

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

MAY, 1936

THE EASTER VESTRY.

At the Easter General Vestry held in Seagoe School on Thursday, April 16th, at 8 p.m., the following appointments were made:—

PAROCHIAL NOMINATORS:

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

SPPLEMENTAL PAROCHIAL NOMINATORS:

THOMAS MARTIN. ROBERT M'CLEMENTS. GILBERT PRICE.

DIOCESAN SYNODSMEN.

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

CHURCHWARDENS:

ROBERT SCOTT (Rector's), THOMAS E. MAGINNIS (People's).

SELECT VESTRY:

MISS ATKINSON,
HUGH STOOPS,
R. M'CLEMENTS,
MOSES GILPIN,
THOMAS MARTIN,
WM. HUTCHINSON.

JOHN G. GRACEY, J.P.
ISAAC DICKSON,
JAMES TWINEM,
WM. WHITE,
H. M. GIBSON,
GILBERT PRICE.

Hon. Sec.—MOSES GILPIN.

Hon. Treas.—ROBERT SCOTT.

AUDITORS:

J. R. REID,

H. MURRAY GIBSON.

SIDESMEN:

W. HUTCHINSON,
R. M'CLEMENTS,
J. R. REID,
J. G. GRACEY, J.P.,
A. ALLEN,
H. STOOPS,
W. H. CASEY,
J. WILSON,
R. STEPHENS,
J. WALKER,
N. CAMPBELL.

R. STANFIELD,
E. MITCHELL,
T. GRACEY,
T. MARTIN,
J. ALLEN,
J. H. TWINEM,
I. DICKSON,
J. REID,
W. J. M'KINNEY,
A. KIRK,
C. S. A. TWINEM.

W.F.O. COMMITTEE:

ROBERT SCOTT.

R. STANFIELD.

W. HUTCHINSON.

The Easter Vestry, though not largely attended, is always an interesting and important gathering. We regret that Mr. Tom Hall and Mr. George Wilson have, owing to pressure of other work, had to resign their places on the W.F.O. Committee. They did splendid work and gave up much time and attention to the opening and entering of the Weekly Envelopes.

Messrs. Stanfield and Hutchinson were appointed in their place and will, we are confident, prove a great success. A great loss sustained by the Vestry is the resignation of our trusted Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Hugh Stoops. We will still have the benefit of his advice as a member of the Select Vestry. He was an ideal Hon. Treasurer and had filled that arduous post for many

CLERGY :

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

Rev. W. F. Hayes, B.A., The Bungalow, Lower Seagoe, Portadown.

CHURCHWARDENS :

Rector's— Mr. ROBERT SCOTT.

People's—Mr. THOS. E. MAGINNIS.

years. Mr. Robert Scott was elected Hon. Treasurer, and will, we are sure, carry on the good work done by Mr. Stoops. At the General Vestry Mr. Stoops made his annual financial statement, which was satisfactory, although there is a sum due to the Bank. The Rector, in a brief address, referred to the work of the several Parish organisations and described the good work being done in the Men's Bible Class, the C.L.B. under Adjutant Mitchell, the Mother's Union and the various Sunday Schools in the Parish with their energetic band of Superintendents and Teachers. He thanked all who had so kindly sympathised with him in his recent illness. At the close of the Vestry a most hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. W. F. Hayes in appreciation of his splendid services rendered to the Parish during the Rector's illness. It was proposed by Mr. W. Hutchinson, seconded by Mr. James Twinem, and passed by acclamation.

Renovation of the Church.

The Parish Church is now in the hands of the painters, and it will not be possible to hold Service in it for several weeks. Sunday, May 3rd, is the last Sunday on which it can be used for Public Worship. **While the Church is closed the usual Sunday Services will be held in the Parochial Hall, Edenderry, at 11.30 and 7.** The Church Bell will be rung as usual, but the Services will be held in the Parochial Hall. Special arrangements as to celebrations of Holy Communion will be announced at the Sunday Services.

Easter Services.

The special Services held in the Parish Church during Holy Week and Easter were very helpful and devotional. On each evening except Saturday some incident relating to the Passion of our Lord was the subject of the address. On Good Friday a morning service was held at 11.30 and took the form of a Penitential Service. The Church was nicely decorated for Easter Day, and the Services were very bright. A large number communicated at the first Communion

at 8 a.m. and also at the later celebration. There was a large choir, and the musical portion of the Service was rendered with great heartiness. The solo in the Anthem was finely sung by Miss Clara Kirby. Mrs. Casey presided at the organ.

The C.L.B. Battalion Service

On Sunday afternoon, April 19th, at 3.30, the Down and Connor and Dromore Battalion attended Service in the Parish Church. The Belfast Companies came down by special train, and at the station were joined by other Companies from Armagh, Omagh and Maghera (Co. Derry). Four bands, including the Seagoe band, played the Companies up to the Church. The lads more than filled the Church. They were over 600 in number. The Rector received the Battalion and Cadet colours at the beginning of the Service. Mr. Wilson presided at the organ, and the Rev. T. H. Parkinson read the Lesson. The Service was taken by the Rector and the Rev. W. F. Hayes. The special preacher was the Rev. F. H. P. L'Estrange, Rector of St. John's, Malone, Belfast. The collection was for the Battalion Funds. The parade was under the command of the Battalion Commander, Colonel F. W. Fryer. At the close of the Service the Rector took the salute at the Memorial Gates. The Companies laid a wreath at the War Memorial in the town.

A Festival C.L.B. Service was held in the Cathedral, Belfast, on Tuesday, April 29th, at 8 p.m. The Seagoe Cadets, with band and the Training Corps, travelled up by bus. At the close of the Service the Companies marched past before the Lord Bishop. The Seagoe Band led the procession. Captain Mitchell and the Rev. W. F. Hayes accompanied the lads.

Easter Good Turn.

Seagoe G.F.S., for its Easter "Good Turn," decided to collect eggs for distribution to some of our more needy folk in the Parish, and during the week before Easter 21 dozen eggs were collected by the following members—Maud Cousins, Iris Downey, Helen Johnston, Peggy Brownlee and May Simpson. They were distributed to a number of poor families in the Parish by Mrs. Scott, who wishes to thank all those who so kindly contributed to the collection.

Our Summer Migrants

Our summer migrants have greatly delayed their arrival this year, no doubt owing to the cold spell early in April. A cornerake was seen on April 19th, but not heard until a later date. Six swallows were seen at Lylo about the same date. They were sheltering in an outhouse. Nelson Hall, of Lower Seagoe, writes, "I heard the Cuckoo on Sunday, the 26th of April, and the cornerake on the 27th April, in Seagoe."

The Alan Bell Fund.

During the week before Easter gifts in memory of the late Mr. Alan Bell were distributed through the Parish. The sum distributed amounted to £17 10s 0d, and the number of recipients was 32.

Bricks of Gold.

In connection with the brick-cards issued by the Seagoe Mothers' Union for the renovation of the Parish Church, a card has been returned by Miss S. Jennett, Breagh, with 49/6. The card is supposed to raise 12/-. She sold three bricks at 10/- each. Will this be a record, we wonder?

Sunday School Excursion.

At a meeting of the Superintendents and Teachers of our Sunday Schools held in the Parochial Hall on Wednesday, 29th April, it was decided to have the Excursion to Warrenpoint on Thursday, 18th June. Unfortunately, the G.N.R. Co. have raised their charges this year, but a large number of the Sunday School children have been contributing each Sunday towards the cost of their tickets. It was decided that the cost of the Excursion would be 2/- for each child, this including two Refreshments. The money already paid in by each child will, of course, go towards the cost of their ticket.

Parish Register for April**Baptism**

Kane—April 4th, 1936, Beatrice Doreen, daughter of David and Letitia Isabella Kane, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Matilda Kane, Letitia Isabella Kane.

Private Baptism

Hunter—April 14th, 1936, Rita Carol, daughter of William James Graham and Emma Hunter, of Edenderry.

Marriages

Crozier and M'Nally—April 13th, 1936, Richard Crozier, of Portadown, to Dinah M'Nally, of Edenderry.

Graham and Boyce—April 28th, 1936, William Albert Graham, of Artabracka, Portadown, to Kathleen Boyce, of Bocombra.

Taylor and Wilson—April 29th, 1936, Stephen Taylor, of Drumnacanvey, to Eliza Jane Wilson, of Hackmahay.

Burials.

Craig—April 26th, Sarah Jane Craig, of Drumgor, aged 70 years.

Quigley—April 26th, Samuel Quigley, of Killicomaine, aged 60 years.

Guy—May 3rd, Rhoda Guy, of Lower Seagoe, aged 62 years.

Jumble Sale.

A successful Jumble Sale was held in the Parochial Hall on Friday, May 1st. It was organised in aid of the Uniform Fund of the C.L.B. There were many ready purchasers who secured many bargains. Captain Mitchell and the lads are to be congratulated on the success of their efforts. Our thanks are due to all who helped towards the success of the sale.

Lurgan Choral Union

The annual Festival in connection with the Lurgan Choral Union will be held (D.V.) on Saturday, May 30th, at 4 p.m., in Dromore Cathedral. Seagoe Choir will take part in it and are at present busy practising the Festival Music.

Our Advertisements

Our Advertising Columns are now complete. They present our readers with a great and varied choice of goods. Our advertisers are a great help to the Magazine and our readers will further the good cause by placing their orders with them.

Twenty-five Years ago.

MAY, 1911.

This old copy of the Magazine contains a very fine block of the "Cloch-Bann" or Sacred Bell of Seagoe. The photograph from which the block was made was kindly taken by Mr. Coffey, of the Dublin Museum, for the Rector. It is so fine that it is possible to read the original inscription on the side of the bell. An outline of the History of the Bell is also printed. The Rector's Churchwarden is Mr. Andrew Costello, and the People's Mr. Robert Gracey. Reference is made to an interesting pamphlet on "Apple Culture" by Mr. Ruck, of Peacefield. A note is also made of the appointment of the Rev. E. Jennings, former Curate of Seagoe, to the Curacy of Dingle, Co. Kerry.

Old Seagoe Notes.

Seagoe Parish Church in 1814.—"The Parish Church of Seagoe, built in 1814 to take the place of an older one, was not of an architectural character, although it is recorded that it had an architect, by name of I. Brownlee. It was simply in the manner of that day, an ugly, plain, four-square room of large dimensions, 70ft. long by 30½ft. wide, and having a flat ceiling concealing an ordinary roof of low pitch; and it has a gallery of the usual plain and unsightly sort. A more unpromising building to be recast into architectural form, according to more modern standard of taste, could not well be conceived. It was too short, too wide, and too low in its proportion; and there was not even sufficient room at the East end to lengthen it by extend-

ing a chancel. With generous expenditure, however, much is possible; and it is somewhat satisfactory that the substantial old church, built with much courage and churchmanlike spirit in a depressing time, 76 years ago, and which has known three generations of worshippers, is not to be done away with. Seagoe Church will best illustrate forcibly the advance that has been made from 1814 to 1890, in good architecture, in wealth, and the facilities for its production, in the latter-day feeling among churchmen that in the adornment and furnishing of the House of God, and thoughtful care for the decency and convenience of worship, even the best that can be offered is but unworthy.

"The first care in the improved church has been to provide a worthy chancel. It has been devised by extending its eastern wall as far as the Churchyard boundary would permit, and by taking some length from the nave. The plans provide thus for a well-proportioned Chancel, 25ft. long by 17½ft. wide, opening to the nave with a lofty chancel-arch, and on the north and south sides with like arches to the organ-chamber and vestry, and a lateral aisle respectively. The chancel is a memorial, and the last-named feature, while it gives additional seating room, would be specially suitable as a kind of chantry for monuments or memorials of the founders.

"The parishioners' addition to the church consists of a southern aisle 37½ft. long and 21ft. wide, and giving 200 additional seats. It opens into the nave with three lofty pointed arches; and gives additional architectural character and interest to the heretofore four-square building.

There remains the nave of the somewhat unusual proportion of 65ft. of length to 30½ft in breadth, to be brought into architectural character, with a low pitched roof, which it would not be desirable to raise higher. It was at first proposed merely to remove the ceiling, and ease up the old roof and make it as fairly presentable as possible. By the additional generosity of the Baroness Von Stieglitz, however, a new roof, and a handsome one is found; and the architect has met the difficulties of proportion by adopting a treatment in the manner of 15th century architecture, which lends itself to lower pitched roofs and wider spans. The roofs of the nave, aisle, and chancel are accordingly of a design not usual in other churches in the diocese; a four-centred arched framing, springing from hammer-beams, and all richly moulded and peculiarly massive, and bearing the character of old examples of the 15th century English roofs. They will be of pitch pine, left untouched after the carpenter's tools without varnishing, it being found that pitch pine treated in this way assumes in time an appearance as pleasing as that of old oak.

"The old vestry, on the north side, becomes a spacious and imposing porch, encased and adorned with cut-stone dressings, buttresses, and pinnacles. The windows of the new additions, as well as the old openings in the nave, will be large and handsome traceried stone windows, designed in the same consistent 'perpendicular' style, as the rest of the work, and specially adapted for effective filling with stained glass at a future day."

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 each Month at 3 p.m., and during any Service in the Parish Church, 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 thankoffering. (See Book of Common Prayer.)

MORNING PRAYER—Sundays and Chief Festivals, 11-30 a.m.

EVENING PRAYER—Sundays, 7 p.m.

DISTRICT SERVICES

Hacknahay—Last Sunday of Month at 3-30 p.m.

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

Edenderry—Wednesdays at 8 p.m.

CLASSES, &c.

BIBLE CLASS FOR MEN in Edenderry on Sundays at 10 a.m.

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

MOTHERS' UNION—2nd Tuesday of each month at 7-30 p.m.

CHURCH LADS' BRIGADE in the Parochial Hall on Tuesdays and Fridays.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY in Seagoe School on Mondays at 8 p.m.

SEAGOE P.E. SCHOOL, 9-15 a.m. Principal—Mr. R. Scott.

MARRIAGES must be performed between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Licenses are issued by Rev. Canon Hannon, Rector, 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); **MARRAGE** 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.

A copy of the Magazine will be sent post free to any subscriber for 3/- per annum.