

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

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A Snapshot in Camp, 1914.

This Photograph represents Major Blacker (People's Churchwarden, 1913-14) going his rounds in the U.V.F. Camp at Carrickblacker. Close behind as Camp Officer for the day is Mr. T. J. Atkinson, who acted as Rector's Churchwarden in 1911-12, and who has been closely identified with the Volunteer movement since its formation.

The Crisis.

The month of July has been in many respects a remarkable one. Everyone feels the burden of anxiety which the political crisis places upon Ulster. The constant sight of drilled and armed Volunteers marching along the streets and roads brings home to us the acuteness of the crisis through which this Province is passing. The admirable order and self restraint which marked the July celebrations is a proof of the underlying confidence with which our people await the future, and the crowded and earnest congregations which attended the Anniversary Services is an evidence that in this moment of stress our people are looking up to the Throne of Grace for Divine strength and guidance.

We cannot forecast what the coming weeks have in store, but as we write the situation seems more complicated and uncertain than ever. The essential factor in the crisis is the unwavering firmness of Ulster, based not on political expediency, but on unfaltering conviction. Such a firm purpose always wins, and as the crisis grows sharper the moment of ultimate triumph draws nearer. We cannot doubt but that the spectacle of Ulster ready to risk all, even life itself, rather than forego her cherished

convictions will stimulate and reinvigorate the conscience of the Empire and not merely justify Ulster's resistance in the eyes of the world, but give her a position and rank in the councils of Empire to which she has never hitherto attained.

The Day Schools.

Seagoe and Hacknahay Schools will (p.v.) re-open after the summer holidays on Monday, August 10th, at 9-30. A punctual attendance of all the pupils is requested. The Principals will be in attendance prior to the hour of opening to receive the names of new pupils entering the Schools. The fine playgrounds attached to Seagoe School have been recently enlarged, and everything possible has been done to ensure the health and comfort of the pupils as well as to provide for them a thorough education. The Schools are under the direct supervision of the Clergy of the Parish, who visit them each week for Religious Instruction.

Insurance for July, £2 10s 1d.

Sum required	...	£21 0s 0d.
Sum already Subscribed	...	£20 13s 7d.

Balance required	...	£0 6s 5d.
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Baptisms.

Baptized on Saturday, July 4th, 1914.

Best—William Henry, son of Robert Henry and Margaret Anne Best, Killicomaine.

Sponsors—Caroline Cordy, Margaret Anne Best.

McMurray—Sophia, daughter of Geo. and Martha McMurray, Lylo.

Sponsors—Rebecca Gregston, Martha McMurray.

Porter—Sophia Nesbitt, daughter of David and Sarah Mary Porter, Belfast.

Sponsors—Emily Currie, Sarah Mary Porter.

Livingstone—Kathleen Maude, daughter of David and Martha Livingstone, Edenderry.

Sponsors—David Livingstone, Martha Livingstone.

Brown—Francis Oswald Sales, son of John and Sarah Brown, Edenderry.

Sponsors—John Brown, Sarah Brown.

Marriage.

Gordon and Gregson—July 15th, Thomas Henry Gordon, Ballinacor, to Charlotte Gregston, Drumgor.

Burials.

Allen—July 4th, Bella Allen, of Edenderry, aged 46.

Gracey—July 19th, Rebecca Gracey, of Drumgor, aged 26 years.

Smith—July 23rd, Anne Smith, Joseph Street, Edenderry, aged 30 years.

We offer our sincere sympathy to the bereaved relatives of those who during the past month have been called upon to pass through the Valley of the Shadow of Death. Rebecca Gracey, the beloved daughter and sister, who has gone hence after years of weakness borne with wonderful spirit and patience. Mrs. Smith, of Joseph Street, an invalid for more than ten years, but always cheerful and trusting for a brighter day. Her funeral proved how greatly she was loved by young and old in Edenderry. Beautiful wreaths of flowers were sent by many, but a more touching evidence of the affection of the people was seen in the sad faces and silent tears of those who gathered round her door on the day of the Funeral. Mrs. Allen passed away after a long illness borne with great patience.

Offertories.

Sunday Morning £5 18 6½
Evening 4 15 3
Wednesday 0 6 2
Total,	... £10 19 11½

The Offertory £2 15 0 on Sunday morning, July 5, was in aid of the Armagh Protestant Orphan Society, and the offertory £3 11s 7d, on Sunday evening, July 5th, was devoted to the Lord Enniskillen Orphan Society.

Mr. Harrison Gracey.

Last month we inserted a paragraph recording the success of a Parishioner of Seagoe, Mr. W. J. Bickett, who had reached the responsible position of Superintendent of Education in the City of Rahway, near New York, this month we record with pleasure the successful career of another Parishioner of Seagoe, Mr. Harrison Gracey, of Drumgor. Mr. Gracey is the eldest son of Mr. W. J. Gracey, of Drumgor, and now occupies a leading position in the educational life of London. He was appointed some years since to the responsible post of Senior Master of Walthamstow Higher Elementary Boys School. Walthamstow is one of the most populous and important suburbs of London, and the School with which Mr. Gracey is associated is for the Higher Education of Boys who have won Scholarships in their respective schools. Mr. Gracey's school has just been awarded the coveted "Lipton Trophy" for success as finalists in a Football competition against all the other Boys Schools in London of a similar class. The Football Team was trained by Mr. Gracey himself, and captained by one of the boys, Harry Beach. The Trophy is of solid silver, very massive, and represents a large football of silver, supported on either side by boys in football costume modelled in silver, it is mounted on a magnificent mahogany base, and stands several feet high. The Trophy was presented to the winning team at a meeting of the Walthamstow Education Committee, on Tuesday, June 30th. The Chairman, Councillor Watkins, in presenting the Trophy expressed his pleasure in doing so, and that he was sure he was but expressing the sentiments of the whole Committee when he said they were proud of the Team which had brought the Trophy to Walthamstow. He knew too that a great deal of that was due to Mr. Gracey, as well as to members of the team. Mr. Gracey in a short speech reviewed the history of the final stages of the competition open to all higher elementary and Central Schools in London. He congratulated the boys of the Team, and hoped that in after life they would put into practice those principles which they displayed in their sports so that it might be an honour to know them as men and citizens.

Nature Notes.

Our readers will have noticed a very bright star low down in the South East, each evening about 9 o'clock. It is the planet Jupiter, which is now visible from sunset till late in the mornings. The planet Mars is visible low down in the North-West, for about an hour after sunset.

A partial Eclipse of the Sun will take place on August 21st. The disc of the Sun will begin to be Eclipsed at 10-30 a.m., and the Eclipse will reach its greatest extent at 11-40 a.m. The best way to view an eclipse is through a piece of coloured or smoked glass.

ITEMS.

There is a great scarcity of water in the Country parts of the Parish owing to the prolonged drought. Many wells have gone dry. Edenderry has the immense advantage of a copious supply of pure water from the Mourne Mountains.

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We notice that Gas is being introduced into many of the houses in Edenderry, and is being used with advantage for cooking, as well as lighting purposes. When will the Gas Company reduce their prices and popularise the supply to their own and the town's advantage?

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Trains could be run on the G. N.R., from Portadown to Dublin in 1½ hours, but for the weakness of the Boyne Viaduct which is not strong enough to bear the strain of Locomotives with sufficiently large water-tanks for the non-stop journey.

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The Potato Crop this year is unusually good. The blooms are exceptionally large and bright in colour.

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Great care and taste are being displayed in the laying out of the additions to Seagoe graveyard. We congratulate the Council.

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Almost every large tree in the Parish carried a Union Jack this "Twelfth."

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"Quartermaster" George Calvert gave great satisfaction at the Camp in the feeding arrangements. The average increase of weight per man after 4 days camping ran up to 9 pounds, notwithstanding the exceptional amount of drill and general exercise.

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The following List of Rations provided at the Camp proves that the men of Seagoe and Portadown have healthy appetites—Meat 1300 lbs., Butter 128 lbs., Eggs 156 doz., Potatoes 12½ cwt., Bread 1254 lbs., Milk 246 quarts, Barley 3 stone, Peas 133 lbs., Cheese 42 lbs., Tea 29 lbs., Sugar 11 stone, Jam 102 lbs.

Our Sunday Schools.

The important work carried on in our nine Sunday Schools moves along so quietly that it might sometimes be overlooked by those interested in the Parish, but it is well sometimes to call attention to it. Each Teacher is provided every month with full notes on the Sunday Lessons. A Coloured Picture to illustrate the Lesson is also given to each Teacher. For the Junior Children a Primary Course is set and for the older children a Middle and Senior Course. The Instruction given covers a large portion of the Bible each year, and definite teaching is also imparted in the Creeds' Catechism and Formularies of the Church, so that the children when they grow up may be able to take an intelligent part in the work and worship of the Church. Parents are asked to see that their children take full advantage of the Sunday Schools. Parents seldom recognize the great

debt they are under to the kind teacher who Sunday after Sunday patiently instructs their children in Eternal Truth. We wish that a closer link could be established between the Teacher and the Parents of the children in each class. The subjects of Sunday School Instruction for August are as follows—PRIMARY GRADE—"The Lord's Prayer," and a Lesson on Nathanael. MIDDLE GRADE—"On Sea and Shore," "Christ's Open Hand," "Walking in Darkness," "Near the Snow Line," "God's Ten Rules." Amongst the Senior Grade subjects are "Repentance and Deliverance," "Gratitude and Worship," and "The First Four Commandments."

Church Attendance Cards.

EDENDERRY SUNDAY SCHOOL.

- 1ST RANK AND GOLD SEAL—39.
Arthur Allen 39; Sarah Coulter 39.
1ST RANK 35—39.
Sidney Walker 35; Sarah Martin 38; Annie Walker 36.
2ND RANK 30—35.
Bella Magee 32; Emily Cox 33.
3RD RANK 25—30.
Robert Crawford 26; Willie McNally 26; Sam Magee 26; Willie Best 26; Robert Boyce 26; James McNally 27; Minnie Crawford 26; May Hynds 26; Hannah Johnston 26; May Best 26; Jane Dawson 29; Mary Best 26; Agnes Johnston 29; Jemima Matchett 29; Emma Best 26; Dinah McNally 26.
4TH RANK 20—25.
Richard Best 20; Isaac Clayton 24; Teenie Flannigan 20; Eva Magee 20; Eva Gates 22; Willie Watson 21.

LEVAGHERY SUNDAY SCHOOL.

- 4TH RANK 20—24. George Bradshaw 24.

SEAGOE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

- 1ST RANK AND GOLD SEAL—39.
Mary J. Atkinson, Mary Best, Minnie McCormick, Isabella Best, Maggie Mathers, Willie Holland.
1ST RANK 35—39.
Evaline Webb 36; Mary Wilson 36; Joe Kelly 36.
2ND RANK 30—35. None.
3RD RANK 25—30.
Henry Porter 26; James Porter 25.
4TH RANK 20—25.
Caroline Magee 23; Fanny Dickson 23; Rachel Turkington 23; Eliza McCormick 21; Minnie Hara 21.

CARNE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

- 2ND RANK 30—35.
Hannah B. Caddell 31; Maggie Costello 30.
3RD RANK 25—30.
Richard G. Price 25; Wm. Geo. Costello 25; Teresa Ramsay 29.
4TH RANK 20—25.
Jas. Connolly 23; Agnes Costello 22; Anna Connolly 21.

The Camp at Carrickblacker.

Great interest was taken in the Camp at Carrickblacker, from Wednesday, July 15th, to Sunday, July 19th. Over 200 men, many from Seagoe Parish, encamped along the river bank. The tents presented a very pretty sight, and as the weather proved favourable, the men had a very pleasant time. Major Blacker was the Commanding Officer, and camped out with the men. Colonel Lewis and Captain Vaughan were present as Special Instruction Officers. Lectures were given in camp each evening on Military subjects, and a fine concert wound up the course on Saturday evening. After the concert speeches were made, and were received with thunderous applause. There was a splendid spirit shown by all ranks, and not a grumble was heard, though hard work and rigid discipline were the order of the day. On Friday afternoon the men marched through Portadown with their rifles on their shoulders, and evoked many favourable comments for their smartness and military bearing. The Rector held a service at the camp on Sunday morning at 10 a.m., and preached on the text Gen. xxviii 11, 12. The Hymns were heartily sung and at the close of the service the men stood to attention while a verse of the National Anthem was sung.

Old Seagoe Notes.

Churchwardens of Seagoe (continued.)—

- 1831—Mr. John Robinson, of Levaghery.
Mr. George Ruddell, of Aughacommon.
- 1832—Mr. Robert Henry, of Lylo.
Mr. Joseph Mairs, of Knockrammer.
- 1833—Ralph Bullock, of Ballymacrandle.
Thomas Cuppage Esq., of Silverwood.
- 1834—James Calvert, of Drumnacanvey.
John Gaskin, of Kilvergan.
- 1835—Mr. George Elliott, of Breagh.
Mr. James M'Donald, of Aughacommon,

Robbery in Seagoe Parish 1831.—The following note occurs in the Registers for 1831—On a representation from the Churchwardens that their collector had been robbed on the night of Easter Sunday, they were rendered incapable of finally settling their accounts of this Vestry. It was resolved that the Vestry be postponed to Whitsun Tuesday for the final arrangement and settling of their accounts. The sum stolen amounted to £57 17s.

Abolition of the Tithes in Seagoe.—The ancient Tithes of the Parish of Seagoe, formed the subject of discussion at a special Vestry, held in Seagoe Church on the 18th of June, 1825, when it was proposed that the Parish should avail itself of provisions, of the Tithes Composition Act recently passed by the Legislature. At a subsequent Vestry Meeting held on the 22nd day of October, 1832, Woolsey Atkinson, Esq. being in the chair, and 7 Vestrymen duly qualified being present, it was resolved and agreed between the Incumbent and

Parishioners of this Parish that the several acts for the composition of Tithes be carried into execution within the Parish. The sum fixed upon as a reasonable composition of the Parochial Tithes being an annual payment of Three Hundred and Thirty Pounds Sterling. It was moved by Mr. Greer and seconded by Mr. William Overend.—Resolved unanimously that the thanks of the Parish, be and they are hereby given to the Reverend James Saurin for his very handsome and proper conduct in the chair. It was moved by Mr. Malcomson and seconded by Mr. Saurin, and resolved that the thanks of the meeting be given to Mr. Atkinson for his very proper conduct in the chair.

Mr. John Obins Woodhouse was appointed commissioner on behalf of the Parish, and the Rev. J. Saurin appointed his representatives in the following terms.—

I do hereby nominate and appoint Thomas Hendron Carleton, of Fair View, in the County of Armagh, Esquire, to be a commissioner on my part to treat with the Commissioners appointed by the Vestry of the Parish of Seagoe, for making a composition of Tithes, within said Parish pursuant to the several Acts for composition of Tithes in Ireland given under my hand and seal this 1st day of November 1832, James Saurin.

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An Act of Vestry, 9th April, 1683.—We consent and agree that the sum of Twelve Pounds sterling be equally apportioned on this Parish according to the rules of the deficiency of the year's value, and the same to be raised and levied by the churchwardens and sidesmen of this Parish Church, at All Saints next, and to be disposed of for buying a great Church Bible, for building a large window in the Church, making a large door and doorway. Also in the Church removing the pulpitt and seats, and railing in ye Communion Table, and other necessary costs and charges, for the use of the Parish, to be accounted for at Easter next by the Churchwardens and Sidesmen.

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