

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

DECEMBER, 1922.

**WE WISH ALL OUR READERS AT HOME
AND ABROAD A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS
AND A BRIGHT NEW YEAR.**

Important Notice.

A series of meetings for the Men of the Parish will be held in the near future. The first of them has been arranged to take place in Carne Church Hall on Monday, December 4th, at 8 p.m. A Paper will be read by the Rev. A. O. Draper on "The Privileges and Duties of a Churchman." A discussion will follow the reading of the Paper.

Meetings at other centres will be announced later.

Special Advent Services.

During the season of Advent, beginning Sunday, December 3rd (Advent Sunday) Special Sermons will be preached in the Parish Church as follows—

On Sunday Mornings :

Dec. 3rd—The Second Advent. Dec. 10th—The Day of Judgment. Dec. 17th—Our Opportunity.

On Sunday Evenings—

Dec. 3rd—National Sins—Intemperance. Dec. 10th—Indifference. Dec. 17th—Impurity.

On Wednesday Evenings at 8—

Dec. 6th—Foreign Missions—Chota Nagpur. Dec. 13th—Fuhkien. Dec. 20th—South America.

CHRISTMAS DAY.

On Christmas Day Services will be held as follows:
8 a.m.—Holy Communion.

11.30 a.m.—Morning Prayer, Sermon, and Holy Communion.

The Offerings at both Services will be on behalf of the Poor Fund.

To Sunday School Teachers.

Miss M'Keown, of St. Luke's Schools, Belfast, has kindly consented to give an Address to our Sunday School Teachers and Superintendents in Seagoe School on Friday evening, December 15th, at 8 o'clock. Her subject will be "Sunday School Reform." Miss M'Keown is an expert in modern Sunday School methods, and has taken out special courses of study in this subject in Manchester and other Teaching centres. A collection will be made to cover expenses.

Townland Teas.

November has been a record month in the Parish. There have been no fewer than six large Socials held in six different centres in the Parish—Carne, Bocombra, Drumgor, Seagoe, Hacknahay, and Edenderry. Each has been managed by a committee of ladies. Invitations have been issued broadcast to the members of the Church, and no charge has been made for the Tickets, thanks to the kind gifts of many Parishioners. The object of these Social Teas has been to bring before the Parishioners the needs

of the Parish. Mr. W. J. Green, of Edenderry, most kindly spoke both at Carne and Drumgor, and made a great impression on his hearers as he detailed the needs of the old Church and the duty which rests upon her members of making sacrifices on her behalf. At Edenderry Mr. W. H. Wright, of Portadown, gave a stirring and helpful address. At each centre the Rector presided, and the Rev. A. O. Draper was also present. The interest taken by those present was very deep, and we believe that the Parish has been roused to a sense of its duty in giving larger financial support. The Weekly Freewill Offering system has been explained to the people, and many have expressed their intention of taking the Envelopes in the coming year. Mr. James Twinem, Mr. Moses Gilpin, and Mr. Richard Hoy spoke at the meetings, urging the people to help; and Mr. Isaac Dickson, of Crossmacaughilly, also helped at several of the Socials. We express our sincere thanks to all who so kindly assisted to make the Socials a great success.

Seagoe in 1833.

[We publish below a letter which has been copied out of the "Belfast Guardian" for November 8th, 1833. The "Guardians" are bound up with the 1833 Volume of the "Belfast News-Letter" in the Linnahall Library, Belfast. The letter presents us with a very vivid and interesting picture of Seagoe some 90 years ago when things were very different from what they are in these latter days. Archdeacon Saurin became Vicar of Seagoe in 1826. When the letter was written the "Tithe War" had broken out. The Rectors of Seagoe were landlords of the townlands of Lower Seagoe and Kilvergan. The Railway had not yet been made in 1833, and the present Lurgan Road had just been cut. The Mrs. Saurin who is mentioned died in 1839, leaving two daughters, Caroline (Mrs. Cave-Brown-Cave), and Christina (Mrs. Stewart). There were no trees around the Rectory grounds in those days, so the glare of the bonfire could be reflected in the Bann. We would like to know where M'Cully's public-house was situated. We imagine the letter was written by Richard M'Caughilly, of Derryvore, a very famous letter writer in his day. A parishioner tells us that any one who lived in a "Derry" was in those days termed a "Moynthaughyman."]

POPULARITY OF THE ARCHDEACON OF DROMORE

To the Editor of the "Guardian."

Sir,—That the rev. gentleman whose name heads this article has by his acts rendered himself popular with his numerous parishioners is a fact well known to the readers of the "Guardian." Some months ago I had the pleasure of submitting to them an account of a Vestry meeting in Seago Parish on the subject of Tithes. In that communication, which you, sir,

had the goodness to publish, I detailed the pleasing fact that the Rev. Mr. Saurin had actually consented to a reduction of his tithes, and for this act of generosity so honorable to the man the parishioners surrounded their high-minded and generous Rector, and elevating him

On Their Shoulders,

carried him round the Church in the midst of the most cordial and enthusiastic cheering! This kind act of Mr. Saurin was the more gratifying to the inhabitants of Seago, both Protestant and Roman Catholic, for it occurred at a time when clergymen and their parishioners in sundry other parts of Ireland were at variance on the subject of Tithes. Since then Mr. Saurin has reduced the rents on the Glebe lands more than 7s 6d per acre per annum. It may be presumed from this that he is highly respected, nay, beloved, by his parishioners, and they only waited an opportunity of testifying their gratitude and respect to their Rector, and this opportunity presented itself on the 18th ult. The readers of the periodical Press are already aware of the recent marriage of Mr. Saurin to the beautiful and highly accomplished Miss Simpson, of Bath, and it having transpired that he, with his lovely bride, would reach Seago on that evening, his parishioners and tenants resolved to avail themselves of this occasion of marking their respect for their generous Rector, and considerate landlord, by chairing him home with every demonstration of respect. Accordingly early in the evening preparations were made on the lawn

Fronting the Glebe House

for a bonfire. Tarbarrels and other combustibles were in requisition, while at the same time might be seen hundreds of men and women hurrying along the turnpike road towards Lurgan to meet him. At about 5 o'clock his long expected carriage drove up, when the immense crowd opened to admit the carriage, and received it with the most warm cheering. They then closed around it, and contrary to Mr. and Mrs. Saurin's remonstrances, unharnessed the horses and yoked themselves to, and in this manner rapidly drew the carriage along to Seago, a distance of 2 miles, the crowd keeping up one continual and deafening cheer. On the procession entering the gates leading to the Glebe house they were received with 3 rounds of

Cannon and Musketry.

and cheering both loud and long. The coup d'oeil at this time was really grand. The large fire in front of the Glebe house, whose vivid blaze illumined the waters of the lovely and romantic Bann, on the verge of which the Glebe house stands, the repeated discharge of cannon and musketry, intermingled with the soul-inspiring cheers of a warm and grateful multitude, was a scene of beholding which Mr. Saurin might (and no doubt did) feel proud. The lady with much humility and good humour testified her thanks for the flattering reception she received, and Mr. Saurin on alighting from the car-

riage addressed the immense crowd from the steps of the hall door in a feeling and eloquent speech. He thanked them for the proof of their respect and friendship, which he would long remember; he told them

In Glowing Terms

that this was certainly the proudest moment of his life to behold himself surrounded by approving parishioners and a grateful and contented tenantry; and, lastly, he directed 2 of his tenants to conduct the crowd back to M'Cully's public-house and to treat them there. He did not limit them to any sum; his only injunction to them was this:—My dear kind friends and parishioners, be steady, be peaceable, be well-conducted, and be merry; do not get drunk, and do not spare my purse. Let me hear how well you will behave, and I will not regret the event. The crowd then, after giving 3 cheers more, proceeded to M'Cully's, and were handsomely treated, and after toasting the health and long life of their "good Rector" and his fair consort, returned to their respective homes with as much order and regularity as they assembled, and without one angry word occurring during the night.—I remain, sir, with many thanks for former favours, your much obliged and humble servant,

A MOYNTAUGHMAN.

Derryvore, near Portadown.

Nov. 2nd, 1833.

Parish Register for Nov., 1922 Baptisms.

The following were Baptized on November 4th, 1922, in the Parish Church:—

Watson—Ethel, daughter of George Annesley and Mary Watson, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Sarah Jane Craig, Mary Watson.

Hall—William Henry Preston, son of William Henry and Mary Jane Hall, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Margaret Hall, Emma Best.

Finn—Ethel, daughter of Moses Henry and Margaret Finn, of Portadown.

Sponsors—Jane Haire, Margaret Finn.

M'Cann—James, son of James and Minnie M'Cann, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Sarah Kane, Minnie M'Cann.

Marriage.

Wilson and Wilson—November 29th, 1922, William Wilson, of Garrendenny, Crettyard, County Carlow, to Jane Kathleen Elizabeth Maud Wilson, of Hacknahay.

Burials.

Vaughan—November 14th, John Vaughan, of Tullylish, late of Kernan, aged 81.

Wilson—November 16th, Mary Wilson, of Lurgan, aged 70.

White—November 17th, Sarah White, of Killycormaine, aged 66.

Cottage Services.

A Cottage Service will (D.V.) be held in Mrs. Best's house in Drumlisnagrilly (kindly lent for the occasion) on Wednesday, December 13th, at 8 p.m. Last month a Cottage Service was held in Mr. W. J. Gracey's house in Drumgor on Wednesday evening, November 22nd. The Rev. A. O. Draper conducted the Service.

The Sunday Schools.

A new Sunday School Calendar (specially drawn up for the Parish) has been issued. The charge is 1d. It is arranged on new lines, and covers the period between Advent Sunday and Trinity Sunday (six months). A full Infant Calendar forms part of it, and the classes are graded into three Divisions—Infant (ages 4—8), Junior (8—12), and Senior (12—16). Those over 16 are invited to join the Bible Classes. The Seniors are studying a new course called "Christ's First Missioners."

Resolution Cards for 1923.

Resolution Cards for the New Year will be circulated throughout the Parish at the end of this month. We hope many will sign them.

Concert.

Please remember the Concert in Edenderry Parochial Hall on Thursday, December 7th, at 8 o'clock. A most attractive Programme has been arranged, and Mr. Power has kindly consented to give two of his famous "Sketches." The Tickets are 2s (reserved) and 1s each, and the proceeds are towards the upkeep of Seagoe Parochial Schools. Secure your Ticket without delay.

Communicants' Guild.

The members will meet (D.V.) in Seagoe School on Monday, December 11th, at 8 p.m.

Seagoe Parish Almanac.

This Almanac is now on sale throughout the various Sunday Schools and at Kyle's Grocery Store, 16 Bridge Street. The price is 3d per copy. It is a very pretty Almanac with a text for every day. The Rector has signed each copy at the foot of the Address. We hope the Almanac will find a place in every Church home in the Parish.

ITEMS.

Miss Ellen Matthews arrived safely at Brisbane, Queensland, on board the s.s. "Orvieto" on November 19th.

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Mrs. Nesbitt, of Sydney, Australia, writes that she wishes to have the Magazine sent to her every month.

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The Rector has received a copy of St. John's "Evangelist" from the Rev. J. S. Mackenzie, Rector of St. John's Church, Cedar Rapids, U.S.A. Many of our readers will remember Mr. Mackenzie. The Magazine is most interesting, and excellently printed.

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We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of £1 towards the Magazine from Lt.-Col. Blacker.

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Protestant Orphan Collecting Cards are in circulation through the Parish.

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A Christmas Anthem will be sung by the Choir on Sunday, December 24th (Christmas Eve.)

WITH THE "NINTH" IN FRANCE.

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

(Continued from November Magazine.)

SUNDAY, JULY 16th.

We got back about 10 of our slightly wounded cases to-day, Sergeant Johnstone among them, I'm glad to say. He last saw 'At.' waving the men on. He (J.) was hit about 30 yards from the German line, but he didn't see 'At.' then. Smith, a L/Corpl in 'A' also back; crawled in from near German wire on Monday, and says he saw Montgomery and Hollywood; were lying dead close to him. So I fear there is no hope for them. Very few of the bodies were able to be brought in; all energies were devoted to getting in any that were alive. Of course, it's dreadful, but it was impracticable, except at the cost of leaving wounded men out. My orders were "concentrate all energies on getting in the wounded." The area was under fire and I could not risk loss of life to bring in the dead; our time was limited. Of course, a few near our line were brought in, but those far out had to be left. The Border Regt. have been so good, and have buried a number.

The present idea is we stay here till the end of the month, and then go into the line somewhere near, but it changes from day to day because no one knows for certain—nothing is certain. Personally I have not the least hope of any of the missing being alive, but there is a bare possibility in 'At's' case, but Sgt. Johnstone does not think so. About recommendations. You must have evidence of some specific act, and this is impossible to obtain, though I know all were splendid. Ah! the pity of it. No leave, I hear. Gen. asked and was refused is the story. After all, it's right. Good news again to-day. We are still going forward—but they are far from beaten. We have had 80 men back since coming here, most from Ireland.

MONDAY, JULY 17th.

I'm so grieved for Willie Hughes. He was one of the best in the Battalion. He had written to the S. Maj. he was all right. Cheery to the end, a gallant fellow. Dull heavy weather, very close, occasional heat drops. There are heaps of small streams about

here, and water is plentiful for the first time. Such a pretty country; wooded and with hedges, and undulating. Very good billets, comfy, have straw. Few people can realise the horror of war who haven't seen it on this large scale, and what it entails; the dead lying unburied; the awful state of everything really in the fighting zone. Mercifully they can't. We seem to be doing well, if only we could get Thiepval. Captures of guns and Hows., excellent news. I cannot understand why Mrs. Charlie hasn't had a notification from W.O. I must try and verify my report at Bde. Office. Am trying to find out about Harry Fraser. A letter from old Gosford to-day, urged to write by his wife, I'm sure. I've just answered it. I got your letters the 3rd day, much quicker. There's a lot of new Staff work going on. I'm so saddened I cannot even strafe them. Padre writes to relations day and night. Young Burnett has lost his leg, but writes cheerfully. They are wonderful fellows. Pratt's just come in to take me out to see a range. The Gen. (N.) has softened since just before the Push. I asked Gosford to set inquiries on foot re prisoners. Please tell me any discrepancies that come to your notice, and they can be put right. It's so hard to avoid errors in dealing with large numbers.

TUESDAY, JULY 18th.

M'Calmont came over to see me yesterday in the P. of Wales' car! He has put on flesh, but is looking well. The Prince specially offered the car to him to come and see the Div. They are in the salient and have been in since March. Not a salubrious spot. I went to the Bde. Office yesterday and found out that my amended report about C.M.J. had not reached them, so got them to wire it at once.

Plumer is our Army Cr. He came round to make our acquaintance to-day. Grown very white, but very pleasant. He looked hard at me and I mentioned you and Hale, and he said "Of course, I knew your face and couldn't place you." Don't know what Corps we are in, but believe V. Don't know who commands it. Wilson, Reg. Q.M.S., comes from Poyntzpass, and was clerk in Gavin Low's house in Dublin. A charming letter from the Primate. Did you see an account of the rebellion in Wexford, written by a lady living on the river below N.T. Barry? Quite good. We sent a Sergt. and Pte. from each Battalion in Div. to Paris for 14th. They have just returned. They had a great time, and the Sergt. (Campbell) said "We were just adored!" To-day I was ordered to send in 1 of the names already submitted, for immediate reward.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19th.

Orders just come for a move, and we have all out on a route march. We move at 3 p.m., about 9 miles up toward the line in the direction of P. (Poperinghe)—an awful rush. 1.30 p.m.—Such a hurry and turmoil, collecting everything, and of course a whole lot of clothing and boots come in at the last moment, and nowhere to carry them. Am leaving some men

behind to look after the things, and bring 'em on when they can. Very sorry to leave this peaceful spot. We are scattered here, which makes things more difficult.

THURSDAY, JULY 20th.—"Bollzelle."

We go on to a camp near P. by train. Transport by road, leave at 7 a.m. Hilda Booth's boy joined 12th. Came and talked to me yesterday. Such a nice fellow, strong and well built. March severe yesterday, hot, dusty. Very clean place here—B (). Don't think much kit has been lost so far. We have managed to bring it all along. Before going into the line last time we dumped all surplus kit, and each man's pack, which contained clean change. Poor Burnett was very plucky; he was by the German broken wire with a broken leg, but managed to crawl a bit after dark. Near "Poperinghe."—9 p.m.—We came here by light railway. Transport by road 18 miles. We were met on arrival by P. of Wales, who escorted us to our camp and was most kind. He is D.A.Q.M.G. XIV. Corps, and I told him I had never received such kindly treatment from any Corps Staff before, at which he smiled. Such a nice boy and quite simple, and unaffected. A nice, well appointed camp, about 2 miles from Pop. Having just settled in we are told we are to move early to-morrow into another Corps further south. The P. was furious at this apparent muddling and cursed Generals freely. The Div. H.Q. is miles away, Bde. H.Q. five miles away, so we shall not get orders till small hours, and then to move at once, I suppose. Quite a decent journey to-day. We left at 9.30 and got in at 11.30 and only a few minutes march at each end. There are some huts, but I am in a tent. These constant moves are irksome and seemingly unnecessary. The rail runs along the road. We passed our transport and caused much alarm among the horses. Result—three waggons were smashed.

FRIDAY, JULY 21st.

Orders to move at 10.15 a.m. Came at 9.5 a.m. Again hurry packing. We go to-day to Loere, about 9 miles, I think. Don't know what it means. We go now to V. Corps. I saw John Hotham on the road and had a short talk. He says they are off South. We go into the line to-morrow night. Not too bad a part, I believe. Came on this morning with Coy. Commanders and Fergie, and am just going up now with them to have a look. 2 Battalions (ourselves and 12th) take over I Battalion front. Of course, this means a squash for headquarters, 2 Battalions having to share. Cloudy, looks like rain, but very hot. We are just south of M (Messines).

SUNDAY, JULY 23rd.

The evidence about 'At.' is most confusing. I enclose list of men. Our casualty list went to Base, and they notify W.O., I suppose, but you may imagine, with such numbers, how difficult it is, and mistakes occur.

(To be continued.)