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PORTADOWN BRIDGE.

Portadown Bridge is the link connecting the Diocese of Dromore with the Archdiocese of Armagh. In history it is noted as the scene of the massacre of 1641. The bridge preceding the present one was built in 1764 and was made of wood. It consisted of seven arches. The present stone bridge was built in 1835 and cost £9000. It has recently been widened, and was opened for traffic on February 20th, 1922, at a cost of £15,000.

Seagoie Parish Magazine.

(SEVENTEENTH YEAR.)

SERVICES.

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Sundays and Chief Festivals at 11-30 a.m.

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Sundays at 10 a.m.

For Men—Seagoie School.

For Women—Anchor Cafe, Edenderry, and Seagoie School.

Thursdays—Levaghery at 8 p.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

10 a.m.—Edenderry Par. Hall & Seagoie School.

3 p.m.—Seagoie, Edenderry Par. Hall, Levaghery, Hacknabay, Carne. 3-30 p.m.—Drumgor.

Girls Friendly Society meets at Brough Miss Calvert's on alternate Tuesdays at 7.

Seagoie Scouts in Seagoie School and in Edenderry Parochial Hall, on Tuesdays at 7-30.

Seagoie Girl Guides meet in Seagoie School on Saturday at 3.

Mothers' Union, Edenderry 1st Tuesday, Carne

2nd Tuesday, Drumgor 3rd Tuesday at 4 p.m.

DAY SCHOOL.

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

MARRIAGES must be performed between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. Licenses are issued by Very Rev. Dr. O'Loughlin, Rectory, Lurgan. Due notice (48 hours) must be given to the Rector of intended weddings. Fee 5/- and upwards. FUNERALS will be attended by the Clergy if proper notice be given. SICK CASES should be notified to the Clergy without delay. FEES FOR CERTIFICATES, BAPTISM, 3/8; Children (Factory) 1/-, Non-Parishioners, 2/- MARRIAGE, 3/8. BURIAL, 3/8. An extra search fee is chargeable in certain cases.

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WITH THE "NINTH" IN FRANCE.

By Lieut-Col. S. W. BLACKER, C.B.

(Continued from the previous page.)

SUMMARY, JULY AND AUGUST.

I did not anticipate that we should have had but the best of the whole war - I was in fact, I think, only partially and imperfectly prepared for the part which I had to play in the latter stages of the war.

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Seagoe Parish Magazine.

JANUARY, 1923.

We wish all our Readers at home and abroad a Happy New Year.

The Rev. A. O. Draper.

The Rev. A. O. Draper, Curate of Seagoe, has been appointed Curate-in-charge of the Parish of Dunseverick, Co. Antrim. While we congratulate Mr. Draper on his promotion, we much regret his departure from the Parish. We wish him and Mrs. Draper much blessing and prosperity in their new home.

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

This is our Seventeenth Year of publication, a very respectable age for a Parish Magazine. We have received many proofs during the past year of the interest taken in the Magazine. A good sign is that we have again had applications for Advertisement space.

N.B.—The Depot for the sale of the Magazine in Edenderry has been transferred to Mr James Vance's, Bridge St. For many years past Mr. David Kyle kindly had the Magazine on sale at his grocery stores. He was always greatly interested in it, and we are much indebted to him for all he has done.

Our New Cover.

The photograph of the newly extended Bridge was taken by Mr. W. J. Moffett specially for the Magazine. It gives a good view of the Bridge and also of Bridge Street. The R.U.C. Constable standing on the middle of the Bridge marks the dividing line between the Parish of Seagoe and the Parish of St. Mark's, and also the division between the Diocese of Dromore and the Archdiocese of Armagh. A good view of the old arches of the Bridge is seen in the Photograph. In the left hand corner may be seen a near view of one of the four handsome high power gas lamps presented by the Gas Company to the town at a cost of £100. The Bridge is a leading feature in the town of Portadown. It is now the main highway for traffic from Belfast to the rest of Northern Ireland.

Sunday School Fetes.

The Distributions of Prizes in our Sunday Schools have been arranged as under. We hope the Superintendents of the Sunday Schools will be able to fall in with these arrangements.

EDENDERRY—Thursday, January 18th, at 7.30.

LEVAGHERY—Friday, January 19th, at 7.30.

SEAGOE—Monday, January 22nd, at 7.30.

CARNE—Tuesday, January 23rd, at 7.30.

HACKNAHAY—Thursday, January 25th, at 7.

DRUMGOR—Friday, February 2nd, at 7.30.

First Prizes for attendance will be given to those who have attended 45 Sundays and over, Second Prizes to those who have attended 40—44 Sundays during the year.

Talks with Our Churchmen.

Informal Talks with our Men on "Church Membership: Its Privileges and Duties" have been held in Carne, Seagoe and Drumgor during the past few weeks. Those present seemed much interested in the subject brought under their notice, and many copies of M'Sorley's "History of the Church of Ireland" were bought by those present. The Talks will be continued in other centres

Communicants' Guild.

A meeting of the Communicants' Guild will be held in Seagoe School on Monday, January 15th, at 8 p.m. An address will be given on "How to prepare for Holy Communion." Those who have recently been Confirmed and our Communicants are invited to be present.

The Christmas Services.

The special music at these Services was well rendered by the Choir. The Anthem "There were Shepherds" was very nicely sung. The solos were taken by Miss Norah Montgomery (Contralto) and Mr. David Murray (Tenor). They were sung with great taste. The Anthem was repeated on the following Sunday morning, when the Lord Primate preached on behalf of the Board of Religious Education.

A Christmas Tree.

At the break-up before the holidays a happy afternoon was spent in Seagoe School, and a splendid Christmas Tree richly decorated with Toys and Lanterns was set up in the Infant School. Every child attending the Day School got a present.

Our Advertisers.

We ask our readers to look carefully through the advertisements. They will well repay careful study. Please give your patronage to those who help us by advertising in our columns. Some new advertisements have to be held over till next month. Seagoe Parish Magazine is beginning to be regarded as a useful medium for advertising. It circulates freely, needs no pushing, and is read with interest by the people. Unlike a newspaper, it is kept for future reference and not destroyed. We do not overcrowd the Magazine with advertisements, and so they are more clearly seen and more often read.

The School Concert.

A very enjoyable Concert was held in the Parochial Hall on Thursday, December 14th. Songs, instrumental pieces and two very interesting and amusing sketches brought much pleasure to the large audience. The Concert was kindly organised by Mr. Rennix on behalf of the upkeep of the Parochial School buildings. The nett proceeds amounted to £8 3s 6d.

Rev. W. R. Crichton, M.A.

The following letter has just arrived from the Rev. W. R. Crichton. His many friends in the Parish will read it with pleasure:—

St. John's Parsonage,
Secunderabad,
Deccan,
India,

2nd Dec., 1922.

As it is getting near Christmas I think it is time to pull myself together, and show that I do not forget old friends.

You will see by above address that I have descended to the Plains from my exalted position in Ooty. This is one of the oldest and biggest cantonments in India. The list of chaplains dates to 1813. I am about the 80th in this particular place. The station is a succession of barracks, extending over six miles. There are three chaplains for the job. Each of us runs his own part, and is quite independent of his brethren. In addition to a regiment, I have a large railway community, and some of the Nizam of Hyderabad's officials, plus a Brigade School and Orphanage. It would entail a lot of work only I have two good clerks to keep the books, etc. It gives an idea of the nature of our work in India when I tell you that we always speak of our office, and not our study. I sometimes think that the rectors of big parishes at home would have a lot of time if they had clerks. A good clerk would be better than a bad curate, and cheaper.

Don't be surprised if I turn up before this time next year. The day after we moved into this house the son and heir, aged 11 months, began to have something bordering on convulsions. In the end I had to send him and his mother to the Family Hospital for a week. He is better now, but we have to keep a trained nurse for him, and I have decided to try for passages for them in March. If possible, I shall follow in October. I have been out five years and am beginning to feel done, as I have had only three weeks' holidays in that time. It is not enough, especially as I have been fairly hard at it all the time. The Mission of Help, too, is coming here in February, and that will mean a lot of work.

With best wishes to yourself, and all old friends, for Xmas.

Yours sincerely, W. R. CRICHTON.

A Letter from Australia.

Miss Ellen Matthews, formerly of James Street, writes as follows from Melbourne, Australia, where her ship stopped on its way to Brisbane, North Queensland—

"Orvieta,"

Melbourne,

14th Nov., 1922.

Just a few lines to let you know that I am well, hoping you are all well. There is a strike on with the crew and stewards, so we are held up this last week. There are 350 of them altogether. The passengers have to attend themselves at the tables; there was about 1300 passengers altogether on the

ship. They are all off only 600. They are going to Sydney and Brisbane. We are having nice warm weather. I was all around Melbourne, it is a lovely place. We had to go out in tenders from the ship; in nearly all the ports you have two shillings to pay to get off at any of the ports. There are funny people in some of the towns, you would not know what some of them were talking about. We saw some beautiful scenery coming along. When the ship starts it will take me over a week to go to Brisbane, then I have four days from Brisbane to Townville. It is a long journey to come.

The Mothers' Union.

The Mothers' Union had an enjoyable evening in Seagoe School on Tuesday, January 2nd. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to all who helped, and especially to Miss Collen, who entertained the members to tea.

The "B" Specials.

Sunday, December 31st, was a red-letter day in the Annals of Seagoe. There were more people in and around Seagoe Church than ever before. The occasion was a Parade of the "B" Specials from Portadown and Lurgan Districts. Great crowds accompanied the men who marched to the Church with bands playing. The Church was completely filled with the Specials, who crowded the aisles as well as the pews. The Lord Primate (Most Rev. C. F. D'Arcy, D.D.) preached from the text "I press toward the mark." He expressed the pleasure he felt at addressing the men, and told them they had saved Ulster. He emphasised the necessity for Law and Order, and counselled the men to be temperate in all things. Captains Ensor, Phelps, M'Moerran and Johnston, and Mr. David Rock, J.P., were in charge of the men. The Primate after his sermon went to the Church door and gave a short address to the crowds outside. The collection for the Loyalist Relief Fund amounted to £12 2s, from which 10s was deducted for advertising purposes. The Service was conducted by the Rector, assisted by the Rev. James Smyth, Rector of Ardmore. The day was perfect, clear and frosty, with a bright moon shining as the men marched home. The Service began at 3.30.

The Rev. I. E. Davidson.

Mr. Davidson will (D.V.) Lecture in Edenderry Parochial Hall on Monday, January 29th, at 8 p.m., on "Palestine and its People." Admission will be free. A collection will be made for the Jews' Society, and the Collecting Boxes will be opened and counted at the meeting. The Lecture will be illustrated by a fine set of Lantern Slides.

Memorial Service.

A special Memorial Service will be held in Seagoe Church on Tuesday, January 16th, at 4 p.m., in connection with the death of Mrs. Gracey, of Balteagh. The members of the Mothers' Union will attend, and the relatives and friends are also invited to be present.

Parish Register for Dec., 1922
Baptisms.

The following were Baptized on December 2nd, 1922, in Seagoe Parish Church:—

Hoy—Thomas and Violet, children of John and Anne Hoy, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Julia Hoy, Anne Hoy.

Robinson—Ronald Irwin, son of Johnston and Sarah Robinson, of Drumgor.

Sponsors—Johnston Robinson, Sarah Robinson.

Hickland—Norman, son of John and Lucinda Hickland, of Breagh.

Sponsors—Agnes Hickland, Lucinda Hickland.

Liggett—John Joseph, son of John Joseph and Julia Liggett, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Susanna Liggett, Harget Webb.

Hall—Alfred James, son of Alfred James and Winifred Hall, of Kernan.

Sponsors—Mary Hall, Alfred James Hall.

Guy—Thomas Robert, son of Samuel James and Annabella Guy, of Derryvore.

Sponsors—Rose Watson, Annabella Guy.

Marriages.

Topley and Magee—On Christmas Day, December 25th, 1922, William Topley, of Portadown, to Caroline Magee, of Kernan.

Grimason and Tate—January 10th, 1923, Richard Grimason, of Portadown, to Martha Tate, of Edenderry.

Burials.

Hopps—January 6th, Robert Hopps, of Balteagh, aged 77 years. Interred at Knocknamuckley.

Gracey—January 7th, Mrs. Elizabeth Gracey, of Balteagh, aged 43 years. Interred at Shankill.

Deaths.

The death of Mr. Robert Hopps, of Balteagh, is much regretted. Mr Hopps and his family have been closely connected with Seagoe Church for many years, and his son, Mr. Tom Hopps, is Superintendent of Drumgor Sunday School. Mr. Hopps died after only two days' illness. We express our sincere sympathy with the members of his family in their sorrow.

Another sad loss has occurred in the Parish. Mrs Elizabeth Gracey, wife of Mr James Gracey, of Balteagh, died after a few days' illness on January 4th, leaving a young family to mourn her loss. Mrs Gracey was greatly interested in the Mothers' Union. She was an active member of the Drumgor Branch, and was present at the meeting held on December 18th. She had undertaken to arrange a Social gathering for the members on January 16th. In her own home and in the Parish she will be sadly missed. She was exemplary as wife and mother, and her influence was always exerted on the side of that which was good. "The Memory of the just is blessed."

ITEMS.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following sums towards the Christmas Poor Fund—Mrs. Atkinson, Eden Villa, 10s; Mr. James Vance, Bridge St., 10s.

Protestant Orphan Collecting Cards should be returned at once.

The Rector has received an interesting Parish Magazine from the Rev. J. N. Mackenzie, Rector of St. John's, Cedar Rapids, U.S.A.

Miss M'Keown, of St. Luke's Schools, Belfast, gave a most interesting Lecture to our Sunday School Superintendents and Teachers in Seagoe School on Friday, December 22nd, on the subject of "The Reformed Sunday School"

Old Seagoe Notes.
"SHOUGH-PULLETS."

How many of our readers could answer the question: What are "Shough-Pullets?" They are, we believe, found only in Seagoe Parish, at least under that name Here is the story: Once upon a time some 70 years ago Archdeacon and Mrs. Saurin and their two daughters sat down to dinner in the spacious dining-room at Seagoe Rectory. The parlour maid served up the varicous dishes, the covers were removed, and the Archdeacon proceeded to dispense the viands. One dish provided a mystery. It tasted well, but no one could tell what it was. Mrs. Saurin decided to make further investigations and summoned the cook from the kitchen. Mrs. Saurin asked her what was the name of this particular dish. The cook hesitated for a moment and then blurted out "Shough-Pullets!" A little further enquiry elicited the fact that it was a dish of daintily cooked Frogs. The cook had been somewhat short of material for the dinner and had gone to the ditch or "Shough" in the Rectory grounds and had secured a few brace of these unfeathered pullets for the Rectory table.

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EDENDERRY 90 YEARS AGO.

We copy the following from the "Belfast Guardian" newspaper for October 8th, 1833:—

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL BLACKER.

The following is an extract from a speech delivered in the "Self Improving Society" in Jennett's, Edenderry (near Portadown) on Thursday evening last, 26th ult., at the second anniversary of that society. On "The Resident Landlords of Ireland, and in particular the Lords of the Soil, Brownlow, Blacker and Mandeville," being drunk the Secretary rose and addressed the Chair in a lengthened speech in the course of which he took a rapid review of the many claims to public gratitude which these gentlemen possessed. I remember with feelings of respect never to be obliterated from my memory the many favours and acts of sterling friendship which my father always received from the Colonel's family, and in particular the late Dean.

WITH THE "NINTH" IN FRANCE.

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

(Continued from December Magazine.)

SUNDAY, JULY 23rd.—Continued.

I am not sanguine that we shall break through, but it's been the biggest thing against trenches of the whole war. I came on here (near Mes-sines) early yesterday and inspected the line, very hot, rather beat. Came back about 2 miles short of line here, and Battalion came in about 9 p.m. Huts in a wood. We and 12th here. Both H.Qrs. in Lodge, such a crowd. Then orders came we were to take over a different bit of line. We and 12th on left, 11th and 13th on right. I don't complain as we have got a better bit. Went down this a.m. with Bull and walked round the new bit—took 3½ hours, and so hot. Fixed up how we would divide it. Bull takes front line, and I support. H.Qrs., of course, crowded, and we only take in diminished Staff. But accommodation for 7 quite good. Balance goes back to Transport, 3 miles back. Fergie sleeps here, and Menaul comes into the line, and Pratt. So glad we are with 12th—makes things easy. The Practical Joke Department have been busy with us. We have been 22 days out of the line, nominally to refit, and we have had 11 moves! Quite impossible to do anything, or train anyone. We are about 4½ miles E. of Bailleul—N. end of Plug Street Wood. This is our Rest Place! When out of the line. This constant moving about makes official correspondence so difficult. This country is undulating, and wooded, not flat.

MONDAY, JULY 24th.

The Relief was completed about 1.30 a.m. Not a bad place to relieve at all. We have come off well, as the 12th have taken the front line, and we are in support and have a fairly easy time. Our H.Q. are quite comfy and we have fitted in all right. Yes, get H.P. to agitate about Ulster Division men being sent back to Ulster Res. Bde. He will manage it all right. You cannot believe what the men say about Officers being killed. Their various stories do not tally. A man writes saying he saw 'At.' killed just outside our line, which I know is wrong. Gen. N. round to-day; very affable. A Draft of 40 arrived to-day, and 3 Officers to-morrow. There is not much room here, and I've had to have some out of the line, which I don't like. Shill. is simply splendid, and an enormous help. We have dug-outs to ourselves, which is a great boon. Cole Hamilton, Pratt, Menaul, and the 12th Adj. and myself. Coy. messes crowded rather, I fear. The 11th R.B. left a man for us to bury as they hadn't got a Wesleyan minister! Strange some people are. Have asked Padre to come to-day, but if he can't must do it myself. Another fierce attempt to take Pozieres last night; partially successful. Stuart Wortley and H. Fanshaw gone home. Latter's place taken by his brother, the Gunner, who is our Corps Cdt. The 11th Bde. in IV. Div. lost the Brigadier and 4 C.O's in the Push. Holt has not moved with us.

Expect he's still S. Fergie's sending you a typed copy of casualties; there are bound to be inaccuracies, but it will be right in the main. C.M.J.'s kit was sent off on July 5, but with so many (16) there will be delay, and much formalities—inventories to be made, valises sewn in sacks, and sealed, as if we had sealing wax and seals, and we moving every day; then to be sent to the railhead, and 3 times they were sent back from different railheads; perfectly maddening it was, as we had to cart them round the country. This is a quiet bit of the line. So far days are peaceful, but M.G. irksome at night. The Trenches are shallow, as you come to water about 3 feet down. They will be bad in wet. Sergt. Keith came back last night. He stated he saw 'At.' fall our side of the Ravine. Personally I don't believe him. It's contrary to other evidence, and he's given to romancing. The weather is dull and hot, but no rain, thank goodness. We have got the greater part of Pozieres. I am not sanguine about breaking through.

TUESDAY, JULY 25th.

Another warm close day. Mosquitoes are bad here. These constant and sudden changes always mean articles mislaid and lost. My indelible pencil has gone now. Charlie wants me to move back and take turns with Bull in commanding both Battalions. I find it more restful here, and the men are here. Behind they worry one all day, and every day. Quiet, except for a burst of shrapnel over a party of ours whom they had spotted digging a new trench. No damage done except one man grazed by a bullet and back at duty. M.G. fire very active again this evening.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26th.

We take over a bit of line on left of 12th to-night, hence much to arrange and settle. I fear Sergt. Caulfield's evidence is conclusive.

THURSDAY, JULY 27th.

It was on Sergt. C.'s evidence that I wrote to Mr. Atkinson. I don't think the Borderer Regt. would know. Identity discs are taken from the dead (or should be) and sent to the Regt. or Base. Of course one doesn't know what the Huns do with them. The Relief was quiet; passed off all right, and was very easy, being so near. M.G. fire at night is bad, it's hard to move about anywhere, but the days are very quiet. H.Q. very good and well hidden; sand bag dug-outs. The Bosche has just begun his afternoon hate; heavy stuff on our left. A gas alarm last night about midnight, and every one "stood to," but it was away on our right, and didn't come near us. Though 500 of the old lot are left they are mostly employed. The slightly wounded, who are back, are "nervy." It will take time before they are all right. The cream went over the parapet on July 1st. 3 new Officers just come. One blessing of this place, one can sit outside in the air, not always underground

(To be continued.)