

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

MAY, 1920.

THE EASTER VESTRY.

CHURCHWARDENS :

Rector's ... Mr. Thomas England.
People's ... Mr. Thomas Martin.

SELECT VESTRY,

(In Alphabetical order.)

Wolsey R. Atkinson
Stewart W. Blacker, D.S.O., Lt.-Col.
John G. Gracey
John E. Lavery
Thomas E. Maginnis
Joseph Monroe
John Montgomery
David W. Murray
Robert Price
James Sands
Joseph H. Stevenson
James Twinem

HON. SECRETARY.

Joseph H. Stevenson.

HON. TREASURER.

James Sands

SIDESMEN.

James Twinem, J. G. Gracey, D. W. Murray,
J. H. Twinem, Gilbert Price, R. M'Clements,
W. J. Cox, W. J. Caddell, T. E. Maginnis, John
Montgomery.

The Easter General Vestry was held in Seagoe School, on Thursday, April 8th, at 8 p.m. The Rector presided. The above appointments to the various Church Offices were made.

The following Resolution was proposed by Lieut.-Col. Blacker, seconded by Mr John Montgomery, and passed in silence, all standing :—

“That we, the Members of the General Vestry of the Parish of Seagoe, desire to express our abhorrence of the dastardly crime by which Mr. Alan Bell, R.M., was ruthlessly murdered, and our hope that the assassins may speedily be brought to justice. We deplore the loss of one who, during his recent residence in the Parish, won the love and esteem of all the Parishioners by his Christian sympathy, his warmth of heart and his kindly generosity. We also desire to convey to Mrs. Bell and Miss Nicholl our most sincere sympathy with them in the terrible loss they have sustained.”

The Rev. H. G. de L. Singleton, M.A., Curate, was unavoidably absent from the General Vestry owing to a severe cold.

Easter in Seagoe.

The Easter Services this year were unusually bright and hearty. The Church was well filled, and the musical portion of the service was rendered in a very helpful way by a large choir. The solo in the anthem was sung by Mr. David W. Murray. The Rev. W. T. Grey preached both at Morning and Evening Prayer on “Sorrow turned into Joy.” A large number of Parishioners communicated both at the early and later Celebrations. The Church was very prettily decorated, principally with Daffodils and the bright and fragrant Mahonia, which grows so well in Seagoe. The offerings were on behalf of the Parochial Sunday Schools. Mr Grey returned to Cork on Friday, 9th inst. He greatly enjoyed his visit to Seagoe, and had an opportunity of meeting many of his old friends.

Seagoe War Memorial.

At a meeting of the Select Vestry held immediately after the General Vestry on April 8th, Lieut.-Col. Blacker submitted the plans for the Memorial Pillars and Gates to be erected as a Memorial to those from the Parish who fell in the Great War. The names of the 52 who made the great sacrifice will be engraved on the Pillars. The design is very handsome, and will form a notable Memorial to our heroes. The plans were unanimously passed by the Vestry, and the work of erecting the Memorial will be proceeded with without delay.

The Late Mr. Alan Bell.

Very many Resolutions of regret and sympathy continue to be passed by Public Bodies deploring the assassination of Mr Bell. He was beloved by everyone. Evidence of his kindness pours in from all quarters. His generous sympathy for the soldiers, especially the wounded, during the war, could not have been surpassed. The men of Edenderry used to bring their pension papers to him for signature. He always brought them into his study and lit cigarettes for them and chatted to them as if he was a brother.

The Rector has received a letter from Mrs. Bell acknowledging the sympathy expressed in Seagoe for her in her trouble. She writes : “I know how you all feel for me in my terrible loss and affliction. The wonderful sympathy that I have received, and the beautiful letters and tributes to his memory, have helped to console me, and the many prayers offered up for me have most certainly sustained me. I know how all my dear kind friends in Portadown are thinking of me and sorrowing for me. I can never forget everybody's kindness.”

Mrs. Bell has gone to England for a time to be with her sister, Miss Nicholl, who has been very ill, but is now, we are glad to say, somewhat better.

Death of the Primate.

The death of Archbishop Crozier, at a comparatively early age, removes a notable figure from our Church life. We knew him well in Seagoe, and his visits to the Parish were much appreciated by the people. His splendid eloquence, his merry jokes and his deep Christian sympathy made him an ideal Bishop. His first visit to Seagoe as Bishop of this Diocese was to attend a Social Meeting of the Parishioners in Seagoe School, and many will recall his friendly manner and the sociable way in which he mingled with the people. He also at a later date assisted the present Archbishop of Dublin in dedicating the Chancel Memorial to his old friend, the late Canon Blacker. Reference was made to his death on the Wednesday following by the Rev. H. G. de L. Singleton, and on the Sunday evening by the Rector. The Dead March was played, and the Union Jack on the Church Tower flew at half-mast.

The Diocesan Synod of Armagh will meet on May 26th to elect a Bishop of Armagh, who will fill that See temporarily until a new Primate is elected by the Bench of Bishops. During the vacancy the Ven. Archdeacon Hobson has been appointed Commissioner in charge of the Diocese.

A Memorial Volume.

The Rector would wish to publish an In Memoriam Volume containing the portraits of all those connected with Seagoe Church who fell in the War. To do this it would be necessary for him to obtain a photograph (preferably in uniform) of the fallen soldiers, the relatives of most of the soldiers possess such photographs. Before a photograph can be printed, a half-tone block of it has to be made, and the charge for each block is 13/- including postage. It is thought that many would like to possess this permanent record of our heroes and if relatives would send the photograph with the sum of 13/- to the Rector, he will have the volume issued without delay. A free copy of the Book will be given to each one who sends the Photograph and cost of the Block. A page of the book will be given to each photograph, and under the photograph will be printed particulars regarding the Soldier. Great care will be taken of the photographs, and they will be returned uninjured to the owner after a brief interval. In sending the photographs of the soldier, please write the Name and Regiment of the Soldier, and also the name and address of the person who sends it.

Congratulations.

We offer our hearty congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Neil (Miss Caroline Montgomery), and to Mr. and Mrs. Walker (Miss Smartt) on their marriage. Mrs. Neil is the daughter of our respected Parishioner and ex-Churchwarden, Mr John Montgomery, of Levaghery. Mrs. Walker has been at all times a most useful helper in the Parish and a member of the Choir.

Our New Churchwardens.

Mr. Thomas England, the newly appointed Rector's Churchwarden, has been associated with Seagoe from his earliest years. He has done very useful work as Superintendent of Seagoe Morning Sunday School. He is also a valued member of the Choir, and is a collector of Sustentation Fund. He is a son of Mr Nicholas England, of Ballymacrandle, one of our most regular worshippers in Seagoe Parish Church. Two of Mr Thomas England's sisters are Teachers in Seagoe and Hacknahay Sunday Schools.

Mr. Thomas Martin, who has been elected to the office of People's Churchwarden, has held office for many years on the Select Vestry, and has also filled the post of Churchwarden. He has been a useful helper in all branches of Parochial work.

Concert in Edenderry.

On Thursday, April 22nd, the Concert organized by Mr T. H. Wilson took place. The Hall was crowded, and an excellent programme was provided. The performers were—Messrs. Sydney P. Smith, A.R.C.O., W. Watt, V. Hawthore, H. Reynolds (comic), D. W. Murray, J. Mitchell, Miss K. Thompson, Miss Marian Johnston, Mrs Sydney Smith, Miss Norah Montgomery. All the items were first rate, and encores were frequently demanded. A large number of Tickets had been sold and the proceeds will amount to a considerable sum. The object of the Concert was to provide a sum sufficient to provide a set of new Church Hymnals and Psalters for the Choir, and any balance remaining over is intended to help towards purchasing a Piano for use in Seagoe School. Mr. Sydney Smith, Organist of Shankill Parish Church, acted as accompanist, and, with his usual kindness gave every possible help in the arrangements for the Concert. At the close of the Programme the Rector, who presided, proposed a very sincere vote of thanks to all who had so kindly helped, and it was passed amidst hearty applause. Mr. T. H. Wilson, Organist of Seagoe, is specially to be congratulated on the energy he displayed in organising the concert, which proved so successful in every way.

Thanks.

The thanks of the Parishioners are due to the following who collected for the Penny-a-Week Fund, and as a result of whose efforts the new and most comfortable Seats have been provided, at a cost of over £50, for the Parochial Hall. Miss E. Cox, Miss S. Dawson, Miss Halliday, Miss M. Hawthorn, Mrs. Johnston, Miss Johnston, Mrs. Magee, Miss S. Martin, Miss K. Moore, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Stevenson, Miss Woolsey, and Miss Atkinson, of Eden Villa, who organised and carried out all the details of the Fund. We thank also most heartily all those who subscribed so generously.

The new Seats were in use at the recent Concert and added greatly to the comfort of the Hall.

PARISH REGISTER for APRIL.

Baptisms.

Ross—April 3rd, 1920, Emily Elizabeth, daughter of William Moore and Sarah Ross, of Upper Seagoe.

Sponsors—Emma Richardson, Sarah Ross.

Finney—April 3rd, 1920, James, son of James and Ellen Finney, of Portadown.

Sponsors—Elizabeth Dawson, Ellen Finney.

Pearson—John, son of Joseph Henry and Mary Anne Pearson, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Margaretta Atkinson, Joseph Henry Pearson.

Marriages.

Neil and Montgomery—April 6th, 1920, Charles Neil, of Glasgow, to Caroline, daughter of John Montgomery, of Levaghery, Churchwarden of Seagoe, 1919—20.

Walker and Smartt—April 28th, 1920, John George Walker, of Kernan, to Martha Smartt, of Kernan.

Burials.

Lindsay—April 19th, John Lindsay, of Portadown late of Upper Seagoe. Aged 60.

Nature Notes.

Two of our Summer Migrants have arrived, the Swallow and the Corncrake, but as yet no one seems to have heard the Cuckoo.

The first to see a Swallow was Mr John Flannigan, of Bridge Street, and his observation was made on a very early date, April 8th. Mr. David Murray saw a Swallow on April 12th, which is also an early record.

The Corncrake first made itself heard this year at Seagoe on April 17th.

Many interesting things have been written about Mars. Some people have been trying to send messages to Mars. The planet can be seen any night now about 10 p.m., shining brightly in the Southern Heavens, the bright Star high up in the South-western sky is Jupiter, and Saturn and Neptune are not far from him.

Every year some special weed flourishes more vigorously than others. This year the Dandelion seems unusually prominent.

Among birds, Thrushes seem to be very numerous this year, and have nested very early.

ITEMS.

The ivy on the Churchyard walls has been cut, making the Church grounds look much neater.

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The epidemic of Measles still affects our School attendance.

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A School Garden has been formed in connection with Seagoe School.

"Summer Time" is much appreciated by those engaged in Public Works.

Sergeant Jackson, of Edenderry R.I.C., and Constable White have returned safely from troubled Tipperary.

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Much sympathy has been felt for Mr. and Mrs. Moses Gilpin, of Drumnagoon, at the death of their infant sons (twins) a few days after birth.

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Canon Hemphill who has been appointed Rector of Drumbeg, near Lisburn, is one of the most distinguished of the Clergy of the Church of Ireland. He is a ripe scholar and indefatigable worker.

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The Parish Social which was to have been held in May has been postponed to the Autumn. The Select Vestry and the Committee of Ladies felt that owing to the long evenings it would be difficult to make it a success at this time of the year.

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Within the last few weeks several Parishioners have left the Parish for the United States and Canada. We hear of others who are about to leave. The Rector will be glad to give a Letter of Commendation to anyone emigrating to the United States or the Colonies. We hope that our Emigrants on reaching their new homes will at once get into touch with the Rector of the Parish to which they go. The Protestant Episcopal Church has Churches and Parishes all over the States, and we ask our Church emigrants to call on the Clergy who live near them on their arrival, and to get into touch with the Church life of the Parish. They will receive a hearty welcome.

Seagoe Puzzles.

A youthful Parishioner sends us the following interesting Puzzles. The answers will be published in our next issue. See if you can find the answers.

FAMOUS PEOPLE.

DALSENGOT	ELYSOW
GIDIRABLA	DIEHEKEZLEM
QUSATIH	MAGNABERIH

PORTADOWN.

How many Words of more than one letter can you obtain out of PORTADOWN.

DOUBLE ACROSTIC.

In this old Residence we see, a family well known to thee.

1. An Order one is proud to wear.
2. Where British horsemen killed with spear.
3. What gardeners oft are wont to tear.
4. An Adjective to maidens dear.
5. A Scottish word to others queer.
6. Something to hold a fluid clear.
7. A man who uses many a snare.

S.A.M.S.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following sums for the South American Missionary Society:—

BOXES.

M. Atkinson	...	...	£0	1	0½
Aaron Smith	...	...	0	3	4
Martha Smartt	...	...	0	3	2
Sarah Montgomery	...	...	0	7	5½
Mrs. Lewie	...	...	0	7	1½
Mrs. Forsyth	...	...	0	3	11
Mrs. M'Dougall	...	...	0	4	0
T. H. Hall	...	...	0	3	5½
			£1	13	6

CARD.

Isobel Atkinson	...	...	£5	15	0
			£7	8	6

OLD SEAGOE NOTES.

Inscription on Bishop Saurin's Tablet in Dromore Cathedral, 1842—[Bishop Saurin was a frequent visitor to Seagoe from 1826 to 1842, his son, Archdeacon Saurin, being Rector of the Parish] To the Memory of the Right Rev. James Saurin, D.D., Lord Bishop of Dromore, who during twenty-two years in the exercise of a mild and paternal authority presided over the Diocese, fulfilling the relations of life with purity, affection, constancy. An affable and hospitable Prelate of unaffected Christian benevolence, whose intercourse with his Clergy and neighbours continually exhibited amenity of disposition and blandness of deportment. The Clergy and a few Laymen of his Diocese have erected this Tablet a record of his worth and their esteem. He died on the 9th of April, 1842, in the 83rd year of his age, and the 23rd of his Consecration.—
PETER I, 24-25.

The fine stone Pulpit in Dromore Cathedral was erected to the Memory of the Bishop in 1872. The inscription on it records that it was placed there by his children who revered him.

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Seagoe Easter Vestry, 1862—We copy the following from the *Portadown News* of Saturday, April 26th, 1862:—On Monday last, being Easter Monday, the usual Vestry Meeting was held in Seagoe Parish Church. The Vestry Room was crowded by a large attendance of the principal

Parishioners, a portion of whom had to be accommodated in the Church itself. The Venerable Archdeacon Saurin, Rector, in the chair.

Stewart Blacker, Esq., of Carrickblacker, and Thomas Armstrong, Esq., of Eden Hall, were proposed, seconded and unanimously elected Churchwardens for the ensuing year.

Mr. Blacker in returning thanks for himself and Mr Armstrong, after some prefatory remarks, called the attention of the meeting to the state of the graveyard of this highly respectable Parish open to every sort of encroachment and desecration. Cattle occasionally breaking over the wretched fences, or rather as he might call them a series of gaps, and browsing over the graves of our humbler brethren, and what was worse, the ground itself sacred to many memories and associations of ancient worship turned too often into a harbouring place for disreputable characters. It was not creditable to them that such a state of things should any longer exist. He would state therefore what he was prepared to do. He was ready to give the sum of £100 towards the building of a proper fence wall round their ancient burial ground, provided the other proprietors and Parishioners raised £200 additional. He would suggest in conclusion that their worthy Rector, Archdeacon Saurin, be appointed Chairman, his valued coadjutor in office, Mr. Armstrong, of Eden Hall, Treasurer, himself, Hon. Secretary, and all three Joint Trustees. He did not know what those gentlemen would do in assisting to make him (Mr. Blacker) pay up the amount he had named as soon as possible, but this he would say, they would find no one who would work harder or desire to do so more urgently than himself, or in any other matter tending to the good of the Parish. (Applause.)

Archdeacon Saurin said the proposition and offer of Mr Blacker had taken him somewhat by surprise. He wished he could say that he was also ready to lay down £100 for so good a purpose; but he assured the meeting that whatever aid and assistance he could give such a cause—which was in fact that of civilization, improvement and progress in the Parish—would not be wanting. As to the trespassing by cattle on the Graveyard, by a recent enactment the owners were punishable at law. The Rev. T. D. Elliott, Mr Henry, of Lylow, and Wolsey Atkinson, Esq., of Eden Hall, supported the motion, and it was declared carried unanimously. Great and well-deserved praise was accorded by the meeting to Archdeacon and Mrs. Saurin for the energy, care and attention they had given to the getting up of so handsome and highly efficient a School-house and for having seen the money collected so economically and so well laid out.

Mr. Blacker objected to the large sum amounting to £10 charged for putting up the new Bell. Archdeacon Saurin explained that it was a more troublesome and expensive affair than at first calculated upon.