

# Seagoe Parish Magazine.

MAY, 1933.

## THE EASTER VESTRY.

The following appointments were made at the Easter Vestry which was held in Seagoe School on Thursday, April 20th, at 8 p.m.:—

### PAROCHIAL NOMINATORS:

JAMES TWINEM, THOMAS E. MAGINNIS, JOHN GEORGE GRACEY, J.P.

### SUPPLEMENTAL PAROCHIAL NOMINATORS :

THOMAS MARTIN, ROBERT M'CLEMENTS, GILBERT PRICE.

### DIOCESAN SYNODSMEN :

JAMES TWINEM, THOMAS MARTIN, JOHN G. GRACEY, J.P. ROBT. M'CLEMENTS.

### CHURCHWARDENS :

Mr. JAMES TWINEM (Rector's),

Mr. WM. WHITE (People's).

### SELECT VESTRY :

GILBERT PRICE,  
HUGH STOOPS,  
R. M'CLEMENTS,  
MOSES GILPIN,  
MISS I. ATKINSON,  
VICTOR MATCHETT,

JOHN H. TWINEM,  
T. MARTIN,  
J. G. GRACEY, J.P.,  
THOMAS E. MAGINNIS.  
ISAAC DICKSON,  
ERNEST L. MITCHELL.

### SIDESMEN :

R. M'CLEMENTS,  
J. R. REID,  
J. G. GRACEY, J.P.,  
A. ALLEN,  
H. STOOPS,  
W. H. CASEY,  
J. WILSON,  
J. WALKER,  
N. CAMPBELL,  
E. MITCHELL,  
T. GRACEY.

THOMAS MARTIN,  
V. MATCHETT,  
J. ALLEN,  
J. H. TWINEM,  
I. DICKSON,  
R. SCOTT,  
J. REID,  
W. J. M'KINNEY,  
A. KIRK,  
C. S. A. TWINEM,

### HON. SECRETARY :

Mr. M. GILPIN.

### HON. TREASURER :

Mr. H. STOOPS.

### AUDITORS :

J. R. REID, E. MITCHELL.

### W.F.O. COMMITTEE :

HUGH STOOPS,

GEORGE WILSON,

THOS. HALL.

### Easter in Seagoe.

The Services in the Parish Church on Easter Day were very bright and happy. The decorations were very pretty. The fact that Easter came late this year made it possible to have a beautiful selection of flowers. The graceful palm trees against the carved woodwork looked very pretty. Among the decorations were sprays from the old quince trees in the Rectory garden which were brought from Spain by Mrs. Saurin in the year

1858. The special music was sung by a large choir. The anthem "This is the Day which the Lord hath made" was sung with great expression. Mrs. Casey presided at the organ both morning and evening. There was a large gathering of Communicants, especially at the early celebration. The offerings were on behalf of the Parochial Sunday School Fund. The Rector preached at Morning Prayer, and the Rev. W. F. Hayes in the evening.

**CLERGY :**

Rev. Chancellor Archer, B.D., The Rectory,  
Seagoe.

Rev. W. F. Hayes, B.A., Edendale, Carrick-  
Blacker Road, Edenderry, Portadown.

**CHURCHWARDENS :**

Rector's—Mr. James Twinem.

People's—Mr. Wm. White.

**Easter Vestry Notes.**

Although a list of the members of the General Vestry was placed in the Church porch for two Sundays before the Easter Vestry the attendance of members was disappointing. This was the year for the Triennial appointments of Parochial Nominators and Diocesan Synodsmen, and so the elections were more important than in other years. The former Parochial Nominators were re-elected. The name of Mr. Gilbert Price, of Ballinacor, occurs for the first time in the list of Supplemental Nominators. The Rector nominated Mr. James Twinem, of Lylo, as his Churchwarden, and in doing so spoke of the splendid work that Mr. Twinem had done in the Parish. He made special reference to the new Hall at Bocombra, which was being erected solely by Mr. Twinem's exertion and which promised to be one of the finest halls in the Parish. He also referred to the fact that Mr. Twinem was one of the Diocesan representatives to the General Synod in Dublin. Mr. William White, of Bocombra, was unanimously elected as People's Churchwarden. Mr. White is a member of a family long and honourably connected with Seagoe Parish and has himself acted as a collector of the Sustentation Fund for some years. He represents the youth of the Parish, and we are glad to notice the names of several of our younger parishioners in the list of office-bearers for this year. Two names appear for the first time in the list of members of the Select Vestry—Mr. Victor Matchett, of Ballyhannon, and Mr. Ernest Mitchell, of Upper Seagoe. Mr. Mitchell is a Lieutenant in our Seagoe C.L.B.. We welcome to our list of Sidesmen Mr. C. S. A. Twinem, of Lylo, and Mr. Tom Gracey, of Balteagh. The Hon. Secretary, Mr. M. Gilpin, and the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Hugh Stoops, were re-elected, and the Rector expressed his special thanks to them for the careful way in which they had carried out their Vestry duties. Mr. J. R. Reid and Mr. E. Mitchell were appointed Auditors. A new committee was formed, called the W.F.O. Committee, consisting of Messrs. H. Stoops, George Wilson and Tom Hall. The two latter have kindly consented to help the Hon. Treasurer in the work connected with the Weekly Free-will Offering scheme. The entering of the amount of the contents of each envelope in a large ledger is a difficult and exacting work. The formation

of this committee will help to lessen its difficulty. The Rector, at the beginning of the Vestry meeting, gave a short account of the state of the work in the Parish and thanked the Rev. W. F. Hayes and other helpers for the good work they had done.

**Bocombra New Hall.**

It is hoped to have the opening of the New Hall on June 29th, at 3.30 p.m. The Hall has now been roofed and floored. The splendid plate-glass windows which formerly formed part of the Ulster Bank building in Portadown give a wonderful freshness and brightness to the Hall. A useful feature of the Hall will be the room at the North end with its large fireplace, where tea can be made at social evenings. We hope in next month's issue to publish a further list of subscriptions received by Mr. Twinem towards the Hall. Further particulars as to the ceremony for the opening of the Hall will be given in our next issue.

**The Excursion.**

A meeting of Superintendents and Teachers of our Sunday Schools was held in Seagoe School on Monday evening, April 24th, at 8 p.m. It was decided to hold the Excursion on Thursday June 22nd, to Warrenpoint. Tickets and posters will be ready next week. Seagoe people love the "Point." The beautiful landscape of mountain and sea is certainly unsurpassed in Northern Ireland.

**Death of Mrs. Sally Neill.**

We record with deep regret the death of Easter Monday, April 17th, of Mrs. Sally Neill at the great age of 96 years and six months. Mrs. Neill was the widow of the late Mr. Henry Neill of Knock, but had resided for many years past near Moyallon. She remained in full possession of her faculties almost to the last. Her marvellous memory and her bright and intelligent manner were conspicuous to within two days of her death. Her faith in God was triumphant to the end. She was prepared to part with all her earthly joys whenever the call would come. She had lived by herself for many years and kept her home in perfect order. Each day she read her Bible and helpful religious books. She was always greatly interested in Seagoe Magazine. On her table in the kitchen she had her Missionary box and had just handed in her collection for the year before her last illness. We sympathise very sincerely with her relatives. Her remains were laid to rest in Old Seagoe Graveyard on Wednesday, April 19th. There is no uncertainty as to Mrs. Neill's age. The entry of her baptism on April 9th, 1837, is in the Baptismal Registers of Seagoe. According to her own statement she was born on October 22nd, 1836. King William IV. was on the Throne at the date of her birth.

**Easter Eggs.**

The Candidates of the Seagoe Branch of the P.S. made an Easter egg collection throughout the Parish during the week before Easter. Every two members visited one or more of the different townlands. A very hearty response was given to their appeal, and ninety-six dozen were distributed. Fifty-six dozen were equally divided amongst twenty-eight deserving people of the Parish. Six of the Candidates, accompanied by Mrs. Scott, delivered forty dozen to the Matron of the Lurgan Hospital as an Easter gift to the patients—nineteen dozen to the Female Ward and the same number to the Male Ward, and two dozen to the Fever Ward. The Matron was delighted to receive this gift and sincerely thanked the Candidates. Mrs. Scott and Candidates wish to thank through the Magazine all those who very kindly contributed to their appeal. The following letter thanking Mrs. Scott and the Seagoe Candidates has been received from the Lurgan Board of Guardians:—

Lurgan, Union, Lurgan,

24th April, 1933.

Dear Madam,—I am directed by the Lurgan Board of Guardians to convey to you their sincere thanks for sending a gift of eggs for the use of the patients in the Institution.—Yours faithfully,

James Calvert, Clerk of Union.

The Secretary, Girls' Friendly Society,  
Seagoe, Portadown.

**South American Missionary Society**

Mother's Union for support of Indian baby,  
Drumgor, Hacknahay, Levaghery, and Seagoe  
Sunday Schools for support of Indian girl,  
Boxes—Miss Calvert, 16s 3d; Miss Agnes  
5s; Mrs. Lewie, 5s; Mrs. M'Dougall, 1s 9d;  
Miss S. Montgomery, 9s 3d; Miss D. Mont-  
gomery, 1s 10½d; Miss Price, 2s 8d; Miss Reid,  
Mrs. J. Walker, 2s 0½d; Card—Miss Atkin-  
son, £5 13s 6d. Total—£14 7s 4d.

**C.M.S. Box Collection.**

Edenderry—Mrs. Metcalf, 4s 2d; Mrs. Stoops,  
6d; Mrs. Dawson (Edward St.) 11s 0½d; Mrs.  
Mannigan, 2s 2½d; Miss Atkinson, 2s 6d; Miss G.  
Atkinson, 10s; Mrs. E. Collins, Kernan, 2s  
Hacknahay—Mrs. Bradshaw, 11s; Miss M.  
England, 4s 3d; Miss S. Maginnis, 6s 6d; the  
Mrs. Henry Neill, 8s 10d; Miss D. Mont-  
gomery, 2s 6½d; Miss Jane Currie, 2s 10½d; Miss  
Magee, 1s 6½d; Miss M. M'Cormick, 3s 5d;  
Miss S. Jennett, 10s 11½d; Miss M. M'Kane,  
6d; Mrs. N. England, 8s 6½d; Mrs. G.  
Neill, 2s 6d; Norman Cregan, 3s 3½d; Mr.  
J. Calvert, 3s; Miss Calvert, £1 17s 7d.  
Total—£7 6s 3d.

The late Miss Rodgers, received after accounts  
closed, 2s.

**Parish Register for April.****Baptisms.**

The following were Baptized in the Parish Church on April 1st, 1933:—

**Hynes**—Margaret Anne, daughter of William James and Amelia Hynes, of Mahon, Portadown.

*Sponsors*—Elizabeth Hynes, Amelia Hynes.

**Vennard**—James Ronald, son of James and Mary Vennard, of Edenderry.

*Sponsors*—Elizabeth Vennard, Mary Vennard.

**Roberts**—Thomas Ronald, son of John and Mary Roberts, of Edenderry.

*Sponsors*—Rachel Dickie, Mary Roberts.

**Marriages.**

**Gregson and Cordner**—April 17th., Alexander Gregson, of Drumgor, to Mabel Cordner, of Portadown.

**Adair and Freeburn**—April 18th, Alexander Adair, of Edenderry, to Ruby Freeburn, of Edenderry.

**Burials.**

**Ennis**—April 6th, James Ennis, of Killicomaine, aged 72. Interred at New Mills, Co. Tyrone.

**Neill**—April 19th, Sarah Neill, of Moyallon, Parish of Gilford, aged 96 years and six months.

**Robinson**—April 23rd, George Robinson, of Edenderry, aged 48.

**Major**—April 25th, Thomas Major, of Edenderry, aged 68.

**Seagoe Mothers' Union.**

The next meeting will be held (D.V.) on Tuesday, May 9th, in Seagoe School, at 7.30 p.m. The members of the Mothers' Union of the Parish of Milltown will be the guests of the Seagoe Mothers. Last summer the Milltown branch most kindly entertained the Seagoe Mothers. The Rev. J. F. Magill, Rector of Milltown, and Mrs. Magill hope to be with us.

**R. HAZELTON**

Dealer in Wireless Apparatus,

Woodouse Street,

PORTADOWN.

**Our Summer Migrants.**

This year the summer migrants have delayed their arrival, no doubt, owing to the cold and frosty mornings. The first corncrake was heard at Seagoe on April 15th, but the swallow and the cuckoo have not yet appeared in the Parish.

**Alan Bell Fund.**

During the week before Easter gifts from this Fund were distributed through the Parish. Thirteen gifts of £1 each were made, twenty-three of 10/- each, and two of 5/-, making in all a total of 38 gifts. Much gratitude was expressed for the gifts. We do not forget the generosity and kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Bell while they were with us. Those who have received these Easter gifts are reminded by them of the loyalty, courage, and devotion of Mr. and Mrs. Bell.

**Carne Church Hall.**

The re-opening of Carne Church Hall on Thursday, April 6th, at 3.30 p.m., was a most enjoyable occasion. The beautiful weather made everything look its best, and the pretty surroundings of the Hall were seen to perfection. A large number were present, and the Hall was transformed by the tables with their decoration of cakes and flowers. The Rector presided and after prayer and the singing of a hymn he called on Mrs. Callender Bullock to declare the Hall re-opened. In a brief speech, Mrs. Bullock expressed her pleasure at being present and congratulated the men of the district on the good work they had done at the Hall. The Rev. W. F. Hayes also spoke and said that the Hall was a link binding Carne to the Parish Church. The Ladies' Committee had prepared a splendid tea, which was enjoyed by all present. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Bullock for their kindness in being present was proposed by Mr. Moses Gilpin and seconded by Mr. David Murray, and passed by acclamation. On a plate outside the door the sum of £3 17s 9d was contributed; cakes sold, 7s 6d; two further subscriptions, 7s 6d, making a total of £4 12s 9d. The expenses amounted to £1 3s 0d, leaving a nett balance of £3 9s 9d. During the afternoon little Esther Hewitt and Evelyn Brennan sang delightful songs, and Mr. W. D. Morrow most kindly sang two songs in splendid style. Little Annie Lyness gracefully presented a bouquet of tulips to Mrs. Bullock when she had declared the Hall open.

**Sympathy.**

During the month the Angel of Death has been busy in our midst and has taken from us a heavy toll. James Ennis had been in weak health for some time. He bore his illness with great patience and a bright Faith sustained him to the end. George Robinson succumbed to

heart trouble and suffered sorely for many weeks. His quiet endurance of pain and weakness was wonderful. Thomas Major has passed to his Eternal Rest after a long illness. He was a brave soldier and fought through the Boer War and the Great War. During his illness he displayed a patient Faith and a Hope full of immortality. We offer our sincere sympathy to those who have been bereaved. At this Easter season they will draw comfort from Him who is the Resurrection and the Life.

**ITEM.**

By an error in our last issue we omitted the name of William David Rock, who so splendidly acted the clown at the recent C.L.B. Gymnastic Display.

**Our Advertisements.**

Several new advertisements appear in our columns this month. We ask our readers to read through the advertisements. We do not overcrowd the Magazine with advertisements but those whose names appear in our list are firms of long standing and first-rate credit. Please extend your custom to those who help our Magazine.

**Old Seagoe Note.**

**A Fine Record in Church Attendance at Seagoe.**—The late Mrs. Jane Mills, formerly Webb, of Clanrole, was a very regular attendant at Seagoe Parish Church. She was very proud of the fact that she had only missed one Sunday service during nine years. She experienced the meaning of the Psalmist's words, "A day in Thy Courts is better than a thousand."

**Concert in Scenderry.**

A very enjoyable concert was given in the Parochial Hall on Thursday, April 28th. The Rector presided. Every item was encored. Messrs. Barr and Harvey, from Tandragee brought down the house with their "Croquet talks." Mr. Lewis Bell's miniature Boys' Orchestra played in splendid time and tune. Miss L. Geddis recited with her usual refinement and effect. The Rev. R. Gracey, of St. Donard's, Belfast, most kindly brought Mr. and Mrs. Kenmuir and Mr. M'Dowell. Mrs. Kenmuir's recitations delighted the audience, and Mr. M'Dowell's two songs were finely sung. Mr. Sidney Robinson and Miss Barr kindly played the accompaniments to the songs. A sketch entitled "Spring Cleaning" was very well done, and a sketch "April Fool" was performed with great success by the two Messrs. Smiths and Mr. Dunn. A four-hand reel was greatly appreciated. Miss Abraham and Mr. Walker played a duet, and Miss L. Dermott sang with great taste. The Rev. R. Gracey sang a few words, after which a verse of "God Save the King" was sung.