

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

DECEMBER, 1914.

"For King and Country!"

THIRD LIST OF NAMES.

A List of the Names of Residents in the Parish of Seagoe, or attached thereto, who have answered to the call of King and Country, and have Volunteered to serve anywhere, at home or abroad, during the War.

Thomas Montgomery, N.I.H.

Robert McKerr, R.I.F.

Francis McKerr ..

Thomas Lyness ..

William Gillespie ..

Thomas Porter, Naval Division.

Robert Porter, Navy, Portland.

James Gracey, R.I.F.

John George Chambers, R.I.F.

Wellington Graham ..

First List

Second List

Third List

Seventy-Seven Names.

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Ten Names.

TOTAL—157 NAMES.

Advent, 1914.

THE Season of Advent begins on Sunday November 29th. With it begins the round of the Christian Year, just as the civil year begins on January 1st. It has been the custom of the Church for many centuries to make these weeks preceding Christmas a time of special preparation for the second coming of our Lord

and Master. The true note of Advent is struck in the opening words of the Collect for the Sunday next before Advent, "Stir up, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people." Special preachers have been arranged for the Sunday evening and Wednesday evening services in the Parish Church as follows:—
Sunday, December 6th—Rev. F. J. Halahan, M.A.,
Rector of Drumree.

" December 13th—Rev. O. W. Scott, M.A.,
Rector of Gilford.

" December 20th—Rev. R. D. Patterson, B.A.,
Rector of Ardmore.

Wednesday, Dec. 2nd—Rev. W. F. H. Garstin, M.A.,
Rector of All Saints Parish, Londonderry

" Dec. 9th—Rev. T. G. G. Collins, M.A.,
Rector of St. James' Parish, Belfast.

" Dec. 16th—Rev. R. H. S. Cooper, M.A.,
Rector of Christ Church, Lisburn.

On Advent Sunday, November 29th, there will be a celebration of Holy Communion after Morning

Prayer. The collections at both services will be on behalf of the Hibernian Bible Society, and the Diocesan Fund for Poor Parishes.

A School Cantata.

A cantata entitled, "The Picnic Party" is to be performed by the pupils of Seagoe Day School assisted by some others, on Thursday, December 17th, in Seagoe School, at 8 o'clock. Tickets 1/- and 6d are now on sale. The Cantata describes a happy pic-nic to Woodlands Glen. The old grandmother brings her girl grand-children to the glen, but leaves the boys at home. What happened afterwards is very interesting and you will learn the whole story when you hear the Cantata.

Seagoe Parish Almanac for 1915.

The new Parish Almanac is now on sale at Mrs. Metcalfe's, High Street, and Mrs. Collin's, Bridge Street. As only a limited number (350) have been printed the Parishioners should purchase their copy without delay. The following Parishioners have a supply for sale. Drumgor—Mrs. MacMullen, Ballinacor—Mr. Robert Price, Hacknahay—Mr. George Calvert, Levaghery—Mr. John Montgomery, and a supply will also be available at Seagoe Day School.

The Almanac is very brightly coloured, and contains a text from the Bible for every day in the New Year. The subject of the central Picture is "Sunday Morning: Finishing Touches." The price of the Almanac is One Penny.

Germany in War Time.

BY IAN AND MAUDE GRAY.

[Mrs. Gray of Ashton, Lurgan Road, and three members of her family had the misfortune to be on a visit to Germany at the outbreak of the war. The following experiences kindly written for the Magazine by her two younger children will be read with interest. Our readers will congratulate Mrs. Gray on her happy escape from such unpleasant surroundings.]

Early in June of this year we went to stay at Gotha, at the Pension Palais, Augustenberg, which was the home of the present Empress of Germany, before her marriage.

Gotha has an English Duke, and was the birth-place of Queen Victoria's husband. For almost fifty years, it has been a favourite place for English families to stay.

The proprietress of the Pension welcomed us with much pleasure as some of her "dear English," and as there were nice people staying there we had a very agreeable time up to the last days of July.

The yearly Market was held in July, and it was interesting to see the booths of fruit, and makers of sweets and sausages, and the stalls of lace and fancy goods. Then there was a Red Cross festival, to get funds for Red Cross work, and there was dancing in the Market Place in the evening to a band, and illuminations which were very effective, while flowers, badges and postcards were sold.

Little did one think how soon the Red Cross Ambulances would be on active service. The Germans mobilized at the end of July, and we began to feel uneasy as no trains were available for any but the military, but it was not till the declaration of war by England, that we found we were sitting on a hornets' nest. At once the police arrived to take our names as alien enemies, and the proprietress said we must leave—that we were called "dogs" and "swine" by the people, and that we should be mobbed. As a matter of fact we were often stoned, and once had the good fortune to have damsons thrown at us, stones being rather scarce near the Pension.

All the English were most vilely treated by the proprietress, who said "there is no more Christ in Germany, war makes all barbarians, so you cannot expect other treatment." Owing to illness we got special permission through the doctor to stay on when the other families were obliged to go to Berlin, in a fourth class carriage, guarded by armed Policemen, to be under supervision there, but we had no freedom as we were not allowed to play in the grounds, and if we went down the town the German Colonel commanding, (who was resident in the Pension) threatened to treat us as spies! The English Church and Rectory were taken for Military stores, and the Chaplain and his family were taken off to Berlin, having to leave most of their clothes and all furniture behind! The Chaplain did not get to England till late in October, and we hear from him that he cannot get his property. He has written something about the treatment we all experienced in Gotha to the English

papers, and one of the English retired Colonels who was also of our party has described in the 'Evening News' how he was imprisoned along with two others in Berlin, and given black bread and water

On the 11th of September we got leave through the Consul at Erfurt to travel to Dresden, where we heard from friends that we should be better treated, and there was a chance of getting a train through with police protection to Rotterdam, but we were told that if the people knew we were British when travelling they might attack us, as they heard the English soldiers were gouging out the eyes of German prisoners! We were of course very indignant, and said it was a vile lie

The train as far as Corbetha was full of soldiers, some wounded, and others going to the Eastern frontier. We were able to visit the famous Dresden Picture Gallery which had been closed when war first broke out, and could get about freely, but were warned not to speak English in the streets. Though the police and the American Consul were very polite, there was no prospect of a train for the English, and we grew very impatient. At last we got a telegram from Berlin to say that a protected train would leave there on September 30th, so we got away from Dresden with the help of a naturalized German lady who looked after our luggage.

We had to go through a great deal of red tape in Berlin though the American Ambassador had been specially asked by a friend of his to help us.

Both Berlin and Dresden showed signs of the effects of war. No English names or words were allowed on buildings, Japanese goods were labelled "from China," and petrol could not be bought; home-grown fruit was reasonably plentiful, but we tried to get bananas for our journey, and thanks to our Navy, none were obtainable in Berlin!

The newspapers all preached deadly hatred of the English, and the German people seemed to believe everything they read.

The Dresden lady who befriended us was in Germany at the time the "Titanic" struck an iceberg and sank, and she told us that all the Germans in the Pension were delighted to hear of the catastrophe to a British ship, and held quite a celebration, and that they were equally inhuman in their joy when the "Empress of Ireland" met her doom this year. They are aiming now at the heart of England, and we owe much to the brave soldiers who so far have borne the brunt of their terrible and hate-inspired attacks, and it is to be hoped that more and still more men will be forthcoming till we can drive the barbarous hordes back into their borders, and impose such conditions on them that they will never dare again to overpower their neighbours or tear up treaties.

We were glad to see an English newspaper again, as we had heard of nothing but German victories and English atrocities for two months. When we crossed the frontier the Dutch people were most friendly and sympathetic, and, of course, our own countrymen gave us a warm welcome at Folkestone.

PARISH REGISTER FOR NOV. Baptisms.

Baptized on Saturday, November 7, 1914

Grimason—Ellen, daughter of Edmond and Sarah Grimasson, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Sarah Grimasson, Sarah Grimasson.

Graham—Margaret, daughter of William John and Martha Graham, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Mary Jane Ellis, Martha Graham.

Girvan—John, son of John Girvan, 1st Batt. R.I.F. and Martha Girvan, of Tarson.

Sponsors—Hanna Bella Coulter, Martha Girvan.

Robinson—William John, son of Thomas George and Mary Alice Robinson, of Tamnifiglasson.

Sponsors—Martha Campbell, Mary Alice Robinson.

Best—Wolsey, son of Henry and Helena Best, of Portadown.

Sponsors—Henry Best, Helena Best.

Marriage.

Smith and Richardson—Nov. 1st, 1914, William Smith, of Edenderry, to Elizabeth Richardson, of Portadown.

Burials.

England—Nov. 7, Ellen Jane England, of Killicomaine, aged 7 years.

Gracey—Nov. 8th, Margaret Ann Gracey, of Drumgor, aged 61 years.

Joyce—Nov. 23rd, Sarah Joyce, of Balteagh, aged 80 years.

Offertories for November.

Sunday Mornings	£4 15 2
" Evenings	1 12 0
Week Days	0 6 4

Total, £6 13 6

Healthy Portadown.

Our genial and efficient Medical Officer of Health for Portadown and District, Dr. Rowlett, had a unique experience during the week ending Saturday, November 21st. Not a single death was registered in that week in the District, Urban and Rural, under his control. During the fifteen years which have passed since Dr. Rowlett's appointment to the post every week, except last week, has been marked by the registration of several deaths. When we remember that the population of the District is 15,000 the significance of the record becomes greater. This is a healthy season but the fact mentioned above would seem to prove that Portadown and the surrounding district is especially healthy. In the same week twelve births were registered.

ITEMS.

A collection for Princess Mary's Christmas Box Fund for our Soldiers and Sailors, will be made in the Sunday Schools of the Parish on Sunday, December 6th.

For the List of Services in the Parish Church during Advent, and on Christmas Day, see special handbills.

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Don't give drink to the men in khaki.

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Mrs. Metcalf has removed from Bridge Street, to a shop in High Street, two doors from Mr. Waugh's book shop.

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The Sustentation Fund Collectors are now making their Annual Collection in the Parish. We hope every Church Family in the Parish will subscribe to this Fund. The Collectors go to a great deal of trouble in making the collection, so please try to have your subscription ready for them when they call so as to save them having to call a second time.

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If by any chance, a collector fails to call on you before the end of the year, you should send your subscription to Mr. W. R. Atkinson, Hon. Treas., Eden Villa.

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A Weeknight Men's Bible Class meets every Thursday in Carbet Orange Hall, at eight.

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The Hacknahay Branch of the G.F.S., meets at Miss Calvert's house, Breagh, every second Tuesday beginning on Tuesday, November 24th.

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Christmas Day this year falls on a Friday.

Seagoe War Notes.

Every Sunday we are glad to notice men in khaki at our Services and Bible classes.

Two illuminated cards containing the names of all those who have volunteered from Seagoe Parish have been placed in the Porch of the Parish Church. Miss G. Atkinson kindly wrote in all the names.

Deep sympathy has been expressed with Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Robb at the sad death by drowning of their elder son Lieutenant H. J. Robb of the Royal Marines. It is a consolation to the bereaved relatives to know that their son lost his life in a brave endeavour to save the lives of others. At the time Lieut. Robb was attached to H.M.S. Sutlej at Queenstown.

Our Sunday Schools.

The New Sunday School Programme begins with Advent Sunday. This year it has been decided to adopt the Diocesan Calendar. Books of notes for both Morning and Afternoon courses are now to be had by the Teachers, price 9d each.

The notes are most carefully prepared by experienced writers, and every teacher should possess a copy. In fact the course cannot be efficiently taught without them.

The Annual Examinations will be held on Sundays during the month of December, and prizes will be awarded to those who answer best. The Examination will be in the work done by the children during the past year.

Seagoe Men in the Trenches. Interesting Letters.

Private William McNeill, "A" Co. R.I.F., of Ballymacrandle, writes home under date October 27th. I got the parcel you sent me, and was glad to see that you were all well, as this leaves me well at present, only I may let you know that we had a terrible rain here on Sunday night. There was about six inches of water in the trenches. We are in them now eight days. We had a very heavy shell fire and rifle fire on Monday morning, so you may guess the state we were in after the wet night. We hardly dare look over the bank. I have not had a wash this last eight days, as we risk our life in going for one. You can send a dozen of Packets of Cigarettes about every 3 weeks. We write letters when we get the chance, but they might not be lifted from us for about 3 or 4 days after they were written. I will say good-bye. I hope and trust in the Lord that I will be spared to see you all once more. The Germans are destroying every town and village they get into. There is some nights when there are three or four fires burning. The cake was very nice indeed. God bless you all.

On October 29th he writes—A few lines to let you know I am well. It is very cold in the trenches this weather. If we have to stay here in the winter it will be very cold on us. You might send a small lot of Tea and Sugar. The best way would be to mix the two together and put in a tin box. May God send a speedy return home.

Private John Girvan, 1st R.I.F., of Tarson, writes as follows to the Rev. G. Bloomer;—I received your kind and welcome letter all right. God has blessed me in taking care of my life in this war, where there are shells flying day and night. There is one thing the Germans do not like to see, and that is a British soldier, and more so when they can see his bayonet. We had one charge at them, and they ran and left their trenches for all they were worth. They are not as good soldiers as the British, for when a British soldier gets in a trench he is not going to be put out of it. The Germans are very bad on the people. When they get into a village they plunder and take all they can get away with them. We are not allowed to take a pennyworth of anything. We would be punished very heavy for it, and I think it is right. When we go to a village the people come out to see us and they bring us coffee and anything they have; they are very kind to us. I am trusting in God to bring me back to Seagoe. Day and night there are shells and bullets going in the air, and you cannot tell when you might be hit. God has heard my prayer, for I am safe and sound, and I will not forget to thank Him for His goodness to me. It is very hard sometimes to get writing, but I do like to get some word from home. I am glad to hear of so many Volunteers having gone to serve the King and Country. We had Volunteers in Seagoe in days gone by, and the same Blood is still in it. I am just writing this while you are in Church. May God bless your

work, and when I go home I will be in it oftener than I was. Yours truly,
John Girvan.

Letter from a Wounded Soldier.

Private Robert Calliston, 1st Irish Guards, an Edenderry man, writes from the General Infirmary, Leeds, under date November 1st, 1914, as follows:—The bullet entered my back and left a nice mark behind it. I was satisfied to get off so light. The morning I got it there were men getting knocked out all together, so I was one of the lucky ones. There are 38 in the ward that I am in, all suffering from Heads, Arms and Backs. There is one of Dr. Heron's daughters as a nurse from Portadown. I hope all the boys at the Station are getting on well. Tell them I was asking about them.

Church Attendance Cards.

EDENDERRY SUNDAY SCHOOL.

1st. Rank and Gold Seal.—39. None. 1st Rank 35—39. None. 2nd Rank—30—35. None. 3rd Rank—25—30. Emma Best 27; Annie Walker 26; Dinah McNally 26; Rosina McCann 27; Arthur Allen 29; Robert Crawford 26; Sam Magee 26; Richard Best 26; Wm. H. Best 26; Robert Watson 26; Willie Best 26; Willie Cranston 26.

4th Rank—20 to 25. Willie Coulter 20; Willie Cox 23; Robert Boyce 24; Mary Best 22; Agnes Johnston 22.

SEAGOE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

1st Rank—35—39. Mary J. Atkinson 39; Mary Best 39; Minnie McCormick 39; Lizzie Webb 39; Isabella Best 39.

2nd Rank—30—35. Joe Kelly 33; Willie Holland 32; Maggie Mathers 31; Mary Wilson 32.

3rd Rank—25—30. James Porter 28.

4th Rank 20—25. Minnie Hara 22; Eliza J. McCormick 24.

CARNE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

1st Rank—35—39. None. 2nd Rank 30—35. None. 3rd Rank—25—30. Margaret Costello 29; Hannah B. Caddell 25; Taresa Ramsey 29; Wm. J. Costello 26.

4th Rank—20—25. Maggie Simpson 21.

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