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# Seagoe Parish Magazine.

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A Happy New Year to all our  
Readers.

## A New Year's Prayer.

Ⓞ ALMIGHTY GOD, who alone art without variableness or shadow of turning, and hast safely brought us, through the changes of time, to the beginning of another year; we beseech Thee to pardon the sins we have committed in the year which is past, and give us grace that we may spend the remainder of our days to Thy honour and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## Our Fourteenth Year.

Seagoe Parish Magazine enters this month its Fourteenth Year. We are glad to note its continued success as a vehicle for all parish news. Its circulation is as wide as ever, and it supplies a link between all Seagoe people, whether they live in the Red Row or in the Islands of the Pacific. We regret that many were disappointed in failing to secure a copy of our last issue which was all bought up in two days. We would recommend all our clients to become annual subscribers to the Magazine, and then they will be quite certain to get their copy each month. Our "Old Seagoe Notes" continue to interest our people, and in the coming year we hope to make them more interesting. The arrangement of the present church before it was altered, the printing of the Inscriptions on the Old Tomb Stones in Seagoe Graveyard, and a more detailed record of the natural features of the parish are subjects which we hope to incorporate in the notes during 1919. We have once again to thank all those who kindly act as Magazine distributors—Mrs. MacMullen, Mrs. Kyle, Miss Minnie Allen, Miss Amelia M'Cormick, Miss Bella Magee, Miss Monroe, and Messrs. D. W. Murray, R. Price, and T. E. Maginnis. Our thanks are also due to those firms who advertise in our columns. The Magazine is a fine advertising medium. All copies are sold, all copies are read, many copies are treasured up for future reference. The printing is clear, and the paper is good. Advertisements inserted in a Magazine of this class should prove a useful source of profit to wide-awake business men.

We cannot close this note without an expression of thanks to "The Portadown News," who have been our printers and publishers since the first number of the Magazine appeared in January, 1906. Their readiness to help in every way, combined with their skill and courtesy have gone a long way towards making the Magazine a success.

## The Organ Recital.

On Thursday, evening, 5th December, an Organ Recital was given in Seagoe Church by Mr. Sidney Smith, A.R.C.O., organist of Lurgan Parish Church. There was a large congregation present who listened with close attention to the Recital. At intervals Sacred Vocal Selections were given by Miss Pollock, Mr. Watt, of Portadown, and Mr. D. W. Murray. The songs were sung with much reverent expression, and added greatly to the pleasure of the Recital. Mr. Sidney Smith's programme was chosen with great care, and illustrated the masterpieces of sacred music. The Rector held a short service before the Recital, and at the end said the concluding prayers. The offerings amounted to £3 13s 10d, and after the payment of the expenses, which amounted to £1 18s 6d, the balance £1 15s 4d was sent to the St. Dunstan's Hospital for blinded soldiers.

We hope in a short time to have another Recital, illustrating the history and development of church music. We possess in Seagoe a very fine organ with many very expressive stops, and our people seem to appreciate the Recitals.

## New Vestry Regulations.

At a meeting of the Seagoe Select Vestry held on a recent date the following new regulations were made—Fee for Tolling Church Bell for Deceased Parishioners, 2/6 for 15 minutes once a day; and 5/- for 15 minutes twice a day. Fee for those outside the Parish, and who are not accustomed members of Seagoe Church 5/- for tolling of bell once a day for 15 minutes, and 7/6 for two tollings of the bell each day for 15 minutes at a time, at proper intervals. Fee for opening graves in churchyard, 10/- to be paid to the Secretary when receiving permit from him.

## Sunday School Social.

The Sunday School Social for the children attending Edenderry and Seagoe Sunday Schools, which was postponed owing to the Influenza, will be held (D.V.) in Seagoe School on Thursday, January 16th, at seven o'clock. Games and fun of all kinds will be provided, and plenty of tea and cake.

## Seagoe Day School.

The Day School re-opened on Monday, January 6th, at 9-30 a.m., after the longest vacation that has ever been given. The School closed owing to the Influenza epidemic on October 31st, 1918. All the children will be glad to get back again to the old school. A "wee" boy from Seagoe School told the manager a few days ago that he was "sick of running about doing nothing."

### **The Rev. H. G. de L. Singleton.**

The Rev. H. G. de L. Singleton has come to reside in Seagoe Villa and hopes to begin his visiting in the parish without delay. We give him a hearty welcome to Seagoe Parish. The visiting of Seagoe Parish is no easy matter. It takes six months to get once round the 29 townlands which comprise the parish. The Rector or Curate of Seagoe walks or rides 780 miles each time he completes the round of the parish.

### **Sexton of Seagoe.**

We regret to announce the resignation by Mr. David Livingston of the post of sexton of Seagoe to which he had been appointed just a month before. The onerous duties proved too great a responsibility for him, and a severe attack of influenza weakened his health so much that he felt compelled to resign. We are glad to say he is now making good progress towards recovery.

At a meeting of the Select Vestry held on Monday, December 16th, Mr. Robert Richardson, of Upper Seagoe, was appointed Sexton. Mr. Richardson had for some time acted as Bellringer and Organ Blower, and had discharged his duties with efficiency and care. During Mr. David Livingstone's illness the duties of Sexton and Bellringer were discharged by Mr. William Gibson, of Walkerstown, who at a very busy and difficult time offered his services, and carried out his duties with great satisfaction. Our new Sexton entered upon his duties on New Year's Day.

### **Congratulations.**

Our readers will join with us in offering our very hearty congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Caddell on the occasion of their marriage. Mr. William John Caddell is very highly esteemed by us all for his quiet unostentatious efforts in the cause of true religion in the parish. The aged, the sick, and the dying, have often been cheered and comforted by his words of sympathy and spiritual power, and his fine example has ever been a stimulus to the promotion of all that is true and good among the men of the parish. Mrs. W. J. Caddell (Miss Priscilla Smartt) has also done good service in the parish as a member of Seagoe Choir for many years. We wish them both a long and happy life.

### **Seagoe War Memorial.**

At a meeting of the Select Vestry held on Monday, December 16th, it was proposed by Colonel Blacker, D.S.O., and seconded by Mr. T. E. Maginnis, that a memorial should be erected in connection with the parish, to commemorate those from Seagoe Parish who have fallen in the war. The proposal was unanimously adopted by the Vestry, and a subscription list having been opened over £100 was subscribed in the room. This is a good beginning, and since then further subscriptions have been received. A canvass of the parish will be made at an early date. The memory of those who died, that we might live, must never be forgotten.

### **Sickness and Death.**

The influenza is now abating, but it has taken a sad toll of human life during its ravages in the parish. In most cases it is the young and strong who have succumbed, and in several households in the parish more than one member has been taken away, causing a double bereavement and great sorrow.

Among those whose loss we mourn this month are Mrs. Harvey, of Drumnagoon, a patient but happy sufferer for many weeks. Martha Jane Hopps, for many years a faithful Sunday School Teacher in Drumgor. Mrs. Sarah Ann Hopps, wife of Mr. Thomas Hopps, married but a year, and interred, by a sad coincidence, on the first anniversary of her marriage. Jane Ruddell, only daughter of Mr. Samuel J. Ruddell, of Kernan, much loved by all who knew her. David Kirk, one of our oldest parishioners, and much attached to Seagoe Parish. Mrs. Letitia Magee, of Edenderry, whose death after a lingering illness is deeply lamented, honoured in her home and in the parish. We sorrow not as those without hope for those who sleep in Christ. May the prospect of a joyful reunion in the Perfect Life beyond, bring comfort to mourning hearts.

### **Public Lecture.**

On Thursday evening, January 30th, the Rector will (D.V.) give a public lecture on "Four Months in France," in Drumgor Church Hall. The lecture will begin at 8 o'clock. The proceeds will be towards the purchase of a new stove for the hall.

### **Our New Member.**

We congratulate very heartily our new member, Lt.-Col. Allen, on his Election as M.P. for North Armagh. He is tried, trusted and true. The right man in the right place. Seagoe wishes him well in the strenuous times ahead.

### **Accident at Seagoe.**

We regret to record the accident which occurred to Mr. W. J. MacDonald, Inspector G.N.R., on the line at Seagoe on December 26th. He was overtaken by a down train to Belfast, and had the misfortune to lose his left leg from below the knee, and to have his right heel seriously crushed. We sympathise very much with him, and with Mrs. MacDonald and family. No family in the parish is more regular in attendance at Church and Sunday School.

[Since writing the above we regret to announce the death of Mr. MacDonald which occurred in the Infirmary at Lurgan, on Monday, 6th January. The interment took place in Seagoe graveyard. There was a very large attendance at the funeral, who by their presence testified to the popularity of their departed friend, and their sorrow at his removal from their midst in the prime of life. The Rector officiated in the Church, and at the graveside. Deep sympathy is expressed on all sides with Mrs. MacDonald and her young family in their bereavement.

**PARISH REGISTER for DECEMBER 1918.**

**Public Baptisms.**

The following were Baptized in Seagoe Parish Church, on December 7th, 1918—

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

*Sponsors*—Olivia Magee, Emma Magee.

**England**—Norman Nicholas, son of William Henry and Evelyn England, of Killicomaine.

*Sponsors*—Ellen Jane England, Evelyn England,

**Watson**—William John, son of George Annesley and Mary Watson, of Edenderry.

*Sponsors*—Sarah Watson, Mary Watson.

**Private Baptisms.**

**Smith**—December 1st, 1918, Emma, daughter of Aaron and Sarah Anne Smith, of Edenderry.

**Roney**—December 13th, 1918, Anne Isabella, daughter of James William and Mary Isabella Roney, of Edenderry.

**Stanfield**—December 17th, 1918, Gladys, daughter of Thomas Edward (Lce-Corp. 1st Batt. R. Ir. F., B.E.F., wounded at Arras). and Mary Jane Stanfield, of Edenderry.

**Marriages.**

**Caddell and Smartt**—December 25th, 1918, William John Caddell, of Tarsan, Sidesman in Seagoe Parish Church, to Priscilla Smartt, of Kernan.

**Geddis and Gregson**—December 26th, 1918, Thos. Henry Geddis, of Lurgan, to Sarah Gregson, of Drumree.

**Burials.**

**Harvey**—December 7th, Agnes Harvey, of Drumna-  
goon, aged 51.

**Magee**—December 8th, Elizabeth Magee, of Upper  
Seagoe, aged 40.

**Gilpin**—Died at Manchester, on December 9th, James  
Gilpin, late of Seagoe. Interred in Southern  
Cemetery, Manchester.

**Hopps**—December 12th, Martha Jane Hopps, of  
Balteagh, aged 31. Interred at Knockna-  
muckley.

**Hopps**—December 18th, Sarah Anne Hopps, of  
Balteagh, aged 28. Interred at Knockna-  
muckley.

**Smith**—December 18th, Emma Smith, of Edenderry  
aged 8 weeks.

**Ruddell**—December 25th, Jane Ruddell, of Kernan,  
aged 32.

**Magee**—December 26th, Letitia Magee, of Edenderry,  
aged 57.

**Kirk**—December 30th, David Kirk, of Ballinacor,  
aged 86.

**Liggett**—December 31st, Margaret Irene Liggett, of  
Edenderry, aged 8 months. Interred at  
Drumree.

**MacDonald**—January 6th, 1919, William John  
MacDonald, of Ballyhannon, aged 48 years.

**Our Returned Prisoners.**

A large number of those who had the misfortune to be taken prisoners in the war have returned to their homes throughout the parish. They all look very well and strong, notwithstanding the privations they endured. Amongst those who have returned are Lieut. Fforde Hall (from Cologne), Lce.-Corp. George Preston of Ballinacor (a prisoner at Friedrichsfeld since September, 1914), also Albert M'Nally, of the Canadians, and Hugh Roney (both taken prisoner in March, 1915, during the first gas attack made by the Huns.) They had been imprisoned at Munster, in Westphalia, for part of the time. Lce-Corp. Bingham, of the Durham Light Infantry (a grandson, by Marriage, of Dynes Atkinson, late sexton of Seagoe), is staying at Seagoe. He says he was well treated while a prisoner. Hugh Roney says things were rough, and he saw English soldiers kicked by their captors, and often beaten severely with rubber motor tubes. In all the camps where our Seagoe prisoners were, services were held by English Chaplains, and in one camp a German, who had been for many years rector of an English parish, visited the men and showed them much kindness.

**ITEMS.**

Edenderry Sunday School re-opened on Sunday,  
January 5th.

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The brilliant star shining each night in the Eastern heavens is the Planet Jupiter. Saturn appears a little to his left, but is not so brilliant. The Planets do not twinkle like the other stars.

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The Christmas offertories for the poor amounted to £3 7s 5d

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The recent heavy rains have caused much flooding in the river near Seagoe and Carrickblacker.

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We regret that owing to delay in receiving the matter for some of our advertisements we had to go to press before the advertisement columns were completed.

Four funerals from Seagoe Parish took place to Seagoe graveyard on Wednesday, November 27th.

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We heartily congratulate the Clergy and Parishioners of St. Mark's Parish on the decision they have come to, to complete their Parish Church, and build a spire or tower to commemorate the fallen. No finer or more appropriate monument could be erected. It will beautify the town, emphasise our common Christianity, and be a conspicuous and lasting memorial to the noble dead.

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The Rev. W. R. Crichton, Chaplain at Bangalore, Southern India, has been spending a short holiday at Coonor, a mountain sanatorium. During his holiday he derived much pleasure from a copy of Seagoe Magazine, which had made its way into that distant land,

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Major the Rev. F. J. Halahan, M.C., of Drumcree, spent a few days at home on his return from hospital last month. He was severely gassed while at the front last October. He was with Headquarters of the Ulster Division, and was located in cellars in a Belgian village. The Huns bombarded the place with gas shells, which made its way into the cellars. The staff were compelled to wear their masks, but notwithstanding all precautions many suffered from the effects of the mustard gas. Major Halahan is making good recovery, but cannot resume work at present. We all wish him a speedy restoration to his usual robust health. His splendid work with the Ulster Division will never be forgotten.

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A Scotch subscriber writes—31/12/1918—"Dear sir, please find P.O. enclosed for Church Magazine, which I hope you will get all right. I just love to get it, as it is a remembrance of the place of my birth. I wish you all the season's greetings."

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The sickness which we know as Influenza was given that name by the Italians during an epidemic in 1741. Influenza, another form of our word Influence, is a term derived from Astrology and signifies a mysterious power, supposed to be exerted by the Planets and Stars and flowing down from the heavens above to the earth beneath.

### **Mission Week Collection.**

It is hoped to have the Annual House-to-House Collection for Missions through the Parish in the last week of January. A meeting of the collectors will be held shortly, and envelopes will be distributed.

### **OLD SEAGOE NOTES.**

**Dean Dawson and Knocknamuckley**—Dean Dawson, when Rector of Knocknamuckley, used to say that there were only three denominations in the parish, and that they were known respectively as "These 'uns," "Those 'uns," and "Our 'uns."

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**The Pronunciation of "Balteagh."**—The two-fold pronunciation of the name of the townland Balteagh has been for long a mystery to many in the Parish. Some pronounce it as if it were spelt Ball-tague, and others as if it were Ball-teer. An almost certain solution of the uncertainty is the following—In the 17th Century when the Plantation took place the parish was largely peopled by English settlers. When they read the name Balteagh they pronounced it with an English accent, which to Irish ears sounded like Ball-teer, at the same time the original Irish pronunciation of the word, Ball-tague, would be retained by the former residents. Those who come from the South of England find the Irish guttural sound "gh," their greatest difficulty.

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**Seagoe Postal Rates in 1835**—We are inclined to grumble if the cost of letter postage is raised to 1½d. In the year 1835 it cost 9d to send a letter by post from Seagoe to Dublin.

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**Enclosure of the New Churchyard at Seagoe, 1814.**—At a meeting of the Select Vestry of Seagoe Parish, on 26th October, 1814, it was agreed to make use of the large quantity of stone left after the building of the New Church and seven Stone Quoins, for erecting a sufficient wall and stone pillars, and new gate to enclose the front of the new churchyard. Twopence per acre to be levied for the purpose. At a Vestry held on 17th October, 1815, further arrangements were made for building a wall at the south side of the churchyard.

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**Whitewashing Seagoe Church, 1818.**—At a meeting of the Vestry held on May 12th, 1818—it was agreed that the balance of £2 13s 5d in the Churchwardens' hands be applied to getting the inside of the New Church properly whitewashed.

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**Badges for Beggars, 1818.**—Vestry record, March 24th, 1818—Resolved that the Poor of this Parish shall be Badged, and proper Badges procured by the present Churchwardens, who are to distribute the same on the recommendation of those who have been appointed to represent three Manors of Blacker and Harrison, Kernan and Brownlow's Derry.

[An interesting collection of similar Badges may be seen in the Free Library, Belfast.]