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Old Seagoe Parish Church - 1750

**OLD SEAGOE CHURCH.**

The above Sketch of Old Seagoe Church is based on measurements of the existing ruins and on descriptions contained in the Old Records of the Parish. It was built about the year 1666 by Valentine Blacker of the Manor House, Ballynaghy, to replace the previous Church, which was burnt down in the Rebellion of 1641. It contained accommodation for 150 worshippers. The old Horse-block is seen in the foreground. The Church was used for Public Worship up to 1816. This Sketch was made for the Magazine by Miss G. Atkinson of Eden Villa.

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(SIXTEENTH YEAR.)

**MOTTO—"God is Love."—1 S. John iv, 8.**

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10 a.m.—Edenderry Parochial Hall & Seagoe School.

3 p.m.—Seagoe, Edenderry Parochial Hall, Levagherv, Hacknabay, Carne.

3-30 p.m.—Drumcor.

Girls' Friendly Society meets at Breagh (Miss Calvert's) on alternate Tuesdays at 7.

Seagoe Scouts in Seagoe School on Tuesdays 6-30

and in Edenderry Parochial Hall, Thursdays 8

Seagoe Girl Guides meet in Seagoe School on

Saturday at 3.

**DAY SCHOOL.**

Seagoe, 9-30 a.m.—PRIN.—Mr. S. Rennix.

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# Seagoe Parish Magazine.

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We Wish all our Readers a very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

## Changes in the Magazine.

Seagoe Parish Magazine enters this month on its Sixteenth Year, a very respectable age for a Parish Magazine. It circulates more widely than ever before and all copies are bought up as soon as issued. As usual we change our Cover this year. A new set of Advertisements also make their appearance, and once again we have to thank those Firms here, and in Belfast, who so kindly patronise our pages. Many of them have continued their Advertisements for 16 years. We ask everyone who reads the Magazine to be sure to study the advertisements, and to buy their goods from those who advertise in our columns. They will thus secure the best value at a moderate price. This year we are compelled to make a change in the publication of the Magazine. The cost of printing it is now more than three times what it was in 1914. We do not wish to raise the price of the Magazine, or alter its size, and to avoid these alternatives we have decided to publish only Seven Issues of the Magazine this year. Besides this present January number the Magazine will appear as a **Double Number, Price Fourpence**, for February and March on March 1st; for April and May on May 1st; for June and July on July 1st; for August and September on September 1st; for October and November on November 1st, and for December (a Single Number, Price 2d), on December 1st. The Double Numbers will contain the "Home Words" inset for two months.

Under this arrangement the next number of the Magazine will appear on March 1st.

## Weekly Freewill Offering Scheme

The Select Vestry, at a recent Meeting, decided by a unanimous vote to introduce the Weekly Freewill Offering System into Seagoe Parish. The System began in Canada some ten years ago, and is now widely adopted, and has proved most successful.

Each contributor to the Church Funds receives, at the beginning of the year, a set of 52 Envelopes in a neat cardboard case. Each of the Envelopes is stamped with the special number of the contributor (each contributor has a special number), and the date of each Sunday of the year is printed on the Envelopes. As each Sunday comes round the contributor places in the Envelope for that Sunday his weekly offering, brings it to the Church and puts it on the plate at the collection. The amount placed in the Envelopes covers the contributor's subscription for the support of the Clergy, Church Officers, and upkeep of

the Church, and those who adopt the system will not be asked to make any contribution to the Sustentation Fund, Choir Fund or Collections in Church. If a contributor cannot attend Church, he can either give his Envelope to some one who is going to church, or else keep it until he can himself bring it or else keep his Envelopes until the District Collector calls for them at the end of the month or quarter. A sum of £12 weekly is required for the upkeep of the parish. Those who have placed their Envelope on the plate at Morning Prayer can give a money offering if they wish at Evening Prayer, and of course those who may not have joined the system can give money as usual at any collection. If the Envelope contributions reach the sum required for the upkeep of the Church it is expected that the money offerings received at Evening Prayer will be given to objects outside the Parish, Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Protestant Orphan Society, &c.

If any parishioner has any difficulty about the system, Mr Sands, our hon. Treas., or any member of the Vestry will be glad to explain it to them.

## Seagoe Kalendar.

Only a few copies of this pretty Kalendar now remain on sale, and after February 1st no more can be obtained. The price is 6d. The Kalendar is on sale at Kyle's Grocery Store, 16 Bridge Street, Edenderry, Portadown. The Kalendar may now be had from the following, outside the Parish. **United States**—Mr David Webb, 41 Chestnut Street, South Manchester, Conn. Mrs Charles Marchesi, 302 East 102nd Street, New York. **Canada**—Miss Sarah McMullen, 277 Lauder Avenue Toronto; Mr Jack Stoops, 107 Glebe Home Buildings, Toronto. **Scotland**—Mr Joshua Caddell, 34 Logie Street, Govan, Glasgow. **Belfast**—Mr. William Flanagan, Verger, St. Anne's Cathedral.

## Seagoe Scouts.

The Scouts meet in Seagoe and Edenderry every week, and are showing much interest. The Edenderry Troops have got a football, and drew with Edenderry school in a recent match. All the members of the Seagoe School Troop have obtained the Tenderfoot Badge. Mr. Rennix and Mr. Dickson are in charge of the Seagoe School Scouts, and Mr. Howard Stevenson, Mr. James Shepherd and Mr. James Ford are in control of the Edenderry Troops.

## Seagoe Parish Almanac.

This Almanac, with Text for every day of the year, is now on sale throughout the Parish, price 3d per copy. No copies will be on sale after February 1st, so it will be well to secure one without delay. In Edenderry they can be purchased at Kyle's Grocery Stores, 16 Bridge Street, or from Mr. James Wilson, or Mrs. Vance.

## Dublin University Mission to Chota Nagpur.

Collection at meeting, £1.—Card Collections in support of Bed in the Hospital, called "Seagoe Bed"—Dorothy Stevenson 5s. Annie Freeburn 2s 7d, Lottie Magee 5s, Floribel Best 5s, Emily Cox 5s 6d, Isabella Best 5s, Georgina Porter 5s, Bertie Reed 6s, Annie McDonald £1, Lucy McDonald 5s, Maggie Coulter 4s, Willie White 9d, Robert Richardson 2s, John Johnston 5s, Bertie Kilpatrick 5s, John Reid 3s 3d, Lily Hutchinson 5s, Anne J. McMurray 12s 7d, Lily Cordner 5s, Sarah Montgomery 5s, Sarah McDowell 5s, James Jennett, 5s, I. Atkinson 10s 4d, Senior Girls' Edenderry Morning S. School £1—Total £8 12s.

### Acknowledgments.

Received per Miss A. Guy, for Protestant Orphan Society Collecting Cards (20)—£11 10s 2d  
Edenderry Concert—Net receipts for Edenderry Parochial Hall £1 4s; Seagoe School £4 4s.

Church Army—Books, A. Allen 12s; L. Sands 6s; G. Porter 6s; N. Walker 3s 6d.

Edenderry Harvest Service—Sunday £2 6s; Monday 19s 2d.

### Seagoe Day School.

The Annual Distribution of Prizes took place at Seagoe School on Wednesday, December 22nd, at 3 o'clock. The large schoolrooms were well filled with the children and their parents and friends. The Rector presided, and after a short speech announced a programme of songs, and recitations by the pupils. Each item was cleverly done. The Infants in their action song, "Babies We," caused much amusement. "The sick doll" was very funny, and the three girls did their parts very well. The Boy Scouts gave a very nice exhibition of Dumb-bell Drill. Then came the distribution of the prizes, which was most kindly performed by Miss Armstrong, of Eden Hall, who has in many ways shown her interest in the school. We regret that we have not space to print the names of all the Prize winners. Four pupils—Thomas Hall, Maud Coulter, Maggie Coulter, and Lily Hutchinson received special prizes, awarded by Mrs. Atkinson, of Eden Villa, for having been present on each Friday during the year. At the close of the Distribution of Prizes Miss Armstrong spoke a few kind and useful words to the children. The following friends most kindly subscribed or gave prizes—Miss Armstrong, £1; Miss Rebecca Calvert, 10/-; Mrs. Watson Walker, 2/6; Mr. W. E. Dickson, 10/-; Mrs. S. Rennix, 10/-; Mr. S. Rennix, £1. Prizes were also kindly given by Miss Atkinson for Cookery, by Mrs. Hall for Needlework, and by Miss Nellie Montgomery for Needlework.

### Mr. W. J. Bickett.

We have received from Mr. W. J. Bickett, of Trenton, New Jersey, U.S.A., the sum of £5, which he has kindly arranged to give each year for prizes in Seagoe Day School. In August last, Mr. Bickett (whose parents were born in Drumnagon), received a most important appointment in the State of New

Jersey, U.S.A. The "Trenton Times" of Aug. 8th 1920, published a portrait of Mr. Bickett, and under the large type heading "Bickett takes offer to head Schools here, with the assurance of United support of Education Board," gives a very interesting and appreciative record of Mr. Bickett's work as an Educational Organizer.

Mr. Bickett is only 41 years of age, but is now Superintendent of Education in Trenton, the capital of New Jersey State. He controls 33 schools, with 17,000 children, and has an income of 7,000 dollars. He holds many offices, and is a member of the Episcopal Church. Mrs. Bickett and Mr. Bickett were born at Parksburg, Philadelphia. They were sweethearts as kiddies. They started school the same day, in the same kindergarten class in the home town. Unfortunately their only son was drowned in a canoe accident at Harper's Ferry a few years ago.

We congratulate Mr. Bickett on his successful career, and wish him further and greater successes in the days to come.

### PARISH REGISTER. Baptisms.

**Gracey**—December 4th, 1920, Sarah Ida Doreen, daughter of John George Gracey and Sarah Jane Gracey, of Balteagh.

*Sponsors*—John George Gracey, Sarah Jane Gracey.

**Campbell**—1st January, 1921, Doris, daughter of William James and Jane Anna Campbell, of Balteagh.

*Sponsors*—Emma Webb, Jane Anna Campbell.

**Wilson**—1st January, 1921, William John, son of Leonard and Mary Ann Wilson, of Ballymacrandle.

*Sponsors*—Elizabeth Harte, Mary Anne Wilson.

**Simpson**—1st January, 1921, George, son of William and Deborah Maria Simpson, of Kilvergan.

*Sponsors*—Hannah Russell, Deborah Maria Simpson.

### Marriages.

**Hunter and Thompson**—December 3rd, 1920, George Hunter, of Portadown, to Frances Thompson, of Edenderry.

**Russell and Caddell**—December 7th, 1920, Joseph Thomas Russell, of Aghacommon, to Hannah Isabella Caddell, of Tarsan.

### Burials.

**Boyle**—December 15th, William James Boyle, of Clare, Tullylish, aged 70 years.

**Ferguson**—December 20th, Anne Ferguson, of Belfast, aged 73 years.

**Gardiner**—December 26th, Mary Ellen Gardiner, of Ballinacor, aged 77 years.

**McKerr**—December 28th, William McKerr, of Dublin, aged one year.

**Bentley**—January 3rd, 1921, Benjamin Clayton Bentley, of Belfast.

**Gardiner**—January 7th, 1921, William J. Gardiner, of Ballinacor, aged 80 years. Interred at Tartaraghan.

**Brown**—January 14th, 1921, William Brown, of Carne, aged 72 years.

## WITH THE "NINTH" IN FRANCE,

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

[Continued from December Magazine.]

**Thursday, Jan. 27**—Smyth came in for a 'Buklz' this evening. He says there is quite a chance of the Division 109 and 108 Brigade going into the line next week, to relieve IV Division. It was to be decided last night. The Ordnance Officer thinks it probable. On the other hand they have let Griffiths go away on ten days' leave to-day. Savage goes on Sunday. Bob Maxwell is back. I believe these Field Days are the General's way of testing C.O.'s. When every Commanding Officer has been out in Command of a side they will cease. Savage and Ricardo oppose each other to-morrow. I shall do Umpire and let "At" command the 8 companies. Rivy full of pessimistic views from G.H.Q. if we don't beat them this autumn the war will go on for years. France cannot last beyond the summer. Our casualties at Loos 4 times the Huns. We are using a 2nd room here as ante room and find it very cosy. Berry is acting Mess President, and ordered toast with great glee!

**Friday, January 28th**—Waiting at the Field Day I had a long chat with Cavan. We leave 14th Corps and join another, I don't know number (XVII) with 46th Division and 56th, I think. Cavan and Guards and two other Divisions (6th and 20th) form XIV Corps and go north of Ypres.

Anderson (T.W.'s brother) to command our Corps. Nice fellow. We do go into the line in about 10 days, February 7th they say, from here, relieving the 4th Division who come out for a rest. The actual Field Day was dull. The Primate and J. S. there. A story of a shrapnel somewhere near the P..... expect they'll make the most of it. I dine there to-night—a nuisance. G.S.O. 3 is the bottlewasher and doer of odd jobs, junior of Div Staff. From Sunday I command the Brigade, and during the move S wants me to come and live with him at H.Q. I don't particularly want to, but may find I can't do it from here. Remember when we are in the line all posts become upset. I hear no more Field Days, thank goodness! We are only taking over one Brigade Front. One Brigade will be resting always, so we shall get a good deal more resting as usually its one in, one out.

**Saturday, January 29th**—Had quite a pleasant dinner last night. Sat between the Primate and Russell; latter very interesting about Germany. He's a son of Lord Odo Russell, who was Ambassador in Berlin after '70; he was born in Berlin and spent the first eight years of his life there. He says October year for the end of the war, but of course, knows no more than any of us. We are to go over to Brigade H.Q. (C.O.'s I mean) and say farewell to Cavan. He's a dear little man. I'm awfully sorry we lose him. One of the new officers joined to-day—Wood—private

in H.A.C. Came out in January, 1915, and was in Trenches till October. Should be a useful sort. Wears glasses, and was secretary to newspaper editor in London before war. He was just here for lunch, and I then pushed him on to Ensor, and 'A' Coy. Think he'll do all right.

Great footer match with Downs this p.m. Last game a draw. Fergie has been coaching the team all week. Result—1-0 in our favour. Enormous concourse attended, including all officers of both battalions. Much excitement. I gather 10 days will be the earliest date of our move to the line. February 7 has been mentioned, but I don't think any date is exactly fixed. Primate went to Pulteney to-day, and thence home.

**Sunday, January 30th**—Only time for a hurried scrap as we are off to-morrow, and I don't know where. Went over to say farewell to Cavan, who is a dear, and the Orders were just in that we move on February 7th. I returned here for lunch, and about 3-30 p.m. orders came in for us to move to-morrow, about 8 miles. Then where, I don't know. Such a business getting ready; heaps of stuff to be left behind; waggons, ammunition, &c., to be packed. 'A' Company, 8 miles away, to be told. Billets to be paid. Claims to be settled, &c. Fergie, of course, splendid. Parties to be left behind to take care of stores; parties to be sent on to arrange for billeting, countless returns due to-morrow must be sent off at once. On the move Orderly Room work ceases. Rations to be arranged for everyone, those going and those staying; thick f g all day, cold and raw.

French have got some Trenches at a village further south. Will write when I can, so as to be ready to post if I get an opportunity. There is still leakage at the Admiralty, I hear. A long thing came in about extreme discretion in writing home.

**Sunday Night**—A little more information came through. We go by our old route to village, but in two marches, then to some place on Wednesday, and into Trench line on Thursday. I imagine where we were before. We and 13th go in; 11th and 12th in Reserve.

Am leaving lots of Q.M. stores here, and some of my own kit. Am sorry to leave this place, as we are very cosy here, with our two rooms. We've had two months slacking. I fancy our turn for the trenches will not come very often. Where we shall go when out, I don't know. Anyway, a life of movement I expect for some time. It must have been a very sudden change of Orders, as C— didn't know when he bid us farewell at noon.

It's a very "Kushie" part of the line, and after all its what we are here for, and the men are delighted to be going. They are sick of this fooling about. Messages and conundrums of all sorts arriving every minute.

**11-15 P.M.**—Opened this to say Orders have just come in cancelling move. Weird people! Of course its quite on the cards we're ordered to move again.

**Monday, January 31st**—Went with Smyth to Div H.Q. The muddle was due to some bad Staff work between VII Corps and 111 Army. We shall move Wednesday or Thursday I think.

Don't want any more kit. Am sending a parcel of towels and socks home. Looks like a frost. Am bringing in "A" Company this p.m. Bad Zep raid on Paris. Rivy was in A—s yesterday, and said there was one about, and they had to douse all motor lights. Am writing Seton. He's lucky not to be in Persian Gulf. I fear both these Forces are in a bad way. Am getting a wristlet identity disc. I can't think why you are so keen on them. Berry and the Padre walked to Div. School this p.m. All they have done so far is Recruits Drill! They are as sick as dogs. It will make them appreciate the Battalion. It is ridiculous to keep them fooling there while the Battalion goes short of Officers in the Trenches. Of course, they can't find good instructors.

**Tuesday, February 1st**—Such a lovely sunny day, but cold. We are off to-morrow, 3 days march, and into Trench Line night of February 5-6. Not the same place, just further south. We go to our old friend P—, but in two marches, then M— where we stop. I fancy it corresponds to M.M. 107th Brigade come back much to their disgust. We and they in the line, 109th in reserve. I suppose we shall go 6 days in and 6 days out. Quite interesting to see a new lot of Trenches. Fancy they are all right. Am glad to say we keep the other Div. Artillery—Willie Strong and Co. Berry is doing Transport Officer, and Scott, Medico for the march. Stronge and Pratt return on Saturday night, the night we go in. Pleasant return! Just had my hair cut very close for the Trenches, by a Company Barber!

**February 2nd**—[Pernoise]—A 10 mile march, roads dry, and keen frosty air. Quite a nice little village and comfy H.Q. We go to-morrow at 9-30 to where I said, next to Hedanville, then on and into line. Kentish, who command 1st R. Ir. Fus. just looked in full of esprit de Irish Fusiliers. Coming to see us to-morrow when we start.

### IN THE TRENCHES.

**February 3rd**—Came on in motor bus here at 7 a.m. with Cather, 'At' and Ensor to see trenches and make arrangements about taking over. Go back to P— this evening. H.Q. dug out, 4 beds in cellar in village; 2 Companies in Trench line, 1 in reserve 1 in support. In for 6 days I expect. Taking over in the dark. Will be a long business. Such a cold drive, about 30 miles. All round the country; took 3½ hours. G— returns from leave to-morrow. 1st Hants here, whom we take over from, commanded now by Middleton, who married Miss Duprey.

**February 5th**—[Mesnil.]—Holding this place and will go into line 1 mile away in evening. Hard march yesterday on greasy road. All well. G returned. Lovely day. Left our billets at 6 a.m. in the dark and got here at 9 a.m. Transport 2 miles from last night's billet entailed much complication. Some vehicles to come with us, like cookers, water carts, and some waggons, remainder having to go to our transport billet. Difficult work sorting and packing. However, we got off to time. Expect relief will be a long and tedious job.

**February 6th**—We got in all right last night and finished taking over at 10 p.m. Kits and men and horses were late and we didn't get anything to eat till midnight. We were all tired as we left at 6 a.m. which necessitated rising at 4 a.m. A very interesting part of the line. Our H.Q. in a cellar in small village, but it's unsafe to move on the village roads in the day time, only by Trenches, and at night they suddenly turn on a bouquet of Whizz Bangs in to a bit of the road they suspect movements on. Our cookers, etc., were shelled coming in last night. No casualties, but we shall have them here if men persist in walking about in the day time. 3 of the C.O.'s in 107th have gone. Omerod, Chute and Ford Hutchinson. Been all round the Trench line this morning and am mapping it this p.m., and letting Cather go round. There is such a lot to organise and arrange here, I have not time for more than scrappy letters. Am feeling loss of Adjutant rather, but Cather has done splendidly.

**Monday, February 7th**—A busy day, but mostly in the cellar. Russell came to see us, and the man commanding the Battery—one Wilson. I don't know him. The poor unlucky Downs had about 50 4-2's into their line a.m. and lost three men. Things have been very quiet on our front all day. Have plenty soup tucks and choc. at present, both very useful during the move. Was up early this a.m. and it was glimmering dawn at 6-30 a.m. 'At' and Charlie Johnston are splendid. He took me out to his advanced post this a.m. Ken is still doing Staff Captain. Yes, the Speaker's letter was A1 Do you gather where we are. About 2 miles to 2½ miles S from our last time in the line.

**Tuesday, February 8th**—9 a.m. Quiet night. Went round the line from 10 p.m. to midnight. Raining and sloppy, and very dark. Fine to-day and colder. They are already asking for countless returns and harrying reports, &c., which entail me spending most of the morning inside, writing and at the end of the telephone. About the identity disc, the only advantage is you needn't take it off. A quiet night and no casualties so far. Accounts out here with francs, &c., have to be kept very clear. Have a busy morning. Was up at 5-30 visiting an outpost you can only get to in the dark. Messages come in every minute. Send nothing more yet. Everything is dumped 1½ miles off and has to be carried.

(To be Continued.)