

# Seagoe Parish Magazine.

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## Confirmation.

The Lord Bishop has signified his intention of holding a Confirmation in Seagoe Parish Church. on Sunday evening, July 6th, at 7 o'clock.

Candidates must not be under the age of 14.

Classes for Confirmation will be held as under—

**Edenderry**—Boys—Monday.

„ Girls—Thursday.

**Seagoe**—Thursday.

**Hacknahay**—Monday.

**Drumgor**—Wednesday.

**Carne**—Friday.

The classes will commence in the week beginning May 18th. A punctual attendance at the classes will be required.

The classes will be held at 8 p.m.

A special class for adults will be held in Seagoe School on Sundays at 4 p.m., beginning on Sunday, May 25th.

Sermons on the subject of "Confirmation" will be preached in the Parish Church on Sunday, May 4th, at Morning and Evening Prayer.

As Confirmation is only administered in the Parish once every three years it is most important that the opportunity should not in any case be postponed. Parents and Sponsors are urged to see that the young people in their charge, who are of sufficient age, should be presented for confirmation. Extract from the Service of Public Baptism in the Book of Common Prayer—"Ye are to take care that this child be brought to the Bishop to be confirmed by him so soon as he can say the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Ten Commandments in the vulgar tongue, and be further instructed in the Church Catechism set forth for that purpose."

## Our Easter Services.

The Services on Easter Day were very bright, The Church was decorated with Daffodils and other Spring flowers. The Choir sang the Easter Anthem, "Now is Christ risen from the dead." There were a goodly number of Communicants. The splendid weather added much to the joy of the Festival, and reminded the worshippers of the "Sun of Righteousness arisen with healing in his wings (rays.)"

## THE EASTER VESTRY.

The Easter Vestry was held in Seagoe School on Thursday evening, April 24th, at 8 o'clock. The Rector presided, and the minutes of the last Easter Vestry were read by the Hon. Sec. Mr. W. R. Atkinson, and confirmed. The Rector nominated as his Churchwarden Mr. John Montgomery, of Levaghery, and Mr. T. E. Maginnis was unanimously elected People's Churchwarden.

The new Select Vestry was then elected by vote as

recorded below. We congratulate Mr. John Lavery on his election to a place on the Vestry of which his father was for many years a member. A vote of condolence was passed to Mrs Reid, of Lower Seagoe, and her family on the death of Mr. Thomas R. Reid, who had been a member of the Select Vestry at the time of his death. Amid many expressions of regret Mr. W. R. Atkinson signified his intention of resigning the offices of Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, which he has held for the past 19 years. The debt which Seagoe Parish owes to Mr. Wolsey Atkinson for his unceasing efforts to promote its welfare is immense, and we can never sufficiently thank him for all he has done. He has given time and interest unsparingly in the service of the Church, and during the many years in which he held office he has scarcely ever been absent from a Vestry meeting. His example should be an inspiration to all the parishioners in the readiness with which he devoted his energies to further the interests of the Church in this Parish. We are glad to know that we shall still have the benefit of his counsel as a member of the Vestry.

The following is a list of the new appointments made at the Easter Vestry—

## General Vestry—Easter, 1919.

*Churchwardens.*

*Rector's*—Mr. John Montgomery.

*People's*—Mr. T. E. Maginnis.

*Select Vestry.*

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| 1. W. R. Atkinson   | 7. Joseph Monro     |
| 2. Lt.-Col. Blacker | 8. D. W. Murray     |
| 3. Andrew Costello  | 9. Robert Price     |
| 4. J. G. Gracey     | 10. James Sands     |
| 5. John Lavery      | 11. J. H. Stevenson |
| 6. Thomas Martin    | 12. James Twinem    |

*Sidesmen.*

J. H. Stevenson, J. G. Gracey, D. W. Murray, Gilbert Price, R. McClements, James Twinem, W. J. Cox, W. J. Caddell.

## IMPORTANT.

By a resolution of the Vestry it was decided that owing to the difficulty of securing a bell-ringer now that labour is so scarce, and wages so high, the Church Bell will in future be rung before each Service on Sundays for two periods of 5 minutes before each Service. For Morning Prayer it will be rung from 11 to 11-5, and from 11-20 to 11-25, stopping five minutes before the service begins. For Evening Prayer the bell will be rung from 6-30 to 6-35 and from 6-50 to 6-55. At other times the bell will be rung for ten minutes before the service.

## THE CHURCHYARD.

Another resolution passed by the Vestry concerned the care of grave plots in the ground around

the church. At present many of the graves are sadly neglected. The resting places of our dead should be kept in a way worthy of their sacredness. "God's Acre" should be the best cared for and most jealously guarded of all the land in the parish. With the desire of accomplishing this object it has been arranged that on payment of a sum of 5/- annually the Sexton will keep the grave tidy, and paint the ironwork when required. We hope that those who have graves will avail themselves of this arrangement. A receipt will be given for all sums paid.

### **Seagoe War Memorial.**

The result of the penny collection in the Sunday Schools for the War Memorial is as follows—

Hacknabay, 17s; Edenderry, 12s 2d; Carne, 10s 2d; Seagoe, 5s 4d; Drumgor, 4s 1d; Levaghery, 1s 3d.—Total, £2 10s.

### **Dedication of Memorial.**

On Saturday, May 10th, at 4 p.m., the Memorial erected to the memory of the late Major T. J. Atkinson, of Eden Villa, will be dedicated. A short service will be held in the Parish Church, and any who would like to attend will be welcomed. The Memorial will consist of a richly carved oak dwarf screen at the Chancel Steps, and the replacement of the present red sandstone steps by similar ones of Red Cork Marble.

### **Seagoe School Weather Record.**

Barometer—1 Highest reading of Barometer, 29.5 inches on April 4th; 2 Lowest reading of Barometer, 28.2 inches on April 11th. 1 Lily Sweeney, 2 Gertie Reid.

Thermometer—1 Highest reading (noon) April 30, 66°; 2 Lowest reading (noon) April 1, 46°. 1 Ethel Hall, 2 Joe Hynes.

### **A War Record.**

Seagoe Parish supplied several stalwart fighters to the 5th Batt. R. Irish Fusiliers during the war, among them Private Arthur Allen, of Florence Court. He and every man of the Regiment has recently received a very artistic and complete Booklet containing a well written and most interesting narrative of the work done by the Battalion in Gallipoli, Serbia, Macedonia, Palestine and France. A portrait of Lt.-Col. F. W. E. Johnston, D.S.O., who served with the Battalion during the war since 1914, forms an interesting Frontispiece. The name of the compiler of the book is not given. A similar record of the doings of the 9th Battalion would be welcomed by many.

### **The School Concert.**

The Seagoe School Concert in Edenderry Parochial Hall was a great success. The large hall was filled, and the programme was excellent. The Rev. H. G. de L. Singleton presided in the unavoidable absence of the Rector. The following is a list of the various

items, all of which were much enjoyed by the audience, and reflected great credit on Mr. Rennix, the principal of the school, who was ably assisted by Mrs. Rennix.

Opening Address—Edna Watson.

Pianoforte duet—Maisie and Jack McCready.

Song—"The Railway Train," Infants.

Recitation—"Mother's Right Hand," M. Coulter.

Song—"Physiology," Seniors.

Recitation—"Which one was kept," R. Watson.

Song—"Flowers," Junior Girls.

Duet—"I won't play in your yard," M. McCready and M. Hynes.

Recitation—"Flo's Letter," Maggie Coulter.

Song—"The Dirty Boy," Seniors.

Sketch—"Little Madcaps," Four Girls.

"Ten Little Sunflowers," Junior Girls.

Dumb Bell Drill.

"The Cookery Girls," Senior Girls.

Recitation—"Don't," Hilda Walker.

Trio—"Doctors Three," Three Boys.

Recitation—"On the doorstep," F. Best.

Duet—"Keys of Heaven," Boy and Girl.

"A Quiet Cup of Tea," Four Girls.

Song—"Tin Whistle Band," Boys.

Recitation—"Popping the Question," E. Watson.

Song—"The Three Dentists," Three Boys.

Andy and the Letter. The Market-song.

### **School Concert Account.**

Receipts—To Sale of Tickets, £11; Money at door, £1 2s; Total, £12 2s. Expenditure—By Tuning, Repairing and Cartage of Piano, 16s; Printing, 10s 6d; Music, Postage, and Paper, 8s; Use of Parochial Hall, 7s 6d; Balance in hands for Church Treasurer, £10; Total £12 2s.

### **Nature Observers.**

Quick eyes and ears are required in an observer of nature. Seagoe Parish contains some such. Here are the dates of the arrival so far of our old friends the Corncrake, the Swallow and the Cuckoo, as observed in the parish, with the names of those who first saw or heard them.

**Corncrake**—16th April, Miss Rebecca Calvert, at Breagh. An early observation of the Corncrake was also made at Kernan, on April 19th, by Thomas Henry Hall, of Edenderry, a pupil of Seagoe Day School.

**Cuckoo**—Heard for the first time by Miss Calvert at Breagh, on April 22nd.

**Swallow**—Seen for the first time this year on April 25th by Mr. J. Maginnis, of Breagh. We congratulate Mr. Maginnis very heartily on this observation. The Swallow has this year been a month overdue, why, it is hard to say. Very few have seen it as yet, moreover Mr. Maginnis has from his earliest years been deprived of the sense of hearing, but though he cannot hear the song of the birds he gains pleasure in seeing them and observing their movements.

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**Baptisms.**

The following were baptized in Seagoe Parish Church, on April 5th, 1919—

**Hoy**—Vera, daughter of Thomas James and Frances Hoy, of Lylo.

*Sponsors*—Josephine Webb, Frances Hoy.

**McMurray**—Sophia, daughter of Joseph Edward and Rebecca McMurray, of Lylo.

*Sponsors*—Martha Thompson, Rebecca McMurray.

**Guy**—Violet, daughter of David and Hannah Maria Guy, of Upper Seagoe.

*Sponsors*—Sarah Clifford, Hannah Maria Guy.

**White**—James Henry, son of William John and Julia White, of Annakerra, Drumcree.

*Sponsors*—Anne Reid, Julia White.

**Guy**—Rose Caroline, daughter of Samuel James and Annabella Guy, of Derryvore.

*Sponsors*—Winifred Coulter, Annabella Guy.

**Marriages.**

**Robb and McKerr**—17th April, 1919, Isaac John Robb, of Tarson, to Sarah Elizabeth McKerr, of Drumgor.

**Serplus and McKee**—22nd April, 1919, William Edward Serplus, of Lurgan, late Corporal 9th Batt. R. Irish Fusiliers, B.E.F., to Jane McKee, of Kernan.

**A Letter from the Rhine.**

[We have received the following interesting letter from the Rev. Alfred Murray, who is working in a Church Army Hut on the Rhine.]

C. A. RECREATION HUT,  
BERG. GLADBACH,  
GERMANY,  
31st March, 1919.

DEAR CANON,

This is where I find myself landed now. I came out here direct from England without having to go through the usual period of training in the home huts, the main reason I think being that they are very short handed for men out here. Though even for men sent to Germany my case seems to be an exception. However I have got fairly accustomed to hut work already, and find it very interesting, though sometimes hard work. I spent about ten days in Cologne at the Head-Quarters Canteen, before being sent down here. There is just another C.A. worker with myself in the Hut at Gladbach, but we have the help of three orderlies, who do most of the work of selling behind the counter, and cleaning up, &c. My co-worker is an Englishman, very energetic and keen and a good business man. When our average take for each day is between 5 and 6,000 marks it means some work. We open each day from 10 to 12-30

a.m., and from 5 to 7-30 p.m., so that gives us the afternoon to ourselves, and as there is a train connection with Cologne we can go there as often as we wish, of course free of charge. Some things are very cheap in Germany, and some things are entirely unobtainable. Such things as paper, cutlery, cameras, are regarded as very cheap, reckoning that the mark is only worth 4½d in English money. We have the 29th Division stationed in Gladbach, though it is now called the Southern Division. We are not far from the front lines, something like 12 or 15 kilometres. We have a good number of the new army coming and going here. When a new batch comes out we always know by the quantity of English money we receive, and the difficulties we have getting change in German money for them, but it is interesting to watch the bewildered expression on their faces when they try to reckon up their change. The troops are all billeted out here. I see a good deal of the Padres here, and I have just met a man whom I used to know in Dublin, the Rev. J. Thom, who won the M.C. with two bars, he is the senior chaplain stationed here, and is responsible for the services. We have had a service in our hut every Sunday evening. I live on Army rations, and find them not too bad, especially when I get used to them.

On the whole I feel I wouldn't have liked to have missed the experience one gains out here, though the life is a bit different from what it is at home. I hope to drop you a line later on, and let you know how I am getting on. I feel in good form now, though I have had a cold for the last couple of weeks. We have had a great deal of snow, and the weather has been cold, but one soon gets used to all conditions of climate. Hoping all are well.

I remain, yours sincerely,

A. J. MURRAY.

**The Annual Report.**

The Annual Report is now in the hands of the parishioners, and we hope they will read it carefully, and note its contents. It covers only 9 months, so as to bring it up to the close of 1918. Some of the usual accounts, such as Foreign Missions, which close in the early months of the year, are therefore not included. In future the Report will be for each 12 months, ending 31st December of each year, instead of as formerly, from Easter to Easter. A glance at the Sustentation Fund will show that many of the Parishioners subscribe sums absurdly small, and altogether unworthy of their object. We notice several households whose weekly earnings are not less than £8, and who give to God's Church a miserable half-crown. With money at its present value this is equal to about half its pre-war equivalent. As a result of the smallness of the sums subscribed the Glebe Purchase Scheme receives practically no help. With very few exceptions our subscribers might treble their subscriptions, and yet not reach what in other Parishes is regarded as a normal gift to the Sustentation Fund.

**Choral Festival at Seagoe.**

The Choral Festival of the Lurgan Choral Union will be held (D.V.) in Seagoe Church on Saturday, May 31st, at 4 o'clock. Eight Choirs will take part in the service. The preacher will be the Rev. Canon Moeran, M.A., Rector of Portadown. The Rev. J. Bentley, Rector of Jonesboro', and formerly a member of Armagh Cathedral Choir will act as conductor.

**ITEMS.**

There is much regret expressed at the death of Mr. Hussey, late Inspector R.I.C. in Portadown. His death occurred very suddenly as he was passing Levaghery Schoolhouse.

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At the meeting of the General Vestry at Easter, the members agreed to hold a Reception in Seagoe School at an early date for the men of Seagoe Parish who have returned from the Front.

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The General Synod meets in Dublin on Tuesday, May 13th, and continues during the week.

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A number of pretty variegated shrubs have been planted in Old Seagoe Graveyard, which are a great improvement. We congratulate the Rural Council on a step in the right direction.

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Offertories—Good Friday, for Jews Society, 12s 5d Easter Day, for Sunday Schools, £5 11s 5d. Mission week, received during month—Miss Teenie Flannigan, 3s 6d; Miss A. Johnston, Bridge Street, collection 4s 2d; Miss Evelyn Webb, Lylo, 7s, bringing up the full total to £9 16s 2d. The Carne collection acknowledged last month was made by Miss M. Simpson.

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The Rev. F. Cecil Long, Deputation Secretary for the Bible Society, will preach on its behalf in Seagoe Church on Sunday morning, May 18th.

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A correspondent suggests that a corner of Seagoe Church-ground should be planted with Red and White Roses to commemorate our Fallen Heroes. It is a noble suggestion and worthy of attention. Our correspondent also offers to help towards it by a subscription. We commend it to our readers. The suggestion originally appeared in *Seagoe Parish Magazine* for March.

**OLD SEAGOE NOTES.**

An Ancient Map of Seagoe Parish, 1609—A very interesting Map of Seagoe Parish, as it was 300 years ago, is to be seen in Dean Nowell's Maps of the Escheated Counties, dated 1909, a copy of which,

magnificently re-produced in colours, is in the library of T.C.D. A curious feature of the map is that the North is at the bottom of the page instead of at the top. The townlands are all marked and named. A rough sketch of Seagoe Church is to be seen. Carrick Blacker House had not then been built. Trees are marked in several places. Perhaps some day we may be able to reproduce the map in this Magazine.

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**Archdeacon Saurin and his Feathered Friends**  
—The late Miss Gilpin, of Tammficarb, used to tell an amusing story of Archdeacon Saurin. On one occasion, some 70 years ago, when she was a child, her mother had a fine flock of young ducks. One day the Archdeacon was driving in his Brougham from Aghacommon School, and on passing her cottage noticed the ducks. He stopped the carriage to admire them, and then asked her if she would sell them to him. She named the price, to which he agreed, but a difficulty arose as to how they were to be conveyed to the Rectory. However, the problem was soon solved by the Archdeacon, who said—"Put them in here." Mrs. Gilpin was very much amused and gathering up the noisy ducks hustled them into the carriage around the gaitered legs of the venerable Archdeacon, who drove home in triumph with his feathered friends.

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**Bright Street in 1879.**—The following are the Church of Ireland residents in Bright Street forty years ago with the number of the house—1, Henry Cochrane; 2, Jane Cochrane; 4, Isaac Marshall; 7, James Gibson; 8, Thomas Pentland; 9, John M'Cullough; 10, John Wilson; 11, Eliza Trotter; 12, John M'Cullough, jun.; 13, James Gibson; 14, James Tate.

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**The Red Row 40 Years Ago.**—The following were the Church of Ireland residents in 1879 with the number of the house—5, Ralph Heron; 6, James Albany; 8 Wm. Gray; 11, S. Rooney; 12, J. Woolsey; 13, John Deans; 15, John M'Loughlin.

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**Acreage of Seagoe Parish in 1750.**—The Parish of Seagoe in the year 1750 contained a total acreage of 16,178 acres 0 roods and 4 perches. In 1765 10 Townlands containing 6302 acres 1 rood and 5 perches were cut off to form the Parish of Montiagh or Ardmore. In 1850 8 more Townlands containing 1707 acres 0 roods and 4 perches were cut off to form the Parish of Knocknamuckley, and in 1874 10 more Townlands containing 2703 acres 3 roods 12 perches were added to the Parish of Shankill, so that now the Parish of Seagoe contains only 5465 acres 3 roods 23 perches, almost exactly one-third of its original extent.