

Seagoie Parish Magazine.

FEBRUARY—MARCH, 1921.

The Double Number for *March and April* will be on Sale on Saturday, April 30th—Price Fourpence.

Holy Week and Easter.

Special Services will be held in the Parish Church during Holy Week, each evening at 8, except on Saturday. The Rev. Oswald Scott, M.A., Rector of St. Paul's Church, will conduct the Services, and will give a series of Addresses on—"The Cross and Passion."

GOOD FRIDAY.

11-30 a.m.—Morning Prayer, Litany and Sermon.
8 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon. Offerings at both Services for the Jews' Society.

EASTER DAY.

8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
11-30 a.m.—Morning Prayer, Sermon and Holy Communion.
7 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon. Offerings at all Services for Parochial Sunday School Fund.

Easter Vestry.

The Annual Easter Vestry will be held in Seagoie School on Thursday, March 31st, at 7-30 p.m. Special interest attaches to this Easter Vestry, as Women are for the first time eligible for election, both to the General and Select Vestries. Already several women have been registered on the General Vestry of Seagoie. We hope some will obtain places on the New Select Vestry.

Weekly Freewill Envelopes.

The Envelopes are making their way steadily in the Parish, and on Sundays the collecting baskets, which have taken the place of the plates, are well filled with them. We have not yet got in the final returns from the distributors, but we believe about 100 sets of Envelopes have already been taken up. The sums contributed range from about 3/6 weekly, down to 1d. The system is so simple and efficient we believe before long almost all the subscribers to Sustentation will have adopted it. A sum of £12 weekly is needed if the minimum Stipend is to be given to the Rector and Curate, with a free house for the Rector, and the Parochial and Choir Fund adequately supported.

This could be accomplished on the following lines.

12 subscribers giving 2/6 weekly,	£78.
20 " " " 2/- "	£104.
25 " " " 1/6 "	£ 97.
50 " " " 1/- "	£130.
100 " " " 6d "	£130.
200 " " " 3d "	£130.

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Seagoie Scouts.

The Scout movement continues to progress in the Parish, and during the past month several recruits have joined the two Troops. A very enjoyable social evening was held in Edenderry Parochial Hall, on Thursday, February 10th. After an abundant supply of Tea and Cakes many novel Scout games were enjoyed. The Tenderfoot Badge was distributed to those who had passed the Test Examination. Mrs. Hugh Stoops distributed the Badges to the Edenderry Troop, and Mrs. Rennix to the Seagoie Day School Troop. The Edenderry Scouts marched up to Seagoie to meet the School Scouts early in the evening, and both Troops marched down together to the Parochial Hall, making an impressive display.

Mr. Howard Stevenson, Scout Master of the Edenderry Troop, has started a Sunday afternoon Bible Class in the Parochial Hall for Scouts over 15 years. The Class is studying St. Matthew's Gospel.

Seagoie in India.

The Rev. W. R. Crichton writes under date Jan. 21st, 1921, from Highbury, Ootacamund, Madras, India—Very many thanks for the Seagoie Kalendar. Here I am up in the Hills, 7000 feet high. We get severe frost sometimes, which is a bit homelike. "Ooty" is one of the biggest hill stations in India, and is a gay spot in the season. The Governor and all officials come up here for six months every year. My church is very fine. I have a furnished Bungalow here. To run our modest establishment we must employ seven native servants. It keeps my wife busy hunting them all day. Please remember me to all my Seagoie friends

Band of Hope.

A very successful Band of Hope meeting was held in the Parochial Hall, Edenderry, on Friday, Feb. 25th. There was a large attendance, and the programme was first rate. The Rector presided, and a stirring address on Temperance was given by the Rev. W. Millington, Curate of St. Mark's. The following assisted, besides those who took part in the Choruses and Dialogues Miss S. Martin, Miss Dorothy Stevenson, Bob Sherman, Doris Shields, Minnie Sherman, John Johnston, Nellie Cox and May Johnston. The Dialogues were very well done. Miss Isobel Atkinson, and the Sunday School Teachers Committee, who organised the meeting are to be congratulated on its success. At the close of the meeting many young people gave in their names to sign the pledge.

Seagoie Kalendars Abroad.

A new venture was tried this year with the Seagoie Kalendars as announced in our last issue. Parcels of them were sent to various centres in Canada, the

States, Scotland, &c. Here is a letter from Mr. David Webb, late of Railway Street, and now of South Manchester, U.S.A.

41 Chestnut Street, South Manchester, Conn., U.S.A.

SIR,—Your letter to hand, dated the 10th, in which you told me about your parcel of Almanacs. Well I received the parcels, 25 in each. I opened my sale on Friday morning, the 28th, and I don't mind telling you the Seagoe Almanac went like snow off a ditch. The old folk from the Old Country called to my house all the time, till I was left with none, not even the one you told me to keep as a present. I had to part with it. So you can understand how the sale went. The first man bought one was a 9th Battalion man, his name is Mr. Matchett.

The houses out in this part of the country is very different from Portadown, so for me to have went round would have meant a lot of work, but as soon as the news went round that the Seagoe Almanac was in town then the business began—so to say it all they flew in a few hours. I must say the Seagoe Almanac this year in very nice, and admired by all who seen it.

I am enclosing six dollars and 25 cents, value for £1 5s in English money, and you can send on those other 25. I shall be very glad to help the Parish in any way I can. I hope these few staggering lines finds you in the best of health, as I am A1, and like America better every day, so good-bye to I hear from you again—I am, sincerely, DAVID WEBB.

Glasgow has also done well. Mr. Joshua Caddell, of Govan, writes that he has sold the 25 Kalendars sent to him. Thomas Brown late of Ballinacor, gave him good help in selling them. We give our best thanks to Mr. Webb and to Mr. Caddell and to Mr. Brown, for their kind help in selling the Kalendars. We have sent out a further supply of Kalendars and Almanacs to Mr. David Webb.

PARISH REGISTER—FEB. 1921. Baptisms.

Porter—February 2nd, Sarah Graham, daughter of Robert John and Margaret Porter, of Lower Seagoe.

Sponsors—Robert John Porter, Margaret Porter.

Hamill—February 5th, James, son of Robert and Mary Hamill, of Killicomaine.

Sponsors—Ellen Elizabeth Hamill, Mary Hamill.

Mullen—February 5th, Edna, daughter of Harris Henry and Christina Mullen, of Portadown.

Sponsors—Emily Reid, Christina Mullen.

McKerr—February 5th, Robert Neill, son of James and Sarah Anne McKerr, of Portadown.

Sponsors—Emily Neill, Sarah Anne McKerr.

Gray—February 5th, Margaret Jane, daughter of Hugh Henry and Charlotte Gray, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Emily McCrory, Charlotte Gray.

Sherman—February 16th, Elizabeth, daughter of William and Margretta Sherman, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Margaret Sweeney, Mary Wilson.

Magee—February 23rd, 1921, Samuel Finnegan, son of George and Hannah Jane Magee, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—George Magee, Hannah Jane Magee.

Marriage.

Ruddock and Holmes,—February 15th, 1921, George Ruddock, of Drumnacanvey, to Annie Holmes, of Bocombra.

Burials.

Reid—January 23rd, Anne Reid, of Upper Seagoe, aged 22 years.

Caddell—February 22nd, Margaret Jane Caddell, of Tarson, aged 69 years.

ITEMS.

Mr. W. J. Bickett, Head of the Education Department, Trenton, New Jersey, writes to say he was born in Seagoe Parish, the son of Mr. James Bickett. He wonders are there any Seagoe people living in Trenton. He would like to meet them. Everything he adds is going fine here. We have a most excellent Rector at our Church, "All Saints," the Rev. J. McCann.

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The widening of Portadown Bridge is progressing. The decision to use only granite was a wise one.

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Have you got your set of Weekly Freewill Offering Envelopes yet? If not, ask Mr. James Sands, Hon. Treasurer, for one. Join at once and help your Church.

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The Select Vestry of Seagoe have declined to adopt the Diocesan Scheme for the increase of Clerical Incomes until they consult the parishioners.

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Among the names added this year to the list of the Registered General Vestry of Seagoe Parish are the following—Miss Isobel Atkinson, Miss Rebecca Calvert and Mrs. Elizabeth Stothers. They are the first to be admitted to the General Vestry since the new law was passed by the General Synod, admitting women as members of the General and Select Vestries of Parishes.

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General and Select Vestries were first formed on the Disestablishment of the Church in 1871.

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A Gas Lamp, giving bright light, has been erected in the ground round the Church.

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The Rev. J. H. McCleary, Deputation Secretary of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, will preach in Seagoe Church on Sunday, March 13th, at Morning and Evening Service. Mr. McCleary, who is a Derry man, gave an interesting Lecture last year in Seagoe School. His subject on Sunday week will be "Foreign Missions."

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The War Memorial Pillars and Gates for Seagoe Church are now practically completed, and will be erected as soon as the weather permits.

The Rev. F. J. Halahan, Rector of Drumcree, has resigned his Commission as an Army Chaplain, after a strenuous and distinguished 5½ years with the colours. His services with the 9th during the great war will not soon be forgotten. Major Halahan has recently been stationed in Mullingar.

Pretty Blotters, price 2d each, are being sold in the Parish to help to raise money to equip the Seagoe Scouts. If you buy one you will buy a most useful thing. Letters are always being written and forms signed, but no one ever has a bit of blotting paper to dry them with. But this can never happen if you have a Seagoe Scout Blotter.

Seagoe Villa, which has housed the Curates of Seagoe for many years past has been sold. It was purchased by Mr. T. D. Gibson, D.L., for £2020. This brings to an end the long tenure of the holding by the Walker family. Many in the Parish will regret Miss Walker's departure from our midst, where she has always been so kind and helpful.

The mild winter has induced an early growth of spring flowers, and farming operations are well advanced.

Much regret has been felt at the death of Annie Reid, of Upper Seagoe. She was a great favourite with all who knew her, and was a most regular member of Seagoe Girls' Bible Class. We offer our sincere sympathy to her bereaved relatives.

OLD SEAGOE NOTES.

(Continued from June, 1920)

Seagoe Choir 80 years ago.—Miss Lett, daughter of the late Rev. Canon Lett who died last December, has presented to the Rector as a remembrance of her father, the wooden Pitch-pipe used by the leader of the Choir in Seagoe Church some 80 years ago. It was bought by Canon Lett at Archdeacon Saurin's Auction. It is made of fine wood, 1½ by 1½ inches square, is 16 inches in length, and gives the scale notes from C to C. The notes are formed by blowing through a pointed end of the pipes and moving a wooden cylinder backwards and forwards.

Seagoe Yeomanry, 1820.—A return of the Yeomanry Forces in the Co. of Armagh, dated 28th April, 1820, gives the numbers of Seagoe Yeomanry as—Captain, W. Blacker; 15 Sergeants, 1 Drummer, 298 Rank and File. This was its effective Force. Its Establishment was 15 Sergeants, 1 Drummer and 300 Rank and File. Portadown Yeomanry Force is given as—Captain, Woodhouse; 8 Sergeants, 1 Drummer, 140 Rank and File. Lurgan is as follows

—Captain, W. Brownlow; 11 Sergeants, 1 Drummer, 208 Rank and File. Tandragee—Captain, W. Patten; 9 Sergeants, 1 Drummer, 156 Rank and File (Establishment 200.) Seagoe Yeomanry was the strongest unit in the County, Lurgan came second. The total effective force for the County was 13 Corps, 13 Captains, 90 Sergeants, 13 Drummers, 1641 Rank and File.

The Great Sir Robert Peel and Seagoe, 1815.
—When Sir Robert Peel, afterwards the famous Prime Minister of England, was Chief Secretary for Ireland in the critical year of Waterloo, 1815, he wrote as follows concerning the Seagoe Yeomanry to Capt. W. Blacker.

Dublin Castle,

24th August, 1815.

Sir,—A report having been received thro the Commander of the Forces on the conduct of the Detachment of the Seagoe Yeomanry whilst lately employed on Military Duty out of this county, I have the Lord Lieutenant's Command to request you will assure the Officers and Yeomen who composed this Detachment, that His Excellency is highly gratified in feeling himself called upon, in consequence of the official representations which have been submitted, to convey to them his entire satisfaction with their conduct on this occasion.

His Excellency appreciates the value of this Service not alone by the temporary limited aid resulting from it to the Regular Military Force, but by the very creditable example of a disinterested spirit, and of punctuality, subordination, alacrity, and improved Discipline, which it is calculated to afford to the Yeomanry at large.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your most obedient

Humble Servant.

R. PEEL.

Seagoe Church Graveyard 1875.—The Graveyard surrounding the present Church has always been regarded as a very unsuitable place for burials owing to its limited space, and the numerous trees which grow in it. Its use as a Burial Ground originated in the year 1875. The first interment was that of Samuel Hamilton in April, 1875 (Plot 14-15). Old Seagoe Graveyard which had always been the property of the Church, was, by the Act of Disestablishment, transferred to the Board of Guardians on 7th August, 1874. The desire to have a burial Ground specially associated with the Church was no doubt the reason why this Ground was brought into use. The Graveyard has recently been carefully mapped and each plot numbered. There are 132 Plots. No record of Burials was kept from 1874 to 1879.

WITH THE "NINTH" IN FRANCE.

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

(Continued from January Magazine.)

Wednesday, February 9th.—Hadn't a minute yesterday. They've sent out a Res. Lt.-Col. to be

attached for 2 days to learn Trench work. A nuisance he squashes us so. We gave the Huns half an hour strafe in retaliation for their strafe on the Downs

yesterday a.m. 9 2 in.-8 in. Hows. etc., all on their Trenches. They put back a few Whizz-bangs into the village. 1 man of ours had his cheek grazed, otherwise quiet, and a quiet night. Snowing this morning which will make the Trenches damnable. Am writing in the cellar while 2 others are dressing, and the breakfast things are being put out, and much turmoil. Griffiths, Smith and C.C. came round in a.m. Latter didn't show a liking for the sound of bullets. 10 a.m.—Snow stopped and turning out fine, but everything very wet and slushy, and cold. Art'y observing Officer last night was Vallentine, son of the Gunner who drove Woolwich coach. Do you remember him? Such a squash in here. Very hard to keep things tidy. 6 p.m.—They are shelling Div. on our left very heavily. Continuous roar of heavy guns. I walked out with Johnstone across the marsh to their nearest Battalion about 4 p.m., and examined the ground in front of our line from them. We had only left them a short time. The Capt. who we met was Knott, whose brother was James Richardson's secretary at Bessbrook—16th Lincs. Fus. Bull and Cole Hamilton came in to see us to-day. They are reserve about 1½ miles away. I hope they relieve us. Nothing settled about reliefs. I expect we go back on Friday or Saturday. Fergie written to say a shell dropped near his store to day, 3 miles back. I expect it was the empty case of an Archie. The strafe has died down. Some excitement reported from one of our outposts. Just got Johnstone on telephone from the outpost. He says that he got a report that Germans were

IN THE OLD MILL,

about 80 yards from our post. I went down and they threw a few bombs into the mill, and nothing more happened. 10 p.m.—All quite quiet again. Clear, frosty night; going to lie down. **Thursday, Feb, 10th**—9 a.m., lovely sunny day, after sharp frost. A poor fellow, Elliott, shot last night returning from a patrol. Fear won't live. Shot by our own people. Failed to give warning that the Patrol was going out I fear. Otherwise quiet night. They are shelling or registering on a village about 300x behind our cellar. Another man just been reported wounded by a shrapnel bullet in the leg. Must go off and see them. The 12th relieve us to-morrow, but we only go back a mile. A Hun Aeroplane, with British marks came over to-day and dropped 2 bombs on the 12th, killing 1 and wounding 4. A good deal of firing all day from German 4 2 guns and Field guns. Three shrapnel into village dropped close to where the two wounded men were. Unfortunately they could not be moved before dark. They are safely away now, but had to be carried a mile to the ambulance. The Corps Gen. Anderson and Brigadier were round this a.m. He (A) has aged a good deal. Lovely sunny day after frost. No more casualties. Little Berry much cut up about the wounded men. He and the Padre were with them all day. Relief to-morrow will be a long business. Don't expect to be back at...M...before midnight. Not much of a

rest place I fear. All water has to be carried 1½ miles. **February 11th**—9 a.m. A quiet night, but turned wet—a cold sleety rain falling. Everything very sloppy and horrid. A leaden sky. They've sent us a Major—in 4th D G. Reserve Regiment. Came out for instruction, to add to our squash. He is at Tidworth where Bishop is. B came out a month ago for a like tour, and had a bad time with weather and discomfort, and returned sick to England. Here we are in the village of.....and go to-night to..... and stay for 6 days, then back here. Am

FEARFULLY DIRTY AND MUDDY.

February 12th—"Mesnil"—10 a.m. We were relieved yesterday in the Trenches and came back here, I got in about 11 p.m. Relief carried out successfully. This morning they put some 4 2 shells into the village, and killed 1 man and wounded 1, I'm grieved to say. It's not much of a rest place, and there is much work to be done on Trenches nightly. Jos Johnstone had a pocket book in his pocket which was hit by a small bit of shell—a good escape. The man hit was Girvan in "C" Company, one of the cooks. Steady and cold sleety rain all yesterday up to 9 p.m. Cold to-day and raw, but fine so far. 6 p.m. Hughes and Gillespie are really all right. Gross exaggeration in both cases. Have never felt less cold all winter. We belong now to XVII Corps. It makes no difference to leave, We get 50 instead of 20. At, Ensor, Lutt, and James Johnston go on 17th. We have about 1,200x front, one flank resting on a marsh, with a post in the middle of it, and then the next Div. on our right begins the far side of the marsh. I was with them looking at our line from the flank. This is far from salubrious. In addition to the morning strafe, when they put in about 30 H.E.'s—4 2 I think—they kept putting in an odd one at intervals through the day. Our Heavies give them beans at 4 p.m., and they replied about 4-30 for half an hour, with 5 9 I think. I was down at the cemetery with the Padre when they began, and on our way back they

KEPT COMING OVER OUR HEADS,

and bursting about 50 to 100 yards over us, evidently trying to find the position of the Heavies, which they didn't. The Downs had three more casualties this morning, I hear. I swear its.....fault our being here. As a rest place he pointed out the way the place was shelled daily, but.....didn't care. Of course it's no rest for the men, as they have large working parties every night to improve the Trenches. **Sunday, February 13th**—Only time for a line. A quiet night and morning so far. Raining. We are having Communion Service as 12-30 in a cellar. **Sunday Evening**—We've had a quiet day—only a few (½-a-dozen) Whizzbangs put into the village. Tilney, Lt.-Col. R.A., came to see me to-day, I walked over to 'D' Company with Berry in p.m., about 1½ miles direct, but we had to take a devious route thro' muddy roads in a wood of about 3 miles, and came back by a short road in the dark.

(To be Continued.)