

# Seagoe Parish Magazine.

MAY, 1927.



**"In Life united; in Death not divided."**

**Robert Price died March 17th, 1927; Anne Price died March 18th, 1927. Both interred in Seagoe Graveyard on March 19th, 1927.**

The above photograph of Mr. and Mrs. Price was taken by a friend some years ago outside their residence at Ballinacor. The tragic circumstances under which they both passed almost together to their eternal home gives the photograph a pathetic interest. Our readers, who were personally acquainted with Mr. and Mrs. Price, will treasure this memento of two faithful Parishioners of Seagoe who were "in Life united and in Death not divided."

## CLERGY :

**Rev. Canon Archer, B.D., The Rectory, Seagoe, Portadown.**

**Rev. W. A. Henry, 21 Edward St., Portadown.**

## CHURCHWARDENS :

**Rector's—Thos. E. Maginnis, Breagh.**

**People's—John R. Reid, Portadown.**

## The Easter Vestry

The Easter Vestry was held in Seagoe School on Thursday, April 21st, at 8 p.m. The Rector presided. The meeting was opened with prayer and the reading of a portion of Scripture. The Rector reviewed the state of the Parish during the past year, refer-

ring to the number of Communicants, the attendance at Public Worship, the Sunday Schools and the Sustentation Fund. The minutes of the last General Vestry were read by Mr. Hugh Stoops, the Hon. Treas., in the absence, through illness of the Hon. Sec., Mr. Moses Gilpin. The elections were then proceeded with. The Rector nominated as his Churchwarden Mr. T. E. Maginnis, of Breagh. Mr. John Reid, of Lower Seagoe, was elected People's Churchwarden. The following is a complete list of all the elections :—

## PAROCHIAL NOMINATORS :

**Lt.-Col. S. W. Blacker, D.S.O., Thos. E. Maginnis, John G. Gracey.**



**SUPPLEMENTAL PAROCHIAL NOMINATORS :**  
James Twinem, John Dermott, Thomas Martin.

**DIOCESAN SYNODSMEN :**  
James Twinem, John George Gracey, Thomas Martin,  
Thomas H. Wilson.

**CHURCHWARDENS :**  
Thos. E. Maginnis, Rector's.  
John R. Reid, People's.

**SELECT VESTRY :**

Miss Atkinson,	John E. Lavery,
John Dermott,	Thos. Martin,
Isaac Dickson,	John Montgomery,
Wm. H. England,	Gilbert Price,
Moses Gilpin,	Hugh Stoops,
John G. Gracey,	James Twinem.

HON. SEC.—Moses Gilpin, Drumnagoon.

HON. TREAS.—Hugh Stoops, Killicomaine Road,  
Portadown.

**SIDESMEN :**

James Twinem, Thomas Martin, J. G. Gracey,  
Gilbert Price, Isaac Dickson, Robert M'Clements,  
Wm. Cox, James Allen, James Forde,  
W. H. England, John Gee, John E. Lavery.

After the elections had taken place, the Hon. Treas. submitted his statement of accounts for the year 1926. Owing to the fact that the Parish had been without a Curate from August to December, a small balance remained in hand, but the opinion was expressed that if the present liabilities are to be met larger contributions must be received from the parishioners. The meeting then concluded. Circulars had been issued to each member of the General Vestry, but the response was small.

**Easter, 1927.**

The services during Holy Week, Good Friday and Easter were devotional and helpful. The Rev. T. G. Moore and the Rev. G. C. Johnston, of Shankill, and the Rev. J. H. M'Cleary, of Belfast, helped at the services. On Easter Day an anthem was sung, and the music was very bright. A considerable number communicated, especially at the early (8 a.m.) celebration. The Church was decorated with palms, evergreens and flowers. The brightness of the Easter Festival, with its message of joyous life, marked all our services.

**The Sunday School Excursion.**

This important annual event which is looked forward to with eager expectation by the children of the Parish, will take place (p.v.) on Thursday, June 23rd, to Warrenpoint. The price of the tickets will be the same as last year. The children's tickets include two refreshments. Children whose names are on the Sunday School Roll and who have attended regularly since the beginning of the year will obtain tickets at the following prices:—8 years old and under, 9d; 8—14 years, 1s; 14 and over (including Bible Classes), 1s 3d; outsiders, 2s.

**Our Summer Migrants.**

Two of our summer migrants have arrived up to time, but the cuckoo still delays his coming. The first note of the arrival in the Parish of the corn-crake comes to us from Ballinacor, where on April 21st it was heard by Myles O'Hara while working at Mr. Gilbert Price's farm in that townland. The swallow was first seen by Tom Maginnis at Breagh on April 23rd. We will be glad to insert in our next issue the name of the person who first notes the arrival of the cuckoo in the Parish.

**Off to Australia.**

On the morning of Tuesday, April 26th, Robert John Porter, with his wife and family of seven young children, started off from Lower Seagoe for their long voyage of 16,000 miles to Melbourne, Australia. Mr. and Mrs. Porter were very popular in Seagoe, and their friends and neighbours were very sorry when they heard of their approaching departure. The youngest members of the family were twins, only six months old, Henrietta and Annie, and the thought of the tiny but sturdy pair going on a journey round the world stirred the sympathetic interest of all. The family have sailed from Tilbury on the s.s. Bendigo, and are going via South Africa to Melbourne, where they are timed to arrive on June 17th. During the war Robert John Porter saw much active service in Gallipoli and the East, where he served in the Royal Naval Division. Our readers will wish Mr. and Mrs. Porter and the children a happy and prosperous voyage and much blessing and prosperity in the land of their adoption.

**Seagoe Mothers' Union.**

The Mothers' Union will meet (p.v.) in Seagoe School on Tuesday, May 10th, at 7-30 p.m. Tea will be provided for all who attend. A full attendance of the members is requested.

**The Bible Society.**

This Society gives Seagoe very useful help in the obtaining of Sunday School prizes. The Deputation Secretary, the Rev. F. C. Long, will (p.v.) preach on behalf of the Society in Seagoe Church on Sunday morning (Rogation Sunday), May 22nd. Mr. Long will also give an address in the Sunday Schools.

**Ascension Day.**

Thursday, May 26th, being Ascension Day, there will be a celebration of Holy Communion in the Parish Church at 11-30 a.m., and Evening Prayer and Sermon at 8 p.m. The Wednesday evening service will not be held in that week.

**South American Missionary Society  
1926—1927.**

Boxes—Miss Calvert, 13s 7d; Miss Agnes Guy, 5s; Mrs. Lewie, 5s; Miss Sarah Montgomery, 9s 3d; Mrs. M'Dougall, 10s; Mrs. Walker, 4s 3d. Card—Miss Atkinson, £6 2s 0d. Total—£8 9s 1d.



### Sunday School Teachers.

A meeting of Sunday School Superintendents and Teachers will be held (p.v.) in Seagoe School on Thursday, May 12th, at 8 p.m. Important business.

### Our Sunday Schools.

On Easter Day, when the offertories were given to our Sunday School Funds, we were reminded of the great work done in the Parish by our faithful band of Superintendents and Teachers. Sunday after Sunday they willingly give their time and attention to the most important work which anyone can engage in, that is of instructing the young people of the Parish in truths of the Gospel which are to be to them the guide of their lives. The Sunday School calendar for this year is very well and carefully arranged. During the Sundays in May the Morning Sunday Schools (Seagoe and Edenderry) will be learning for Repetition in the Junior Classes the opening portions of the Church Catechism, and in the Senior Classes verses from Rom. xii., 9-21. The study portions are drawn from Lessons on the Life of our Lord—The Call of the Fishermen, A Sabbath at Capernaum, The Sermon on the Mount, and the story of the Leper. In the Afternoon Sunday Schools the Junior Classes will learn for Repetition Hymn 169 and parts of Ephes. vi.; the Senior Classes are learning the Te Deum, that grand old Christian Song of Praise. The study portions are chosen from St. John's Gospel, illustrating the Power, love, and Peace of the Risen Presence of the Lord. Notes on the Lessons are published each week in "The Irish Churchman," which may be ordered from Mr. Waugh, bookseller, at the price of one penny weekly. Every teacher should have a copy of it.

### Parish Register for April. Baptisms.

The following were Baptized in Seagoe Parish Church on 2nd April, 1927:—

**Vennard**—Doreen, daughter of Edward and Jane Vennard, of Edenderry.

*Sponsors*—Rebecca Woods, Jane Vennard.

**Watson**—James, son of James Albert and Elizabeth Watson, of Edenderry.

*Sponsors*—Anne Best, Elizabeth Watson.

**Ruddell**—Thomas Clarke, son of Thomas Clarke and Ada Ruddell, of Killicomaine.

*Sponsors*—Thomas Clarke Ruddell, Matilda Ruddell.

### Marriages

**Crowe and Malcomson**—18th April, William Crowe, of Portadown, to May Malcomson, of Edenderry.

**Gracey and England**—18th April, Henry John Gracey, Principal of Bleary P.E.S., Knocknamuckley, to Ellen Jane England, of Ballymacrandle.

**Lutton and Wilson**—21st April, Robert Lutton, of Ballylum, Parish of St. Mark's, Portadown, to Emma Ledger Wilson, of Knockmena.

### Burial.

**Cooke**—15th April, Henry Cooke, of Edenderry; aged 65 years.

### Good Wishes.

Two members of our Choir were married last month, Miss J. England (now Mrs. Gracey), and Miss E. Wilson (now Mrs. Lutton). We wish them both much blessing and happiness in their future life. Mr. H. J. Gracey, now Principal of Bleary School, has often given us useful help, especially in preparing the choir at our Harvest Services in Hacknahay, and Mrs. Gracey, besides helping in the choir, was a valued teacher in Seagoe Morning Sunday School. Twice lately two marriages have taken place in Seagoe Church on the same day. It is a somewhat rare occurrence but has already occurred twice this year, on Feb. 16th and on April 18th.

### ITEMS.

There have been many cases of serious illness recently in the Parish.

Church Lane\* and Bridge\* St.\* are being re-laid. Both thoroughfares were for a long time much in need of repair. The children who attend Seagoe Day School will find Church Lane much cleaner and drier.

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The weekly envelopes are now widely adopted in many parishes. They encourage the Scriptural method of giving by weekly gifts on the First Day of the week. It was said of Cornelius "Thy Prayers and thine Alms are come up for a memorial before God."

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Children from Seagoe Day School competed in several sections of the Portadown Musical Festival and obtained high marks.

### Wednesday Evening Services.

It is a help to us in our spiritual life to be present at a service at least on one day in the middle of each week in the Parish Church. To supply this help a service is held each Wednesday evening in Seagoe Church at 8 o'clock. Those who attend it know what a help it is thus to come apart each week for a quiet hour to pray and meditate. When you hear the Church bell tolling out next Wednesday evening you will know that it is for you a call to worship, and you will come into His Courts and worship with His people. "A day in Thy Courts is better than a thousand."

### The Saurin Centenary (Continued)

The death of Dr. James Saurin, the Bishop of Dro-more, father of Archdeacon Saurin, occurred on April 9th, 1842. He had been a regular visitor at Seagoe Rectory, and the room which he occupied when staying there with his son is still known as "the Bishop's Room." It is the room over the back drawing-room. The Bishop's death must have made a blank in the Archdeacon's life as they seem to have been very closely attached to each other. In our March issue we had reached the eventful Famine year—1847, and had mentioned the arrival in the Parish, in March, 1847, of the new Curate, the Rev.



Capel Wolseley. Shortly after his appointment to the Curacy, Mr. Wolseley married, and a pretty story is told how when he returned from his honeymoon, bringing his bride with him to Seagoe, the Archdeacon dressed himself up in the coachman's livery and drove his brougham to the station to meet the newly wedded pair, who did not recognise the driver until he had driven them to their residence, Seagoe Cottage. In July, 1854, an important event occurred in the history of the Parish, for the Archdeacon, with Mrs. Saurin and his two daughters, left the Parish for a lengthened stay abroad. The Archdeacon had then been 28 years in the Parish, and his younger daughter, Miss Christine, was in delicate health. Malaga, in Southern Spain, was the place where they decided to spend their lengthened holiday, and there they remained for  $4\frac{1}{2}$  years, not returning to the Parish until February, 1859. The Rev. J. Annesley Beers came to Seagoe as Minister of the Parish in September, 1854, and remained here until July, 1858. His last signature in the Burial Registers was made on July 11th, 1858, and it is carefully

printed as though he felt it was his last entry. It is possible that he and Mrs. Beers resided at the Rectory. The Rev. Capel Wolseley continued to hold the Curacy until March, 1859. He had been twelve years Curate of Seagoe. Archdeacon Saurin, in returning from Spain, sailed by boat from Bordeaux. An amusing story is recorded of the voyage. Mrs. Saurin had two pet lap-dogs with her, and when the ship arrived in England the Captain handed the Archdeacon a bill for £5 for the carriage and upkeep of the lap-dogs during the voyage. The Archdeacon considered the amount extortionate. It so occurred that a Sunday occurred during the voyage, and the Captain had asked the Archdeacon to conduct service on board and to preach morning and evening. This the Archdeacon had done quite willingly to oblige the Captain. When the bill for the lap-dogs was presented to the Archdeacon he very quickly made out a bill for £10 "Chaplain's fees and expenses." Needless to say the little lap-dogs were allowed to jump ashore with their mistress without further question.

## SERVICES.

### THE PARISH CHURCH.

**HOLY COMMUNION**—1st Sunday after Morning Prayer; 3rd Sunday at 8 a.m., and on the Chief Festivals.

**HOLY BAPTISM**—1st Saturday of Month at 3 p.m., and during any Service in the Parish Church, if notice be given; Two Sponsors at least are required, and they must be Confirmed members of the Church. Churchings are held at each Baptism. Mothers are expected to bring a thank-offering. (See Book of Common Prayer.)

**MORNING PRAYER**—Sundays and Chief Festivals 11.30 a.m.

**EVENING PRAYER**—Sundays 7 p.m., Wednesdays 8 p.m.

### DISTRICT SERVICES.

**Hacknahay**—Last Sunday of Month at 3.30 p.m.

**Drumgor**—Second Sunday of Month at 4 p.m.

## CLASSES, &c.

**ADULT CLASSES**—Sundays at 10 a.m.

For Men—Edenderry. For Women—Seagoe School.

**SUNDAY SCHOOLS**—10 a.m. Edenderry Parochial Hall and Seagoe School. 3 p.m. Seagoe, Edenderry Parochial Hall, Levaghery, Hacknahay, Carne, Drumgor.

Men's Recreation Room, Bridge St., open every night from 7 p.m.

Seagoe C.L. Brigade in Edenderry Parochial Hall, on Tuesdays at 8 p.m.

Mothers' Union, Edenderry 1st Tuesday, at 4 p.m.

**DAY SCHOOL**—Seagoe, 9.30 a.m. Principal—Mr. S. Rennix.

**MARRIAGES** must be performed between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Licenses are issued by Rev Canon Hannon, Rectory, Lurgan. Due notice (48 hours) must be given to the Rector of intended weddings. **FEES**—By License—Labourers 5/., Tradesmen 10/., Merchants and Farmers 15/., Professional £1. By Banns 5/-. **FUNERALS** will be attended by the Clergy if proper notice be given. **SICK CASES** should be notified to the Clergy without delay. **FEES FOR CERTIFICATES** BAPTISM, 3/7; Children (Factory), 1/- and 2/- (non-residents); **MARRIAGE**, 3/7. An extra search fee is chargeable in certain cases. It will be a help to the Clergy if they are notified of the arrival of new Church families in the Parish.

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