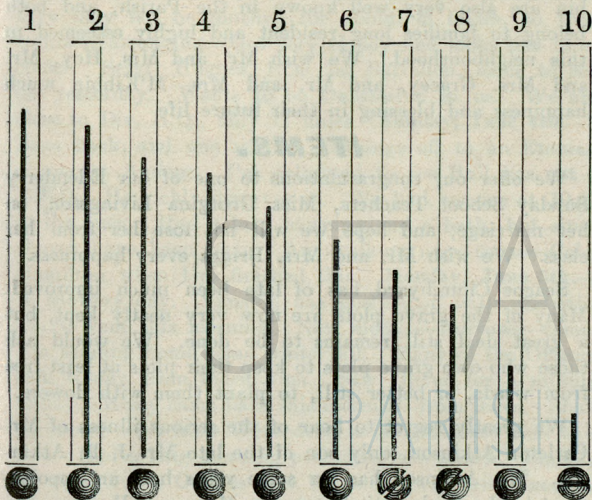


# Seagoe Parish Magazine.

AUGUST, 1922.

## The Weekly Envelope System.

In order that our readers may see at a glance how the Weekly Envelope System is working in the Parish we publish the results of the Collections in the Districts for the first quarter of this year—January 1st to March 31st. The results are printed in the form of a series of Barometers, each Barometer representing one District of the Parish. The Mercury or Black line in each Barometer shows the total to which each District has risen in its contributions in proportion to the number of the Church people in each particular District. In some Barometers the black line is high, showing that the District which it represents has contributed liberally in proportion to the number of the Church people residing in it. In others the line is short, showing that the contributions are small. We are much indebted to Mr. James Twinem for the particulars we give and for his kindness in arranging the various Barometers.



The explanation of the numbered Barometers is as follows:—

1. Lylo and Ballyhannon—29 Subscribers, being 1 in 4 of total Church population.
2. Levaghery and Carrick Blacker—Subscribers 17, being 1 in 5 of total Church population.
3. Upper Seagoe—Subscribers 28, being 1 in 7.
4. Drumnagoon and Kernan—Subscribers 28, or 1 in 7.
5. Lower Seagoe and Derryvore—Subscribers 17, or 1 in 6.
6. Kilvergan and Balteagh—Subscribers 15, or 1 in 10.
7. Drumnacanvey, Drumlisnagrilly, etc.—Subscribers 9, being 1 in 12.
8. Killycomain—Subscribers 16, or 1 in 12.
9. Ballymacrandle and Hacknahay—Subscribers 8, or 1 in 12.
10. Clanrole and Knockmena—6 or 1 in 12.
11. Lisniskey and Bocombra—6 or 1 in 14.
12. Tarsan—8, or 1 in 16.
13. Tamnificarbet and Tamnifglasson—Subscribers 5, or 1 in 20.
14. Drumgor—Subscribers 7, or 1 in 23.

A glance at the Barometers will show that No. 1—Lylo and Ballyhannon—registers the highest number of subscribers to the Weekly Offering Fund. Barometer No. 2, representing Levaghery and Carrick Blacker, comes next, and so on down to No. 10.

We hope next month to print in similar form the results from Edenderry according to streets. Of course the above Diagrams take no count of those who give annual subscriptions to the Sustentation Fund. It refers only to those who in each District subscribe to the Weekly Offering Fund.

## Mothers' Union.

The Carne Branch held their meeting on July 18th, and we were glad to welcome new members. Miss Mary Dawson gave an interesting account of Mission work in Chili, and many were delighted to welcome back one who had taught them in Sunday School days.

The Drumgor meeting on July 25 was also marked by increased membership, and those present listened attentively to an address on "Health" by Miss Taylor.

A quarterly central meeting for all branches was discussed.

## South American Missionary Society.

The Misses Dawson gave a most interesting account of their Missionary work in Chili and the Argentine on Friday, 21st July, in Seagoe School.

Their account of work among the Indians of South America provided encouragement for those who seek the extension of God's Kingdom in foreign lands.

Seats were arranged to provide for a large number, but the attendance was very disappointing. We hope it did not represent our interest in Foreign Missions.

## Seagoe Day School.

Seagoe Day School will resume work (D.V.) on Monday, August 14th, at 9.30 a.m. sharp. A punctual attendance of all the pupils is requested.

## The Anniversary Service.

The Service on July 9th (Sunday) at 7 p.m. was attended by an immense congregation. A large number were unable to get into the Church and all the aisles, as well as the pews, were crowded with worshippers. The Service was hearty and devotional, and the hundreds of men who were present sang the old hymns with a splendid volume of voice. The Rev. Canon Austin, Rector of St. Columba's Church, Belfast, was the special preacher. The offerings were for the Enniskillen Orphan Fund and amounted to £12 16s 6d.

## The Burning of the Record Office.

The Record Office in Dublin, which was destroyed by deliberate outrage last month, contained many most valuable records of Seagoe Parish. Fortunately Ancient Registers had not been transferred to Dublin and are in the safe at Seagoe Rectory, thanks to the care and forethought of the late Dean Dawson. Many of the Documents relating to the past history of Seagoe have also from time to time been copied by the present Rector, and



have appeared in our Old Seagoe Notes in this Magazine. Seagoe has therefore suffered less than many other Parishes, but nevertheless many facts hitherto unpublished relating to the former history of Seagoe must have perished in the flames. Hundreds of Wills and all the Census Records have been no doubt consumed. It is well for the Seagoe people that their names are carefully entered in our Registers, otherwise great difficulty might have arisen in the proving of ages. Other Parishes have lost practically everything, for it was their custom to send their Records to Dublin. Of course no one ever expected that the Record Office would be destroyed. Such care was taken by the officials that not even a match was allowed to be struck where the Records were stored.

### **Parish Register for July. Baptisms.**

The following were Baptized in Seagoe Parish Church on June 28th, 1922:

**Porter**—Robert Frederick, son of Robert Henry and Jemima Porter, of Edenderry.

*Sponsors*—Agnes Wilson, Mary Anne Allen.

On July 1st, 1922.

**M'Neill**—Emma Christabel, daughter of Samuel George and Anna M'Neill, of Ballymacrandle.

*Sponsors*—Emily Reid, Anna M'Neill.

**Fiddes**—Christina Elizabeth, daughter of Robert Logan and Mary Elizabeth Fiddes, of Edenderry.

*Sponsors*—Margaret Milligan, Mary Elizabeth Fiddes.

**Stanfield**—Frances Helen, daughter of Thomas Edward and Mary Jane Stanfield, of Edenderry.

*Sponsors*—Thomas Edward Stanfield, Mary Jane Stanfield.

**Campbell**—Meta, daughter of William James and Jane Anna Campbell, of Balteagh.

*Sponsors*—Josephine Webb, Jane Anna Campbell.

On July 5th, 1922:

**Clayton**—Samuel Joseph, son of William and Mary Elizabeth Clayton, of Edenderry.

*Sponsors*—William Clayton, Margaret Jane Freeburn.

**Brown**—July 22, Maisie Winifred, daughter of John and Sarah Brown, of Kernan.

*Sponsors*—John and Sarah Brown.

Received into the Congregation:

**M'Neill**—Edith, daughter of Samuel George and Anna M'Neill, of Ballymacrandle, having previously been Baptized, through illness, was on July 1st, 1922, Publicly Received into the Congregation.

### **Marriages.**

**Gracey and Ruddell**—July 5th, 1922, John Gracey, of Balteagh, to Priscilla Ruddell, of Balteagh.

**M'Kibbin and Hall**—July 7th, 1922, Hugh M'Kibbin, of Portadown, to Anne Hall, of Edenderry.

**Hoy and M'Mullan**—July 10th, 1922, Richard Hoy, of Clanrole, to Kathleen Frances M'Mullan, of Drumgor.

**Briggs and Livingston**—July 27, 1922, William Robert Briggs, of Portadown, to Georgina Livingston, of Killycomain.

### **Burials.**

**Guy**—July 16th, 1922, David James Guy, of Derryvore, aged 16 months.

**Webb**—July 20, 1922, John Webb, of Lurgan, aged 74.

### **Congratulations.**

We offer our hearty congratulations to the happy couples whose names appear this month in our list of Marriages. Each of the Bridegrooms served with distinction in the Great War, and were on active service almost throughout the entire period 1914 to 1918. Mr. John Gracey did fine service with the Red Cross as a stretcher bearer, Mr. Richard Hoy served with the North Irish Horse, and Mr. Hugh M'Kibbin, a native of Belfast, also served throughout the War. Mrs. Richard Hoy (formerly Miss Cissy M'Mullan) has taken a very leading part in our Parish life as a member of the Choir and as Sunday School teacher. Always ready to help, she has proved a good daughter of a good mother. Mrs. M'Mullan as Superintendent for many years of Drumgor Sunday School did splendid service for the Church in this Parish and she was helped to the uttermost by her daughter, now Mrs. Hoy. We congratulate Mrs. M'Mullan, and we are glad to feel that Mrs. Hoy will still be resident in the Parish to help us. Mrs. Gracey and Mrs. M'Kibbin are also very well known in the Parish, and both belong to families long resident and highly esteemed in this neighbourhood. We wish Mr. and Mrs. Hoy, Mr. and Mrs. Gracey, and Mr. and Mrs. M'Kibbin much happiness and blessing in their future life.

### **ITEMS.**

We offer our congratulations to one of our Edenderry Sunday School Teachers, Miss Georgina Livingston, on her marriage, and hope we will not lose her from her class. We wish Mr. and Mrs. Briggs every happiness.

Seagoe Churchyard has of late been much improved. Many of the grave plots are now very neatly kept, but a great deal still remains to be done. We would ask those who own grave plots to keep their plots at least free from weeds, or better still, to plant them with flowers.

We greatly regret to hear of the serious illness of Mr. Carleton Atkinson, only son of the late Mr. J. B. Atkinson. Mr. Atkinson has for some years held an appointment in the Diplomatic Service in Morocco. He was on a visit to Seagoe last Christmas.

The Memorial Pillars and Gates at Seagoe were decorated with wreaths and flowers on the Anniversary of July 1st, 1916.

At the July Anniversary Service this year on Sunday, July 10th, members of the Junior Orange Order were present for the first time and looked very smart in their bright sashes.

We hope to be able to arrange for a Seagoe Sunday School Teachers' Excursion some time in August. The Teachers certainly deserve an Excursion of their own. They work so hard and continuously throughout the year.

A Church Workers Union has been formed among those recently Confirmed. Secretaries and a Committee have been organised.

There are many adults in the Parish who have never been Confirmed and are not therefore Communicants. It is hoped in the near future to arrange for a Class of Preparation for such. Due notice will be given. The Bishop has kindly agreed to hold such a Confirmation if a sufficient number join.



## WITH THE "NINTH" IN FRANCE.

By Lieut.-Col. S. W. BLACKER, D.S.O.

(Continued from July Magazine.)

**SATURDAY, JUNE 3rd.**—Had a long morning practising the attacks and doing some drill. Cold hail shower came on during the entertainment. As the men were in shirt sleeves, fearing great heat, they felt the cold. I have written to-day for Shill. to be sent out. We are playing 1st Battalion at football at 5 p.m. Their fifes and drums have already turned up. We beat 1st Battalion yesterday 2 goals to love. Bad ground. A good many came over and their drums discoursed music to us.

**Rather Harrying Day,**

what with training schemes, which alter from day to day: a statement from Charlie re attack, which lasted, with arguments, from 12.30-2.30, then a re-allotment of huts, as we have to turn out of one, then inoculation for about 100 men and about 12 Officers, which upset schemes as they may not be touched for about 48 hours, so that wants re-arranging. Got very cloudy and looks like rain, cooler. Sergt. Hughes, from 1st Battalion, came to see me yesterday. Wants to be transferred to us. We are close to Div. H.Q., only 1½ miles. **Sunday, June 4th.**—2 Bdes back, and one in line. Stronge off to an Etonian dinner at Amiens. I'm delighted to see Bull has got a D.S.O. He richly deserves it. We had service at 10.30 in the open. Had a lazy morning and a bath, but since church have been busy. Am walking over to see Cole-Hamilton when I've finished this. **Monday, June 5th.**—A showery day. Vanston has pushed off with gastritis. Berry went this morning. New medico—Burrows—come. Am sending home some winter kit. Many of the Officers sick to-day from inoculation. Saw Oliver for a minute to-day. Hesty came back this morning, from leave. Shall go round with him: Went over to congratulate Bull this p.m. Had a long morning practising the attack. Luckily no rain, but 9 Officers and 100 men away with inoculation. Stronge returned from Etomans' dinner 2 a.m. Rawlinson got it up for IV Army. 168 there. Pak. Bob Maxwell, etc. Many Generals and Staff. Heavy showers all night. **9.45 p.m.**—Had a long buk with Hesty this p.m. His mess is just opposite my billet. Turned cold and is raining again. **Tuesday, June 6th—2 p.m.**—Such a wet drenching a.m. This place (huts) in an orchard a bog! Could do nothing. Am going out at 2.30 with Charlie to examine ground. I was arguing with him for 2 hours this a.m. Oh, Lord! he's aggravating. Bull had a raid last night. 30 went back into the line for it; not very successful as they only saw 3 Boshes, who ran away underground. We blew up 5 of their dug outs, I believe, but I haven't seen any of the 12th yet. They now want to take away the men's cafes. They've written them hell! No successor to Smy. yet. Don't count on July leave. I'm sure leave will be stopped some time this month. Mess, Orderly Room, etc., are rather uncomfy and difficult here, no place to sit or write.

**No Chairs or Tables, and a Leaky Roof.**

Cooking all in the open. This weather when one's driven inside is dreadful. Charlie tossed as to whether Bull or I should go and do the raid. I felt rather thankful I

lost. Bull's life has been a burden to him ever since (nearly a month ago), Corps, Div., and Bde Generals all with different plans and wanting something else tried or something done different. Rather harried to-day; all sorts of reports to send and the general muddle which prevails. **10 p.m.**—It turned out a fine p.m. and we had a ramble with Charlie over the laid out dummy Bosche trenches. He was vague and we spent 2½ hours and not much knowledge gained. It's deucedly cold this evening, after the rain. An order came in this p.m. no leave to be granted to Officers above the rank of Coy Commander, and I expect that will be stopped soon. I hope to get 'At' away on 12th, and perhaps Stronge and then Charlie J., which will about finish the leave for the present. Saw Bull. His raiding party were got by shrapnel as they were returning. They came on a tunnel leading to our lines, which they blew up; looked like a mine shaft. Instead of letting us train quietly in essentials, such as Bayonet fighting and musketry, they are having senseless Field Days. This morning was one of the most depressing ones we've had out here. Such mud and discomfort for the men. **Wednesday, June 7th, 3.45**—Had a Bde day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., fairly near at hand; fine except for 1 bad hail shower. Weather unsettled; such a cold night and the men without blankets. The ground very heavy. **9.45 p.m.**—We seem to be getting your rain. After a fine p.m. it has begun to rain steadily. Holt came over to see me to-day, and brought the news of K's loss in Hampshire. Cruel luck for his boat to strike a mine. I feel he had really completed his great work and

**Died Perhaps at His Zenith.**

Wonder what will be the outcome of the Irish question? With fuller accounts to hand the Battle Cruiser Squadron seem to have lived up to the best traditions of the Navy, and Beatty to have acted with the old Nelson spirit. Really splendid and inspiring reading. Holt is attached to this Division, and has already been strafed by Oliver! The brutes have cut down leave to 6 days, and halved the number allowed away. G.N. very affable. Pratt and I dine there to-night. **Thursday, June 8th, 3 p.m.**—Not a bad day, but not very instructive. Talked to Morland. Rain began again 2 p.m. Saw and spoke to Rawlinson. He has aged a good deal. Oliver droned on for ¾ platitudes. Morland short and to the point. I hear from Ricardo that Repington is very optimistic as to an early end. Am sceptical, but R. has not been optimistic in the past. It's bitterly cold this afternoon, and hard to keep warm. I hear Rosy Smyth's 2nd in Command, ( ) has succeeded Hesty. I don't see any reason for depression over the war; things are going on all right. They are making frantic efforts at Verdun and Ypres, but even if they fall the Huns have paid an awful price, and the line is not broken. The Naval Battle was, I believe, a far greater success for us, and a blow to Germany than we make out. Much of their Fleet is crippled and they've lost large numbers of sailors, which they can ill afford; and the Raskey's are pushing ahead. All is well, but the end is not yet. **Friday, June 9th**—Huts are improving;



have got waterproof sheets to cover them, and ablution places and basins, with brick floor and pathway; good incinerators, laundry and baths working, but after rain the whole place is

#### A Sea of Mud.

It rained up to 5 a.m. and the place was awful; now dried up fairly. Pak. laid me 60 fr. to 40 that the Push will take place before the end of June. I think I shall win his 60 fr. Am sending C.M.J. on leave on 17th. 'At.' on 12th, if its not stopped before. Rode home from Field Day with Holt. There was not much strafing. Such a wet morning to-day. Just off to Field Day. Hessey has got 110th Bde. Very sorry to lose him. Rotten arrangement. Rained all night; fine this a.m. **Saturday, June 10th**—Everyone got soaked. I enclose list of wounded from Lurgan and Portadown. 3 bales socks—500 in all—arrived June 3rd. No word of B.M. yet. Dined with Gliver; most affable. I put one or two things strongly to him and he was quite of my opinion. Got in some good ones to Singleton and Comyn. Oliver said he would like to wash his feet Rhine, and burn a Hun village. The camp is a sea of mud and ——. Remember when the Push comes we shall be cut off probably for a week, owing to bombardment; no letters in or out, or rations or messengers. We are laying up a store of food, so you mustn't be alarmed at not hearing. I have no idea when it will come off. Many people think soon, and others are sceptical, but preparations go on busily. Such a bore this daily attacking trenches on some one else's ground. Our attack place has not been marked out properly yet. I don't take much interest in it. I fancy we shall get into the Bosche trenches easily enough and without much loss, but staying there will be costly. Have written to D'Arcy asking him to be careful as to whom he allows to come out as Chaplains from the Diocese, pointing out how wonderful is the influence of

#### The Right Sort, Like Halahan,

but what harm to religion can be done by one not suited. I don't think any of them except Halahan go into the Trenches. **Whit-Sunday, June 11th.**—After a night of rain it is a sunny day and the place is drying, but its such a mess. Have been with Charlie all morning, then back for a talk of an hour with the Officers about the attack. Now I want to ride over our ground, and have to go up about 6 miles to see an R.A. Group Commander about wire cutting. A bathe this morning. No B.M. yet. **9.30 p.m.**—Had a long afternoon over our practice ground, then on to see 1st Battalion, and then called on Peake on my way back and had tea there. He told me he'd tried to get me back to R.A., but hadn't succeeded. A lecture, about 2½ miles from here, on the Jutland fight, by a man who was there. Brew went, most interesting. The man was a Major in the next Div. home on leave, got a permit to visit the Fleet, arrived 6 a.m. one morning, was put on a battleship as guest, sailed at 9 a.m. and took part in the fight. Saw it all in the Fighting Top. Jellicoe's Fleet consisted of 24 Dreadnoughts. They didn't see much of Beatty's action, but saw 'Defence' blown up, and 'Marlborough' hit. She heeled over and then righted herself and went on firing. Says his ship sank 'Lat-

zon.' Admiralty claim to have sunk 30 ships, he says. Mine layers were sent round to lay a mine field between German Fleet and Wilhelmshaven, which they did successfully, and were the means of sinking some German ships. There was a Bosche raid into our bit of the line last night. Our casualties 6 killed and 14 wounded. We accounted for one Bosche Officer, killed, and 6 dead in our Trench, besides others wounded outside. **Monday, June 12th**—I was spared the journey to see about wire, but had a useful p.m. The Russkys' are pushing ahead well, but the ice creamers seem to be taking a knock. It was a lovely day and things have dried up wonderfully, but it looks like rain again to-night.

#### 'At.' went off this a.m.

He will be at home Tuesday to Friday. I expect you will see him. After a threatening morning it has settled down to steady rain again. With regard to Ireland a compromise is the only chance of peace, and civil war would be hell. Its the lines I foreshadowed—sad, but each side must give way. Remember the 'Nationalists are giving up Belfast, and their majority in M.—, C.—, and D.—, is large, and should have a say in the matter. **Tuesday, June 13th**—A wet night and threatening a.m., which turned to heavy rain about 11. Consequently we all got drenched and the camp is a sea of mud again; so cold! I believe when we go up we shall go direct into the line, and lie there during the preliminary bombardment of some days, during which time nothing can come up. I have soup tucks, but if you can manage to send meat lozenges they would be useful, specially in the Push; but they must come quickly. The trenches must be in an awful state with the wet and the hammering they get; and very hard to repair in the wet, and the Bosche guns playing on them at night to prevent work being done. I'm glad we're out of the line, bad and uncomfortable though the camp is; after all we have no shells or bullets. If this wet goes on we shall have a lot of sickness. It hasn't come yet, but is bound to come. We are bothered with scabies. It began at Bordon where we took over infected Barracks and we've never been really clear since; aggravated by life in the trenches, and latterly lack of baths, owing to move; we are full of it—about 100 cases, mostly quite mild, and only away 2 days, but still recurring every day. Practising the attacks through crops waist high, and saturated with wet, is very trying on the men, as they have no chance and no means of drying their clothes. It was drenching doing it to-day. **Wednesday, June 14th, 4.15 p.m.**—Poor Vennard badly wounded in head, fear is bad. Don't know what hospital. One never knows when they leave this where they are. The Bde H.Q. lived in Martinzart with a French family. I made a point of never going there for a meal, so never saw the females. It was, in my opinion, absolutely wrong—things were talked about at meals which should not have been discussed before strangers. Quite possible they were spies.

#### Charlie Got 'Ratty'

if he heard the word 'spy.' Said there weren't such things! We begin summer time at 12 m.n. to-night; all clocks go on one hour. Everything has suddenly been advanced. We go into the line Monday, for some days.

(To be continued.)