

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

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Special Lent Services.

During the Season of Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14th, Special Services will be held in the Parish Church. On Sunday Mornings the Sermons will be based on passages from "The Minor Prophets," on Sunday Evenings from "The Penitential Psalms," and on Wednesday evenings the subject will be "Lessons from The Church Catechism."

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES.

9.50 a.m.—10.20 a.m.—A Children's Service.

11.30 a.m.—Morning Prayer, Litany and Communion Service.

8 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon.

Our Sunday Schools.

January was a very busy month in our Sunday Schools. We have had no less than five separate Distributions of Prizes in the following Sunday Schools: Edenderry, Seagoe, Levaghery, Hacknahay and Carne. In each place the Schools were crowded and many of the Parents of the Children were also present. Very nice Prizes were given to those who had attended regularly during the year. The Bibles (granted at half price by the Hibernian Bible Society) were splendid. We hope the children who got Bibles will make a practice of reading them daily. A large number of Hymn Books and Prayer Books were also awarded. Everyone by this time must surely have a copy of the new Hymnal. Those who have got these nice new books will, we hope, come to the Parish Church every Sunday and join heartily in the Psalms, Responses, and Hymns. Many nice story books were also awarded. A good story is a treasure to be stored in the memory and if possible practised in the life.

A pleasing feature this year in our Sunday School Fetes was that four of them—Edenderry, Levaghery, Hacknahay, and Carne—each provided the Prizes and Entertainment at its own expense. Seagoe is not yet quite self-supporting, but we hope it will be this coming year. The ideal at which we aim is that each of the Parish Sunday Schools will raise a sum sufficient to cover all its expenses. We are rapidly approaching that happy state. But there should be an Annual Examination in each Sunday School in the work done during the year. It is the rule in almost every Parish except Seagoe. There would then be a guarantee that the children not merely attended but were very attentive during the school hour.

We are glad to notice that the spirit of Reform is entering our Sunday Schools. Miss M'Keown's recent Lecture is bearing good fruit. The Teachers also are finding the Lessons on "Christ's Missionaries" very useful. One teacher describes it as

"splendid." Some teachers have not yet got it and are trying to do their work in the old Rule-of-Thumb way. But the wise ones have got their book and use it.

Impressions we received in the various Schools are here set down. **EDENDERRY** was well managed, but there are really too many children to deal with at once. An Afternoon Distribution for the Infants would help. **SEAGOE** was quite overcrowded, and as there was no Programme games were played, but it made things noisy. In future, too, the Bible Classes should have a separate night. **LEVAGHERY** had a splendid Christmas Tree and every child (thanks to Tom Metcalfe's generous subscription) got a gift. We would suggest better ventilation of the room. Levaghery was built in the old days before ventilation. There was a very large gathering in **HACKNAHAY** School. A charge of 3d was made for admission. The "Sketches" in the Programme were a new feature, and were very well done. At **CARNE** the Hall was full, and a very nice programme had been arranged. Some of the performers were very young, but acquitted themselves well.

The Superintendents—Messrs. M'Clements, Rennix, Twinem, Dickson, Maginnis, Murray, and Miss Guy—are to be heartily congratulated on the success of these Festivals. They went to great trouble in making the arrangements.

Mr. Thomas Metcalfe kindly presented two Silver Medals in Seagoe Morning Sunday School, and also gave a subscription towards the Christmas Tree in Levaghery.

Mr. and Mrs. Bunbury Atkinson also kindly gave special Prizes to each child in Hacknahay School who attended every Sunday throughout the year, and have also promised to continue the gifts in each succeeding year while they reside in the neighbourhood.

We deprecate the habit which is again growing of asking for special books as Prizes. In a large Parish like Seagoe where the Prizes number about 400 this becomes a serious difficulty.

Important.

The Rev. P. R. Cosgrave, M.A., Director of Religious Education in the Diocese, will give an Address to the Sunday School Teachers on "Sunday School Efficiency" in Seagoe School on Thursday, March 1st, at 8 p.m.

Revision of General Vestry.

A meeting of the Select Vestry will be held (D.V.) in Seagoe School on Monday, February 5th, at 8, to revise the List of General Vestrymen for the Parish. Parishioners who wish to have their names entered on the list are asked to give in their names at this meeting.

Seagoe Magazine at Home and Abroad.

We have recently received further interesting proof of the widespread influence of Seagoe Parish Magazine as a link between Seagoe people all the world over.

From Rockhampton, Queensland, Australia, comes the following letter—

Rockhampton, Nov. 30th, '22.

Dear Sir,—I am taking the liberty of sending you a local newspaper with the notice of the death of my mother, Mrs. Mary Roberts, who had your Magazine sent to her regularly by relatives in Seagoe, and which was much appreciated by her.

She was born in Lower Seagoe, and left there at the age of 23 years.

I will be greatly pleased if you will notify through your paper the account of her decease, which will help to inform a lot of her relatives in the district.

I am pleased to say she had a perfectly peaceful end, and was conscious to the last, after being confined to her bed for the last three months.

Thanking you in anticipation,—I remain, yours faithfully,

GEORGE E. ROBERTS.

c/o Mrs. J. T. Norman, Upper William St.
Rockhampton, Queensland.

THANKS—The relatives of the late Mrs. Mary Roberts desire to return their thanks for the many messages of sympathy and Floral Tributes received by them.

Mrs. Mary Roberts, of 126 Alma-lane, widow of Mr. Thomas Roberts (who for many years was in the pilot service at this port), died at her residence on the 17th instant. Mrs. Roberts arrived in Rockhampton in January, 1863, in the sailing ship Wansfell, and remained here. She attained to the good old age of eighty-two years. She was born in Portadown, County Armagh, Ireland. She is survived by two sons and one daughter—Mr. R. M. Roberts (Sydney) and G. E. Roberts (Rockhampton) and Mrs. M. A. Norman, wife of Mr. J. T. Norman (Rockhampton). Her funeral was attended by many old friends. The Rev. R. W. U'Ren officiated at the graveside. The sympathy of a large circle of friends will be extended to the sorrowing family in its bereavement.

Mr. Delmege Trimble, Editor of "The Armagh Guardian," writes—

Armagh, October 4th, 1922.

Reverend and Dear Sir—The burning of the Record Office was a national disaster and destroys the hope I had of publishing (as a result of searches) items of old history of the county, of which the "Armagh Guardian" makes a feature.

You have from time to time published these in your Parish Magazine, and if you would give me any copies on loan containing these to reproduce I would feel much obliged.

I am the more anxious to reproduce all I can on account of the destruction of the Records, and I have just finished two histories. Stamped envelope enclosed.—Yours very faithfully,

DELMEGE TRIMBLE.

Rev. Canon Archer.

Mrs. Johnston writes from Co. Kildare—

Medical Hall, Monasterevan, Jan. 3rd, 1923.

Dear Sir—Would you kindly have "Seagoe Parish Magazine" posted to enclosed address. I enclose 2s 6d P.O. to cover postage and cost.

Thanking you in anticipation, and trusting you are keeping very well.

With compliments of the season.—Yours faithfully,

(Mrs.) M. JOHNSTON.

Miss Ellen Matthews, late of 21 James Street, writes as follows from Brisbane, North Queensland—

7th December, 1922.

Just a few lines to let you know that I have landed safe in Brisbane, and am having a good time. We were held up in Melbourne for over a week; there was a strike on with the sailors and stewards, but we were alright. I like the place well; it is very warm. I am visiting all our friends here, having the time of my life. Cousin Jim Kelly that was in Ireland a few years ago, is on a holiday in Brisbane so he met me at the boat. I am driving about nearly every day in a "sulky," that's what they call the cars here. I was at the seaside last Sunday, had a real good day. I have not got my boxes yet, but expect to hear about them to-morrow. I have not met Moses yet, but we will leave before Christmas. It will take me another week to get to Moses yet. I was seven weeks and four days from I left home till I landed in Brisbane. I had to get a few light dresses when I came this length, so you would hardly know me now. I could not describe the beauties of this place. I can tell you the children have plenty of room to play. The houses are all wood, set up very high. All live up the stairs. I can tell you the living is far cheaper here than it is at home. You can get steak at 2d and 3d per lb., what you pay 1s 4d for at home. The clothes are very cheap—all light dresses they wear. It will be after Christmas before you get this. The girls have the time of their life here. The women have just the house work to do, and plenty of everything at their hand.

Girls' Bible Class.

A most enjoyable Social was given by the Girls' Bible Class in Seagoe School on Thursday evening, February 1st. After tea there was Music and some games. At the close of the evening the members of the Class presented Mr. and Mrs. Rennix with a handsome Silver Kettle as a token of their esteem. The Rector presided, and Mr. Rennix thanked the members for their great kindness.

The Rev. A. O. Draper.

The Rev. A. O. Draper and Mrs. Draper and family left Carne House on last Thursday, February 1st, for their new home at Dunseverick, Co. Antrim. The good wishes of all the Seagoe people will follow them, and we hope they will have much prosperity and blessing in the days to come.

A Social meeting of the Mothers' Union was held in Seagoe School on Tuesday, January 23rd. There was a large attendance. After tea there was music and during an interval in the Programme a Presentation was made to Mrs. Draper by the Mothers' Union, of which Mrs. Draper was an active member. The Rector, who presided, called on Miss Collen to make the Presentation, which consisted of a very handsome Leather Bag. In a few words Miss Collen expressed their regret at losing Mrs. Draper, and said the Mothers' Union felt that they must give her some token of their esteem. Mrs. Draper having thanked all for their kind gift Mr. Draper also on behalf of Mrs. Draper thanked them for their kindness, and said they were very sorry to leave Seagoe. The Rector then called on Mr. M'Clements, Rector's Churchwarden, and he handed to Mr. Draper a cheque which had been subscribed for by some of his friends in the Parish. Mr. Draper thanked Mr. M'Clements and the Parishioners for their thoughtful present. The programme was then resumed and a very amusing Sketch was performed by some Parishioners. Miss Montgomery also sang, accompanied by Miss Forsythe, who also, with her sister, played a Duet. The evening concluded with a vote of thanks to all who had helped.

Mrs. Draper received another Presentation from Carne Sunday School at a meeting held in Carne Church Hall on Tuesday, January 30th. The Rector presided, and the gift of a handsome pedestal lamp was handed to Mrs. Draper by Mr. D. W. Murray, Superintendent of the Sunday School. Mr. Murray said the people in Carne were very sorry to lose Mr and Mrs. Draper from amongst them, and told of the good work which Mrs. Draper had done in the Sunday School. Mrs. Draper then thanked them for their kind gift. The Prizes to the children were afterwards distributed by the Rev. A. O. Draper.

ITEMS.

The Rev. John Taylor, Rector of St. Jude's, Belfast, and formerly Curate of Seagoe, will (D.V.) preach in Seagoe Church on Sunday, February 4th, at the 7.30 Service. Many will be glad to see their old friend once again.

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The Rev. I. E. Davidson gave a most interesting Lecture in the Parochial Hall last Monday evening on "Jewish Biblical Customs."

Please remember on the first Sunday of each month special Offerings are asked for the relief of the Poor in the Parish. On the Second Sunday the Morning Service is specially adapted for Children.

Several Parishioners have left recently for the States.

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Will Magazine Distributors kindly send in their returns for 1922 without delay.

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Seagoe Girl Guides were inspected last Saturday in Seagoe School by Mrs. Lawless, Armagh Commandant. The Troop presented a very smart appearance.

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Mr. S. Rennix's paper read at the Seagoe Sunday School Conference has been published in "The Irish Churchman," and also in "The Portadown Times."

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Mr. W. H. Atkinson, of Clarisford, attended an important meeting held last month in Belfast in support of Church Extension outside Belfast. The needs of Seagoe Parish were under consideration. The Rector was also present.

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St. Mark's Church, Portadown, is, we hear, to have its new Tower built this year. The Plans are already drawn out. It will be a great improvement to the town. Seagoe Church Tower would be much improved if it possessed a Peal of Bells or a Carillon.

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Some of the Parishioners are beginning to make a move in the completion of the Glebe Purchase Scheme.

**Parish Register for Jan., 1923
Baptisms.**

The following were Baptized in Seagoe Parish Church on 6th January, 1923 (the Festival of the Epiphany)—

Ruddell—Thomas James, son of Frederick William and Mary Elizabeth Ruddell, of Lower Seagoe.

Sponsors—Anne Douglas Porter, Mary Elizabeth Ruddell.

Somerville—Joan, daughter of John and Mary Somerville, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Martha Glassey, Mary Somerville.

M'Cann—William Ruddell, son of John George and Letitia M'Cann, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Isabella Magee, Letitia Magee.

Marriage.

M'Murray and Best—January 19th, 1923, James Henry M'Murray, of Ballygargan, Parish of Knocknamuckley, to Margaret Best, of Ballyhannon.

Death.

Roberts—At her residence, 126 Alma-lane, Mary Roberts, relict of the late Thomas Roberts, on the 17th inst, aged 82 years.

Burial.

Gordon—David William Gordon, of Lower Seagoe, aged 19 years.

WITH THE "NINTH" IN FRANCE.

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

(Continued from January Magazine.)

THURSDAY, JULY 27th—Continued.

I do not go up to the front side at night. I find I cannot see anything, and only stumble about and do no good. Many interruptions, and have a minute to finish. Padre has come up to-day, I'm glad to say. We could find no room for him at first, but have squeezed him in. Fergie said "Padre is just gasping to come up!" We are 513 strong about, but what with men employed, etc., only 200 Trench strength.

FRIDAY, JULY 28th.

A lovely day, but hot; trenches getting smelly and full of flies. M.G. fire at night very irksome. At present they haven't bothered us with shell fire. The trenches are only breast works and would crumble away. We are on the bank of a small stream, and I have rigged up a bath-house, found boilers and fire-place in working order—so we bath men each day. I bathed yesterday; splendid bath. I captured Shill. to come down this a.m., and he's bathing now, and is staying to lunch. They are having a bad time in front line, and are very crowded. They've sent 22 of our men, who were slightly wounded on July 1st, to 2 R.I.R. I got a letter from them imploring to be brought back. I have written in an official. Very sorry about Doak. The men are settling down fairly now. Sgt. Johnstone is perfectly all right notwithstanding all he went through. Luckily the Bosche gives us credit for a good deal more astuteness than we possess.

SATURDAY, JULY 29th.

We are to be relieved on Monday, and go to that wood where we were for one night before we came in here—a dirty place! Personally we are much more comfy here, but it's a change for the men, who are not comfortable in the front line in this heat. No shade, and heaps of flies. A farewell letter from Spender, who has gone as G.S.O.I., IV. Army, with rank of Lt.-Colonel. He is now with XV. Corps in the thick of it. Saw P. to-day in the trenches. He said the "Russkies" were doing well. If only they could make Austria sue for peace the Huns would be done. See from a German Cor.'s letter, in Friday's "Times" that they have suffered badly. M.G. fire was not so bad last night. Think the Huns were relieving. The heat is making people cranky, and is rather trying. We here are really very well off, and have shade and air. Drinking water is a great difficulty. It has to be brought about 3 miles and then carried up to the line, about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile, in Petrol tins—our bit is quite short, only about 400 yards, instead of 1,200, which means much less fatigue. The Bosche has just started with 5.9's on the dump, about 300 yards behind us. Of course, nothing there at this time, 10.30 p.m. M.G. fire not so bad to-night. The new Captain, one Redbourne, a Colonial, was with Botha in S.W. African campaign. Shill. knew him

in 10th. I have put him under S. to learn trench routine. They've sent back my application for V.C. for Cather, to put it stronger, and send in quintuplicate! They are the limit. It's so hard to write without exaggerations.

SUNDAY, JULY 30th.

Another roasting day. Trying to find out about Lennox, from Bleary, also Oliver writes about Baird, from Cavan. Perhaps you can find out something, from wounded men home, possibly. 4 p.m.—Just got back from service, in shirt sleeves, down by the stream.

MONDAY, JULY 31st.

Another glorious day, but so hot. We are relieved to-night. A lately joined Officer went out in front without telling sentries, and was shot dead. Poor fellow; his own fault, and all through keenness. The Relief to-night will, I fear, be very late. It doesn't begin before 10 p.m., and the 8th R.I.R., who come in, are new to this bit. Our rest place where we go to-night are huts in a wood, on a steep slope, with deep excavations, in case of shelling, to hold 800 men. My brain is woolly with heat. So far no casualties this tour except that of last night, and 1 Sgt. grazed. We have seen very few wasps here, but mosquitoes are bad. I've had a very peaceful time this tour, and the surroundings most pleasant. Personally I regret going out, but the men in front line want a change. I've bathed them all twice, and every one has a new shirt. Every one walking about in shirt sleeves, including self. I hear the 3 wounded ones in London are quite enjoying themselves—young Shill., Gibson and Jackson.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1st.

The Relief was earlier than I expected. I got in here at 12.30 a.m.—in a sand bagged dug-out in P. wood, in a log hut. Place dirty and not very comfortable, but I'm all right. Div. H.Q. about 3 miles N. of Bailleul. Bde. H.Q. in B. The Gen. was round this morning and was most pleasant. He has quite changed, and it's now quite a pleasure to meet him. Relief to be 8 days in and out, I believe. Yes, still in V. Corps and 11 Army. XIV. gone south. We only just missed the salient. 29th Div. gone in. Cole Hamilton goes to command 8th R.I.R. Fergie is doing excellent work; the quick relief last night being mainly due to him. Have put in for Shill. to be Major, and Lutt. and Given Captains. Such a warm night. Very sorry we lose Cole Hamilton.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2nd.

Shooter, Brig'r 109th, came round to see me this evening, and sat in my dug-out, and had a long chat. He is such a nice fellow. His H.Q. are close here and I dine with him to-morrow night. He was in 1st R.I.F. I expect Pratt is next on the roster for a Battalion. Hope he won't go yet. Just off to see Transport.

(To be continued.)