening prayer.

The White Butterfly was seen for the first time this year in Seagoe on April 21st.

Many farmers in the Parish are sowing flax this year. It ought to be a paying crop.

The sittings of eggs brought home from France by one of the 9th Batt. R.I.F. have been hatched out. The chicks are very hardy, and have five toes on each foot. They are making themselves quite at home in Seagoe.

A lorry of soldiers halted in Bachelors' Walk last Saturday. The residents were delighted to see them, and tea, cakes and mineral waters were got ready for them in record time.

We congratulate the composing staff of the *Portadown News* on their skill in reproducing the Floor-plan of Old Seagoe Church correctly to scale, as it appears in our Old Seagoe Notes in this issue of the Magazine.

The words "Sinn Fein," now so often heard, are two Celtic words, Sinn (pronounced "Shin") meaning "we," the 1st Personal Pronoun plural, and Féin (pronounced "Fain") meaning "self" or "own." The expression "we ourselves" is of course another way of saying "Ireland for the Irish."

Several visitors here from Dublin for the Easter holidays have been unable to return to their homes owing to the Sinn Fein outbreak.

The Palestine Exhibition will be held in Lurgan from May 8th to 13th. Many of our Seagoe people visited it when in Portadown last week.

The Lurgan Choral Festival will be held (D.V.) at Maralin on Saturday, May 27th. Seagoe Choir will take part in it.

The Rev. T. W. E. Drury, Rector of Rostrevor, will preach in the Parish Church on Wednesday, May 17th.

**PARISH REGISTER FOR APRIL.**

**Baptisms.**

Baptized in Seagoe Parish Church on 1st April, 1916.

**Moore**—Hannah Jane, daughter of David and Caroline Moore, of Kernan.

*Sponsors*—Mary Shanks, Caroline Moore.

**Hynes**—Florence, daughter of William James and Jane Eliza Hynes, of Edenderry.

*Sponsors*—Sarah Anne Martin, Jane Eliza Hynes.

**Sinnamon**—Sarah, daughter of Henry (the late) and Sarah Sinnamon, of Edenderry.

*Sponsors*—Margaret Weir, Sarah Sinnamon.

**Marriage.**

**Lamb and M'Nally**—On 14th April, 1916, Wm. Lamb, of Willowfield, Belfast, to Mary M'Nally, of Edenderry.

**Burials.**

**M'Crory**—April 12th, 1916, Mary M'Crory, of Tarson, aged 80 years.

**Stenson**—April 29th, 1916, Isaac Stenson, of Lower Seagoe, aged 67 years.

**Brown**—Died, on April 4th, 1916, from wounds received in action in France, Private Robert Henry Brown, 1st Batt. Royal Irish Fusiliers, of Edenderry, aged 27 years. "For King and Country."

**Died of Wounds.**

We deeply regret to record the death of another brave and popular Seagoe soldier, Private Robert Henry Brown. He died of wounds on April 4th in France. He had been wounded in the leg during an engagement and took shelter in a house. A shell came through the roof and killed him and some other wounded men. Private Brown leaves a widow and four young children, with whom the greatest sympathy is felt. He was very popular with his comrades, and his grave is said to be the best kept in France.

Two brothers of Private Brown have been invalided from the army from wounds, and he had himself only recently recovered from injuries and bruises sustained through being buried in the trench by an exploding shell.

## Floor-Plan of Old Seagoe Church.

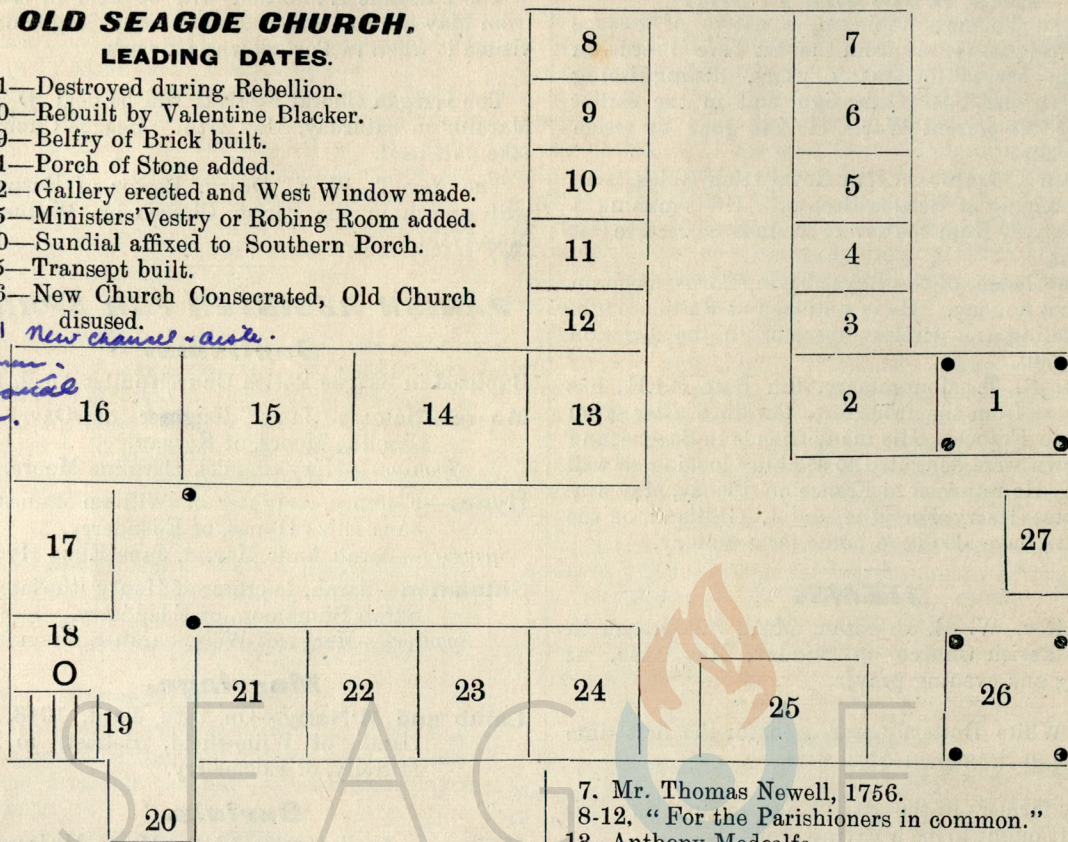
### OLD SEAGOE CHURCH.

#### LEADING DATES.

- 1641—Destroyed during Rebellion.
- 1660—Rebuilt by Valentine Blacker.
- 1699—Belfry of Brick built.
- 1701—Porch of Stone added.
- 1702—Gallery erected and West Window made.
- 1705—Ministers' Vestry or Robing Room added.
- 1710—Sundial affixed to Southern Porch.
- 1755—Transept built.
- 1816—New Church Consecrated, Old Church disused.

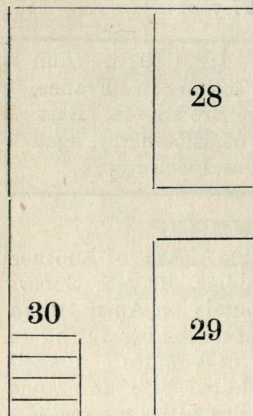
1891 *new chancel - aisle.*

*1863 - hammer.  
1900 memorial organ.*



Our readers will be glad to possess a Plan of Old Seagoe Church, where their forefathers worshipped for many generations up to 1816, exactly 100 years ago, when the present Church was completed. The Registers and Records of Seagoe are so full and correct that it has been found possible notmerely to reconstruct the arrangements of the old Church as in the above plan, but also to give the exact position of the pews, with the names of those who occupied them in the 17th and 18th centuries.

The numbers in the following list correspond with the numbers on the plan:—



PLAN OF GALLERY.

1. The Manchester Pew, assigned to Sir Oliver St. John and his heirs in 1688.
2. The Minister's Pew.
3. Mr. Woolsey Mathers, 1756.
4. Mr. Wm. Overend, 1756.
5. Mr. George Shepherd, 1756.
6. Mr. Wm. Dixon, 1756.

7. Mr. Thomas Newell, 1756.
- 8-12. "For the Parishioners in common."
13. Anthony Medcalfe.
14. Robert Wilson, Arthur Jordens.
15. Thomas Bradshaw.
16. The Dressing or Robing Room.
17. Mr. William Robinson, 1752.
18. The Font (the one in use at present in Seagoe Church).
19. The staircase leading to the gallery. The Sexton when ringing the Bell stood on the staircase.
20. The Porch. Two steps led down from the Porch into the Church. There was a sundial over the door.
21. John Burleigh.      22. John Watson, sen.
23. William Williams.      24. John Gibson.
25. The Pulpit and Reading Desk.
26. The Blacker Pew. The Manchester Pew and the Blacker Pew had a post at each corner and were curtained round.
27. The Communion Table.
28. John Mathers, 1702; William Mathers, 1720; Robert Blacker, 1731. (This seat was asserted to be the Freehold of Killicomaine by Meredith Workman in 1731); Wm. Robinson, 1764
29. July 30th, 1765. The "first seat" in the Gallery was assigned for the use of the "Singing Boys and Mr. Wm. Nuttle" (Lutton).
30. Top of Staircase.

[We hope to give further particulars regarding the above Plan in an early issue.]