

# Seagoe Parish Magazine.

DECEMBER, 1923.

## PARISH OF SEAGOE.

# A SALE OF WORK

Will (D.V.) be held

**In Edenderry Parochial Hall,  
On Friday, December 7th, 1923.**

Opening Ceremony by Mrs. W. H. ATKINSON,  
of Clarisford, at 3.30.

The Sale will remain open until 10 p.m.

ADMISSION ... .. SIXPENCE.

The proceeds of the Sale will be given to the Fund for providing Iron Railings to enclose the grounds of the Parochial Hall

[This Sale will be very attractive. There will be a White Elephant Stall, a Pottery Stall, a Farm Produce Stall, Bran Dip, etc., etc. It is a long time since we had a Sale of Work in the Parish, and we are sure many of the Parishioners will come and help us in this good work. There will also be a Refreshment Stall.]

## A Happy Christmas.

We wish all our Readers at Home and Abroad a very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

### Advent Services.

During Advent Special Sermons will be preached on subjects suggested by this solemn season. On Advent Sunday, December 2nd, the subject Morning and Evening will be "Advent and Foreign Missions" On December 9th at Evening Prayer the special Preacher will be the Rev. R. C. H. Elliott, M.A., Rector of All Saints' Church, Belfast. During the War Mr. Elliott did good service with the men at the Front as Chaplain to the Forces. On December 16th the special subject will be "The Day of Judgment." On December 23rd "Preparation for Christmas." At the Evening Service on December 23rd Christmas Carols will be sung.

### CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES.

8 a.m.—Holy Communion.

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

The Offerings at the Christmas Day Services will be given to the Poor Fund of the Parish

### Ghosts.

The Rev. H. B. Swanzy's Lecture on Ghosts was well attended, and proved very interesting. He told some wonderful ghost stories, some of which were derived from his own personal experience. The Lecture was amusing as well as interesting. During the evening a wireless set was on exhibition, and the audience heard music from London and Glasgow through the Loud Speaker. A wire had been stretched from a neighbouring cable pole to the chimney of the Hall and connected with the Instrument. The Gecophone, as the instrument is called, was very kindly lent by Mr. Hewitt of the Garage, Portadown, who is agent for the Gecophone Wireless Instrument. Mr. Hewitt will be glad to give intending purchasers full information regarding the sets. Before long no home will be complete without wireless. The Rector will be much obliged to those who have kindly sold Tickets for the Rev. Mr. Swanzy's Lecture if they will hand in to him without delay any sums they have received.

### Purchase of Seagoe Glebe.

The Purchase of the Glebe was completed last month when Mr. Hugh Stoops, the Hon. Treasurer of the Select Vestry, drew a cheque for £950 5s 8d in favour of the Representative Church Body in Dublin. At a meeting of the Select Vestry held in Seagoe School on Monday, November 13th, Mr. Stoops produced the Receipt received from Captain Maude, Secretary of the R.C.B., for the payment of the amount. At the same meeting of the Vestry the subject of a Memorial to the late Mr. Wolsey R. Atkinson was considered, but as a letter had been received from Mrs. Atkinson saying that she and the members of the family did not wish a Memorial to be erected, the members of the Vestry felt that they could proceed no further with the matter.

### The Weekly Envelopes.

We have entered the last month of the year, and our Accounts close on December 31st, 1923. There are still a large number of our contributors in arrears. If you have not yet sent in your Envelopes please do so at once so that they may come into this year's Accounts. We hope that in 1924 all those who have not yet joined the W.F.O. (Weekly Freewill Offering) will do so. It is the only hope for the Parish if it is to be financially strong. It will save our worthy Collectors much time and trouble if subscribers to the Sustentation Fund will hand their subscriptions to the Collector for the District, or place it in an Envelope on the collecting plate in the Church.

A new and improved patent Envelope called "The Sequi" will be distributed to all subscribers this month. Be sure you get your set in time, but if by chance you are overlooked ask Mr. James Twinem for a set.

**Drumgor Sunday School.**

There has been a welcome revival in Drumgor Sunday School. It is now well supplied with Teachers, and the children are attending Letter. The hour of opening has been changed from 3.30 to 3. Two new teachers—Miss Cox and Miss Latimer—have joined the staff, and are doing excellent work. Miss Agnes Guy, who did such good work as Superintendent of Levaghery School, seems likely to bring about the same result in Drumgor. We ask the parents of the children to help Mr. Hopps, the Superintendent, by sending the children in good time and by seeing that they prepare the lessons carefully beforehand.

**Seagoe in Patagonia.**

The Misses Dawson have arrived in far-off Patagonia, South America, and we print herewith a description of their arrival in that distant land.

Leaving England early in July last by the Araby, a new oil-driven vessel, they had a pleasant and comfortable voyage, though they were the only passengers and were therefore rather lonely. Except for a couple of days on which the vessel was tossed by long rollers, the passage was calm, and by good fortune they just escaped a tornado at Monte Video. They arrived at Buenos Aires early in August, beating the record passage by 1½ days, and remained in that city for a fortnight. Whilst there they met a friend, a former co-worker in the missionary field, who brought their little dog Peter to meet them, to their great joy. At the Y.W.C.A. Home there they experienced their last taste of civilised comforts.

They next proceeded in a little coasting steamer to San Julian, the journey occupying five days, and arrived there in brilliant sunshine, but in piercing cold, going ashore in a barge, and finally reaching the strand by a plank. On the shore a crowd of people had gathered to welcome them, and a crowd of dogs to meet Peter. San Julian is a very primitive, straggling little town, mainly built of corrugated iron. No trees or grass can be seen but a glimpse of the sea forms a link with home, whilst inland the background is formed of low hills. They received a very kindly welcome from Mr. and Mrs. Evans, and were luckily able to secure a good house with grounds in which to start a school. After a week the school was opened with eleven pupils and fourteen chairs. On the second day there were fifteen pupils, so a box had to do duty for an extra chair. New pupils are being taken in as fast as arrangements can be made to receive them, and a boarding-house is being started by the mother of two pupils for the convenience of children who live at a distance.

On the first Sunday they opened a Sunday School, and they are getting their harmonium sent out from home for it. The Ladies' Committee of the S.A.M.S. in Belfast is bearing the expense of sending it out to them, but this will not be heavy, as the M'Ivor

Line has very kindly offered to convey it free on the Araby's next voyage.

The work they have undertaken will be pioneer work in a new district, amongst English people who have had no way of educating their children previously. Many branches of Christian work are being started, and the Misses Dawson will have a busy life. They will find the climate cold after their experience of Chili and the Argentine, and will miss the trees and gardens, for San Julian has none of these, but they are very happy, and deeply interested in their new work. A kg of mutton can be purchased there for 1s 2d, but beef is not to be had. Coal is very dear, and the only milk to be had is of the tinned variety, so one does not live luxuriously in the mission field, at any rate in Patagonia.

**Old Seagoe Notes.**

**A Bit of Old Seagoe.**—Many years ago in these columns we recorded the fact that when the Railway was being cut through Seagoe the workmen unearthed some underground store-house half-way between the Rectory and the Old Church. The underground chamber contained earthenware jars. Since then we heard nothing further about these mysterious jars until a few days ago when by chance we received information that a former Parishioner, for many years past residing in Cheshire, has one of them in his possession. We hope shortly to secure a photograph of the relic. It may be that they were cinerary urns such as contain human remains and calcined bones, but until we get a further description we can come to no settled decision. It was certainly an interesting find.

**Seagoe Scouts.**

The Rev. W. T. Wilson has been appointed Scoutmaster in the Edenderry Troop. A most enjoyable evening was held in the Parochial Hall last Monday, November 27th, when Mr Herbert M'Kegney of Belfast, gave a talk to the Boy Scouts and others on Temperance and the Boy Scout movement. It was one of the happiest evenings ever held in the Hall. Mr. M'Kegney is an ideal Lecturer to young people, especially boys. The sing-songs and choruses, as well as his funny stories, will not soon be forgotten, and his sound advice on Abstinence from Strong Drink will be a great help in our battle against Intemperance. The Hall was crowded. The proceeds go towards the Seagoe Scouts.

**Seagoe Parish Almanac.**

The Parish Almanac for 1924 will be on Sale through the Parish from Saturday, 1st December. It may be had at Mr. Vance's, Bridge Street, and from the Superintendents of the Sunday Schools in the various Districts of the Parish. The price of the Almanac is 2d. Each copy is signed by the Rector. Seagoe parishioners who have emigrated are very glad to get a copy of the Parish Almanac, so send one out to them. It is a continual reminder of the old Parish at home. Those who get the Almanac should read the verse each day.

### Sunday School Calendars.

The new Calendars were issued to the Teachers and Children last Sunday, November 25th. The price of the Calendar is ½d. It is larger and better printed than previous Calendars. There are Calendars for the Junior Grade (age 8 to 11) and for the Senior Grade (age 11 to 14 and over). A special course is also prescribed for Infants (under 8 years of age), and will be found specified on the front of the Calendars. Books of notes for Teachers to accompany the Calendars are ready, price—Junior Grade "The Children of the Church," 2s; Senior Grade "The Sunday Gospels," 2s. These Books will be in the hands of the Sunday School Superintendents on Sunday, December 2nd, and copies can also be had now at Mr. Vance's, Bridge Street. Notes on the Afternoon Sunday Lessons are published in "The Irish Churchman" each week. From January 1st they will be written by the Rev. P. R. Cosgrave, M.A., Director of Religious Education for this Diocese. "The Irish Churchman" can be purchased at Waugh's Bookshop, Portadown, for 1d weekly, or 4s 4d per annum. Every teacher should have Notes, otherwise they cannot teach the Calendar properly. If for any reason any Teacher is unable to get a copy of the Book of Notes they should communicate direct with the Rector.

During the coming year we hope to improve considerably the efficiency of the Sunday Schools. This can only be done if each Superintendent and each Teacher will prepare carefully for the Lesson and be in their place each Sunday in good time. The Morning Sunday Schools begin sharp at 10 a.m., and the Afternoon Schools at 3 p.m. sharp. Superintendents should be at their post 10 minutes before the School opens, and Teachers not later than 5 minutes before the opening.

### ITEMS.

Lieut-Col. Blacker and family are spending the Winter at Kertherne, near Dinard, France.

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A Social was held in Seagoe School last month to bid farewell to Miss Henrietta Porter, who has by this time sailed for Canada. Her Bible Class and Sunday School companions presented her with a Bible and a Brooch.

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Mrs. M'Donald addressed a meeting of the Mothers' Union in the Parochial Hall on Tuesday, November 6th.

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Those who have not yet returned the sales of Tickets for the Lecture on "Ghosts" should do so without delay.

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The January issue of the Magazine will appear as usual in a new Cover. This time the colour will be a pretty shade known in the paper trade as "Old Gold."

We are glad to notice that the police are taking steps to control the heavy motor traffic in Portadown and to repress the reckless driving which has recently become a danger to the community. We would suggest to the Parishioners that if they notice any case of reckless driving they should note the number of the motor and report the case at once at the Barracks in Edward St., Portadown. Some serious accidents have recently occurred, and worse will follow if the present reckless driving goes unchecked.

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The Annual Report is in print, and will be circulated immediately.

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Give up your Annual Subscription and take the new "Sequi" Weekly Envelope and help on your Parish Church. Your collector or Mr. James Twinem will give you a set of 52 for the coming year if you ask him.

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In the new Report, which will in a few days be in your hands, everyone will notice the difference in the amount contributed by those who have joined the W.F.O. and those who have not.

### Parish Register for November.

#### Baptisms.

The following were Baptized in the Parish Church on November 3rd, 1923:

**Magee**—Olive, daughter of Joseph William and Emma Elizabeth Magee, of Kernan.

*Sponsors*—Elizabeth Patton, Emma Elizabeth Magee.

**Collins**—Margaretta, daughter of Joseph and Mary Collins, of Edenderry.

*Sponsors*—Margaretta Pentland, Mary Collins.

**Neill**—Emmons Robert, son of James and Sarah Neill, of Killicomaine.

*Sponsors*—Margaret Bell, Sarah Neill.

#### Marriages.

**Milligan and Elliott**—November 17th, 1923, Robert George Milligan, of Edenderry, to Ellen Elliott, of Ballyhannon.

**Gracey and M'Cormick**—November 22nd, 1923, Thomas Gracey, of Portadown, to Mary M'Cormick, of Ballyhannon.

#### Burials.

**Lavery**—November 17th, Rachel Lavery, of Kilvergan, aged 75 years.

**Campbell**—November 18th, Richard Campbell, of Balteagh, aged 85 years.

## WITH THE "NINTH" IN FRANCE.

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

(Continued from November Magazine.)

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20th.**

Fine night, but red sky this morning, and watery look. More rain coming. River down to nearly normal level. **4.30 p.m.**—No rain to-day after all, and though everything is messy we have got the trenches square. I find Ovilux no good for this sort of warfare, heavy and a bother. The little Vickery 5s one is splendid. Yes, it's splendid getting Beau-court. They may find some traces of our men. We don't get real gales out here, but wind is not bothersome. Pratt's come in for lunch and gave me much useful information. It was a really good show, 170 in the raid, and only 1 killed and 13 wounded, and remained in the Bosche lines for an hour. Saxons have replaced Wurtemburghers—from the Somme, and rather weak.

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21st.**

A white frost last night, fog this a.m., and sun coming through, giving promise of a glorious day. **4.30 p.m.**—Fog never lifted. It was a splendid day for wandering about in front examining wire, etc. Not a man had any sign of drink after B—. I was only out for 3 hours this a.m., and was never in a trench at all so thick was the fog.

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22nd.**

All safely in by 7.30 p.m., dark and foggy. Only 2 casualties during the four. Cold night and rain after midnight. To-day fog cleared, and sunny. Saw Holt. They've got a draft of 100 Cockneys Turned out sunny. We've started making charcoal now, with seeming good success. Still foggy. We play Pratt's push at football this p.m. These tin shanties are cold.

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd.**

A foggy day with gleams of sunshine. Cold night. Everything so damp. The 11th Innisk's beat us 2—1, to Pratt's great delight. A good game. Many of the Officers came over. A very nice lot they looked. R. lost 5 Officers, 2 k., and 3 wounded by a T.M. which landed on Coy H.Q. the day before yesterday. Capital sending the £21 for the Plum Puddings. Yes, I think dry sunny frosty days would be preferable, but the nights would be trying. Wet is damnable. Yes—Burbridge, T thought would be excellent as Food Controller. Yes, Forster's people should get his M. Medal. Maudie and Saunderson were over here to-day. Place had shingles and is run down. Wilson also Weisitedus helpful and capital. The mud here is bad; luckily no rain.

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24th.**

Such a cold bitter sunless day, with piercing wind, but dry. Padre and I both loved Burrough's Book. Both wounded men back with Battalion. A draft of 137 on their way from the Base, mostly English, I expect. Couldn't stand the damp of my chateau, so rigged up a stove yesterday, which has dried things. Dearth of oil here now.

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25th.**

Such a day, torrents of rain. Draft of 137 expected to-night. Am sending 3 Officers and some N.C.O.'s to look after them in the back areas, as they are not to come into the line this time. Great Officers' Rugby match with 12th yesterday. Result, they beat us by 1 goal after a good game. Guns were noisy last night up to midnight—much warmer. Had another fire going in my hut and was very cosy from 5—7. Great loss the "Britannic." We used to see her in Belfast. Fear the Roumanians are in a bad way.

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26th.**

Draft arrived last night and am going to see them this p.m. Tom Stewart is back, I hear. 34 from 10th Battalion, and remainder English. Padre deserted us to-day for the back areas. His subaltern, quite a nice fellow, took our service. Stephen Gwynne and Willie Redmond, both over 50, are Coy. Commanders in 16th Div. Really rather fine. They say W.R. is a most excellent personality. Fine day, but river in flood, I hear. Sergt. Lucas, who got M.M., shot the pigeon. **9.45 p.m.**—I have to be off early in the morn, as Gen. N. is inspecting the new Draft. I saw them this afternoon. 3 of our old men, 34 from the 10th Battalion, and 100 from London Territorials, with an average of 4 months' service. Not a bad lot I think; 1 Russian amongst them. Padre delighted in "Student at Arms."

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28th.**

Such a foggy morning after a frost. We got in safely last night quite early. No. 7 Ravine was not our Ravine. It was opposite us when we were in the other bit. I think the Redoubt mentioned was one we didn't know of. They apparently took Beau-court Redoubt fairly easily. Holt has built an open fire place here, in which we can burn wood, and get up great warmth. It smokes a little, but is a great boon. Yes, the Naval Division attacked over the very ground we and the 12th were allotted. **9.45 p.m.**—The fog never lifted all day, and we did some good work, wiring, etc. Trenches very messy and crumbly. I was up to my knees in muddy slime in some parts, gum boots the only foot wear possible. The Padre and a plumber we have lately discovered in the ranks have remedied the flue of the open fireplace here, and it is splendid to-night. No smoke, and a great heat. Bosche put over a few oil cans about 7.30 a.m.

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29th.**

Another foggy morning. Quiet night. Strength now about 785, exclusive of Officers. A man was sent some nine months ago to learn how to make charcoal, and as wood is plentiful here we have started it. I don't know the process except that a deep pit is dug and wood put in and lighted, and hole covered with corrugated iron.

(To be continued.)