

The Archbishop-Elect of Dublin.

The Diocese will sustain a great loss in the removal of the Right Rev. Dr. D'Arcy, the Bishop of this United Diocese to Dublin on his election to the Archbishopric of Dublin. While we offer our respectful congratulations to the Bishop on his appointment to one of the highest offices in the Church, yet his place will be very hard to fill. Bishop D'Arcy gave the clergy and laity of the Diocese a splendid lead during the eventful years preceding and during the war. His high Christian character, his great intellectual attainments, and his thorough loyalty to Church and Empire made him a notable figure in our midst, and caused him to be admired and loved not only by the members of the Church of Ireland, but also by many of other denominations. He was well-known to many in Seagoe. He held three Confirmations in the Parish in 1907 (for Bishop Welland) when he was Bishop of Clogher, and again in 1916, and in the present year on Sunday evening, July 6th. The Confirmation at Seagoe was the last but one of the Confirmations he held in this Diocese. Bishop D'Arcy was an enthusiastic Unionist, and during the Ulster Volunteer movement associated himself with it in every possible way. He was also a strenuous advocate for Christian Re-union, and wrote and spoke frequently on its behalf. He was also an ardent Temperance Worker and Prohibitionist, and by his influence strengthened the hands of Temperance Workers everywhere. He achieved a popularity in Belfast to which very few Bishops have attained. The prayers and good wishes of the Parishioners of Seagoe (especially of those so recently Confirmed) will follow the good Bishop to his new and exalted sphere of work.

Presentation.

On the occasion of the Presentation of an Arm-chair to Mr. W. R. Atkinson it was thought by some of the ladies of the Parish that a Present should also be given to Mrs. W. R. Atkinson, who has for so many years taken a deep interest in all that concerns the welfare of the Parish. Mrs. Blacker was deputed to choose a suitable present, with the result that a few days ago Mrs. Atkinson received the gift of a handsome silk umbrella with suitable inscription on the gold-mounted handle.

Acknowledgment.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Atkinson thank their kind Seagoe friends most gratefully for their beautiful gifts—which came as a great surprise, and an assurance—if such were needed—of the kindly goodwill and friendship of the donors.

A Seagoe Wedding.

On Tuesday, August 12th, the marriage of Mr. Calvert, of Rosslyn, Sandycove, Co. Dublin, to Miss

Amy Walker, of Seagoe, took place in the Parish Church. The church was prettily decorated for the occasion, and there was a very large gathering of the friends and well-wishers of the bride and bridegroom. The choir attended and sang the wedding hymns. Two little pages attended the bride. The Rev. R. H. White, M.A., Rector of Holy Trinity Church, Belfast, officiated, and was assisted by the Rev. H. G. de L. Singleton, M.A., Curate of Seagoe. Mrs. Calvert will be much missed from the parish. She was a most kind and ready helper, and her services on the occasion of any special musical festival in the parish church were most willingly rendered. We wish the Bride and Bridegroom a long and happy life.

The Rev. W. R. Crichton.

The many friends of our former Curate the Rev. W. R. Crichton, will be interested to hear of his approaching marriage, which takes place this week in India. Mr. Crichton is at present acting as Chaplain at St. Thomas's Mount, Madras. Miss Berg, whom he is about to marry, has been engaged in Church Work in India for some years. Our readers will join with us in wishing the happy couple long life and much blessing and happiness.

Covenant Day, Sept. 28, 1919.

On Sunday, September 28th, being the anniversary of the signing of the Ulster Covenant, special services of commemoration will be held in Seagoe Parish Church, morning and evening. All those in the parish who signed the Covenant are asked to attend.

Protestant Orphan Society.

The following sums have been contributed to the Co. Armagh Protestant Orphan Society by the Parish of Seagoe since the beginning of the current year. We are glad to notice an increase in the amount contributed towards this most deserving Society.

Lt.-Col. Blacker, D.S.O., Special Sub. ...	1	0	0
Mr. William Greeves, Ardeevin ...	1	0	0
Baptismal Offerings ...	0	15	0
Mrs. S. Joyce ...	0	5	0
Collections (July 27th) in Parish Church	7	1	3
Collections (June 29th) B.O.A.F.G. Service	2	0	0
Collecting Cards, Per Miss Agnes Guy—			
Miss Dickson, Tamnifiglasson ...	1	0	0
Miss M. Allen, Edenderry ...	1	5	10
Miss S. Bradshaw, Breagh ...	0	12	10
Mrs. Twinem, Lylo ...	0	15	3
Miss S. McDowell, Killycomaine ...	0	3	9
Miss Montgomery, High Street, ...	0	4	0
Miss S. Cartmill, Edenderry ...	0	16	6
Miss E. Best, Ballyhannon ...	0	6	9
Miss MacMullen, Drumgor ...	0	4	6

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ITEMS.

Dr. Edgar Speyer, Prof. of Chemistry in Cambridge, writes to the Press saying that it has just been scientifically proved that the sting of a bee differs from the sting of a wasp, the former being produced by an acid, and the latter by an alkali. Ammonia is therefore, he adds, a remedy for the sting of a bee, but not for that of a wasp. He also adds this useful piece of information that for a wasp sting on the tongue an onion rubbed on the place is a complete remedy.

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Miss Emma Rachel Holmes, of Bocombra, has been appointed a Monitress in Seagoe School.

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Mr. David Murray's pony, which bears the starting name of "Melbourne Firecracker," has been winning many prizes. In driving competitions at various Ulster Shows Miss Adelaide Murray has carried off numerous honours. The splendid action of Mr Murray's pony has been much admired. We congratulate Mr and Miss Murray on their successes.

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The long spell of dry weather has at length broken, but there is still a great scarcity of water, and many wells are dry.

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We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of 10s. from Miss Calvert for Seagoe Day School Prize Fund.

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The 9th Batt R I.F. made a fine turn-out at the Peace Celebrations in Belfast. During the March-past they were headed by Lt.-Col. Blacker, D.S.O.

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Mrs. W. J. Allen, widow of the late Private W. J. Allen, who fell on the 1st July, 1916, has sailed with her three little children for the United States. She was granted a free passage by the Government in consideration of the fact that her husband returned from the United States in order that he might join up for the war. Mrs. Allen and her young family will be much missed. The children were most regular in attendance at Sunday and Day Schools, and were conspicuous for their neatness and good behaviour. They will in future be residing in Three Rivers, Mass., U.S.A.

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We congratulate Mr. Chambers of the Ulster Bank, who is financial adviser to many in Seagoe Parish, on the success attained by his son, Dr Walter Chambers, who has been appointed to the important post of Deputy-Commissioner of Lunacy in Scotland. Dr. Chambers served with the R.A.M.C during the war, and has recently published a most interesting record, entitled—"Mental Wards with the British Expeditionary Force," which contains some remarkable descriptions of the mental havoc wrought by the war on our heroic soldiers.

Mr. Arthur Allen, son of Mr. James Allen, of Joseph Street, and a valued teacher in Edenderry Sunday School, has been accepted for work in connection with the Church Army, and hopes to leave for Church Army Headquarters in Bryanstown St., London, next month. We are glad to think that Seagoe will now have a direct connection with the Church Army, which is doing a splendid work in many lands for Christ and the Church. We hope others in the Parish will follow Mr. Allen's good example.

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The Rector has received an interesting letter from Moses Matthews, of the Australian Contingent, and late of Edenderry, who fought throughout the war, and is now returning via the Cape to Australia. He says they got a splendid send-off when leaving England, and are having a very pleasant voyage. The letter was posted at Capetown.

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The Memorial in Seagoe Church to the memory of the late Major Atkinson has attracted considerable attention among war memorials. It is unique in design, and is likely to be re-produced in other churches

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The Diocesan Synod for the election of a new Bishop will be held in the Diocesan Buildings, Clarence Place, Belfast, on Thursday, October 9th, at 12 noon.

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We hear of new building schemes for Portadown which will include Edenderry. Houses are badly needed.

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The Rector preached in Bangor Parish Church on Sunday, August 31st, at Morning and Evening Prayer.

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We record in our obituary columns the deaths of some who will be much missed among us—Mrs. Adair, of Edenderry, much loved and lamented—W. J. Wilson, a frequent worshipper in Seagoe Church, taken away very suddenly in early youth—James Carville, known to many as a faithful guardian of Drumnagoon Railway Crossing—Henry Dickson, a well-known and much-respected parishioner, and Mary Currie, very young in years, but called on to suffer much before death gave her release. With the many mourners we sincerely sympathise.

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Mr. James McDowell, of Killicmaine, is at present on a visit here from U.S.A. We give him a hearty welcome back to his native parish. Mr. McDowell has never forgotten Seagoe, and when giving a name to his house in the States called it "Seagoe Villa." Mr. McDowell's many kindly and generous gifts to various war funds in Seagoe and Portadown are a testimony to his public spirit and patriotism. We hope he will have a pleasant holiday.

Seagoe Day School.

The following Prizes will be awarded in Seagoe Day School at Christmas—

No child who fails to make 80 per cent. of attendances will be eligible for any prize unless under exceptional circumstances, such as sickness.

1—Needlework (Girls)—A prize for the girl in each class who makes the best garment, or needlework specimen. Six Prizes.

2—Rural Science—A prize for the boy in each class who keeps the neatest and best written notebook. Three Prizes.

3—A prize for the best writer in each class. Six Prizes.

4—A prize for the best Home Exercise Book in each of the classes. Six Prizes.

5—A prize for the best written and neatest Composition Exercise Book. Four Prizes.

6—A prize for Oral Composition in each class—Reading, Recitation, Spelling and Explanation. Six Prizes.

7—A prize for the highest marks obtained for a test set in Arithmetic. Six Prizes.

8—A prize for the best Drawing Book in each class. Six Prizes.

9—A prize for each room, to be awarded to the pupil whose conduct is considered best.

PARISH REGISTER for AUGUST, 1919.**Baptisms.**

The following were Baptized in Seagoe Parish Church on August 2nd, 1919—

Forde—Doreen, daughter of William and Mary Forde, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Elizabeth Forde, Mary Forde.

Donaldson—William Robert Telford, son of David and Margaret Agnes Donaldson, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—David Donaldson, Margaret Agnes Donaldson

Marriages.

Calvert and Walker—August 12th, 1919, John Matthew Calvert, of Sandycove, Co Dublin, to Emma Elizabeth Walker, of Seagoe.

Ross and Forsythe—August 13th, 1919, William Moore Ross, of Portadown, to Sarah Forsythe, of Upper Seagoe.

Burials.

Adair—5th August, 1919, Letitia Adair, of Edenderry, aged 49.

M'Cann—6th August, 1919, Thomas Robert M'Cann, of Balteagh, aged 45.

Wilson—14th August, 1919, William John Wilson, of Portadown, aged 24

Carville—26th August, 1919, James Carville, late of Drumnagoon, aged 75.

Currie—4th September, 1919, Mary Currie, of Ballymacrandle, aged 11.

C.Q.M.S. Johnston Robinson, R.I.F.

We congratulate very heartily C.Q.M.S. J. Robinson, of Tamnifiglasson, on his being awarded the D.C.M., which ranks next in honour to the V.C. Sergeant Robinson was presented with it at the Peace Parade recently in Lurgan.

The following is the note describing the deed for which he received this fine distinction—

14642 C.Q.M.S. J. Robinson, Royal Irish Fusiliers (Portadown),

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when acting as company sergeant-major in an attack on a village. He took command when his officers were wounded, and displayed initiative and boldness in leading the advance and in clearing the enemy from houses and cellars when the village was reached. He rendered valuable assistance in repelling an enemy counter-attack.

Harvest Thanksgiving Services. Preliminary Notice.

The Annual Services of Harvest Thanksgiving will be held (D.V.) in Seagoe Parish Church on Thursday, October 8th, at 8 p.m., and on Sunday, October 12th, at 11-30 and 7. The preacher on Thursday will be the Rev. R. H. White, M.A., Rector of Holy Trinity Church, Belfast; and on Sunday the Rev. J. E. Browne, M.A., Rector of St Mary's Church, Crumlin Road, Belfast, will preach at both services.

On Sunday, September 28th, a Service of Harvest Thanksgiving will be held in Hacknahay School, at 3-30 p.m., and on the following Monday Evening at 8 o'clock. The offerings on Sunday will be in aid of Hacknahay Sunday Schools, and on Monday for Foreign Missions.

A Missionary Library.

The Rector has obtained a small Library of books of great interest treating of modern Missionary problems. They have been selected by the Rev. J. A. Murray, of the Chota Nagpur (Dublin University) Mission in North-west India, who has spent 30 years in Mission work, and is a leading authority on everything connected with Foreign Missions. It is hoped shortly to have the Library in working order, so that Parishioners can have the use of the books. There is no more fascinating study for the Christian student than the Romance of Modern Missions.

OLD SEAGOE NOTES.

Churchwardens of Seagoe 1900—1919.—The following is a list of the Churchwardens of Seagoe since the beginning of this century. We hope shortly to complete the list which has in former issues been brought up to the year 1835.

1901—W. R. Atkinson
Joseph Monro

1902—Above re-appointed

- 1903—T. J. Montgomery
Thos. Martin
- 1904—Above re-appointed
- 1905—John Montgomery
Joseph Murray
- 1906—Atkinson Costello
T. E. Maginnis
- 1907—Major Blacker
Geo. Calvert
- 1908—J. H. Stevenson
Thos. Martin
- 1909—Jas. Albin
J. G. Gracey
- 1910—Charles Collins
Thomas Reid
- 1911—Andrew Costello
Robert Gracey
- 1912—Thomas Joyce Atkinson
William R. Bickett
- 1913—James Twinem
William Best
- 1914—Wolsey R. Atkinson
Stewart W. Blacker
- 1915—George Calvert
Thomas Dawson
- 1916—Robert Price
James Sands
- 1917—David W. Murray
Alan Bell, R.M.
- 1918—J. H. Stevenson
John George Gracey
- 1919—John Montgomery
Thomas E. Maginnis

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The Pound in Edenderry 80 Years Ago.—In former days there was a Pound in every town or village, and Portadown was no exception. The Pound was situated at the corner of Bright Street, where it joins Carrickblacker Road. It is still an open space, unbuilt on, and was until recently blocked up with logs of wood. Eighty years ago this Pound was a most important place, for to it were brought all animals taken straying on the highway, or trespassing and doing damage on private land, but more important still, it was the place to which were brought animals or goods distrained for rent. No doubt many a Portadown householder, who had gone behind in his rent, saw in ancient days, his tables and chairs being carted down to Bright Street corner, where they were disposed of to the highest bidder, and many a farmer from the fat lands of Seagoe saw his prime heifers driven down to the same place and sold in open market. Our forefathers whenever they passed that corner of Bright Street, now so harmless and derelict, did so with mingled feelings. An Act passed in the 19th year of George II's reign permitting Distress for Rent to be secured on the premises where it is taken, caused the old Pounds to fall into disuse, and they are now almost a thing of the past.

Publichouses in Portadown 80 Years Ago.—Mr Thomas Dawson, Corcraigne, who is a strenuous advocate of Temperance can recall the days when almost every second house in Portadown was a Licensed House. At that time the population of the town was less than a third of its present numbers, and yet there were no less than 72 Publichouses. Apparently the people suffered more from thirst than from hunger, for, strange to relate, there was not at that time a single Butcher's shop in the town. We fear that with such a number of Public-houses law and order must have been difficult to maintain, but Mr Dawson states that the Constabulary staff in charge of the town numbered only four members.

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Paddy Gallagher's Blacksmith's Shop, 1839—A well-known establishment in Edenderry was Paddy Gallagher's Blacksmith's Forge. It was situated at the Turnpike Gate near where the First Presbyterian Church now stands. Paddy did a "roaring" trade in ever sense of the word, for his bellows roared by night and day as he shod the horses of the Enniskillen Coach or tightened up the loosening tyre of a wheel. His Smithy was well known to the many who passed through Edenderry, but Paddy's anvil has been long since silent and his name forgotten.

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The Beginning of Industrial Portadown.—The first industrial works to be started in Portadown was the Spinning Mill which is still a vigorous going concern. It was followed by the establishment of Messrs. Watson & Armstrong's Weaving Factory in Watson Street or Railway Street. Prior to the establishment of these firms a small Brewery and a Distillery were the only places which provided labour for the residents.

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A Bit of Old Portadown—Portadown is so essentially a modern town that it seems scarcely correct to speak of "old" Portadown, but there are a few remnants still surviving of the Portadown of our great-grandfathers. Possibly the oldest bit of Portadown to be seen is the window over the entrance to the Shambles in High Street. It originally formed part of the old Town Hall, and the flight of stone steps which led to the Hall is still in evidence. Another piece of old Portadown is a doorway, a few doors above the Ulster Bank. It was the hall door of the house where the famous Woodhouse family resided, and is in perfect preservation. Portions of Burleigh Court (described in our last issue) also still survive. We are indebted to Mr. Thomas Dawson for many of the above particulars. We regret that in last month's issue the name of the first schoolmaster in Edenderry and also the house where the school was first held, were incorrectly given.