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SEAGOE CHURCH DOOR.

# Seagoe Parish Magazine

## SERVICES.

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**HOLY BAPTISM.**—1st Saturday of Month at 3 p.m., and during any Service in the Parish Church, if notice be given; Two Sponsors at least are required, and they must be Confirmed members of the Church. Churchings are held at each Baptism, Mothers are expected to bring a thankoffering. (See Book of Common Prayer).

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## CLASSES, &c.

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

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# Seagoe Parish Magazine.

JANUARY, 1924.

We wish all our Readers at Home and Abroad a Very Happy New Year!

## **Our New Cover.**

With the beginning of the New Year 1924 we enter on the Eighteenth Year of our existence as a Parish Magazine. We are glad to note that even after so many years there seems to be no slackening of interest in the Magazine. It circulates as freely as ever, and we are constantly receiving letters from Parishioners in distant parts of the earth saying how much they appreciate the Magazine as a message from the old Parish at home. We print on our Cover this year the door of the Parish Church. The door is wide open, as the door of the Parish Church should be, but it is also a narrow door like the "strait (narrow) gate" which, according to our Lord's words, leads to Eternal Life.

In the shadowed interior we catch a glimpse of the beautiful East window. The Text printed each side of the picture from Psalm c. 4 is very appropriate: "Enter into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise."

There is a deep significance in the door of the Parish Church. Through it we pass in to share in our Common Worship. Since first in 1816 this door was hung upon its hinges how many hundreds and thousands have stepped across that threshold to join with heart and voice in the Worship of Almighty God. Through the Church Door we are carried as little infants by loving Sponsors to be admitted as members of Christ in Holy Baptism. On the solemn day of our Confirmation we pass through the same door to be Confirmed afresh by the gift of the Divine Spirit and to renew our Baptismal vows. How many happy couples on their Wedding day have passed through the same portals and pledged their troth either to other in the House of Prayer. And when the term of mortal life is ended how many have been reverently borne through the same door ere they were laid to rest in the old graveyard under the shadow of the ruined walls of the Old Church. Such thoughts will no doubt crowd upon the minds of those who see this Picture of the old Church Door, and as they pass through it in reverent silence to join in worship with God's people they will value more than ever before this entrance to their Spiritual Home.

## **The Sale of Work.**

A great event in the Parish was the Sale of Work which took place in Edenderry Parochial Hall on Friday, December 7th. It was an example of what Seagoe people can do when they take up a thing with energy. The Sale was organised in the short

space of three weeks, and yet it realised a total sum of £96, which, when expenses were deducted, amounted to some £87. Mrs. Shillington, wife of our popular M.P., Major Shillington, very kindly opened the Sale in the unavoidable and regrettable absence of Mrs. W. H. Atkinson, of Clarisford, through illness. Major Shillington, in replying for Mrs. Shillington, spoke of the importance of the work carried on in the Parochial Hall. The Sale was crowded, and before closing time came at 10 o'clock practically everything had been sold. We thank very heartily all who so kindly helped at the Sale, and it must be gratifying to them to know that a sufficient sum has been raised to put a substantial iron paling and gates round the Hall. A hearty vote of thanks to Mrs. Shillington was proposed by Mr. T. J. Montgomery, seconded by Mr. D. Rock, J.P., and passed with acclamation.

## **The Christmas Services.**

The Services at Christmastide were hearty and well attended. A pretty Christmas Anthem, "There Were Shepherds," was sung on the Sunday before Christmas, the solos being nicely sung by Miss Montgomery and Mr. David Murray.

## **Epiphany.**

The Festival of the Epiphany falls this year on a Sunday—January 6th. The collections both morning and evening will be on behalf of Foreign Missions. Epiphany is a great Missionary Festival when we recall to mind Him who came into this world "to be a Light to lighten the Gentiles."

## **The Sustentation Fund.**

The Parish Accounts for 1923 closed on December 31st, and any sums not paid in by that date must go into next year's accounts. Punctuality in payment is very necessary if our obligations are to be met. Some of those who at the beginning of 1923 agreed to take the Weekly Envelopes have not yet begun to use them, but of course a large number have joined the W.F.O. and have faithfully handed in their Envelopes each week. It is on such as these that the Parish really depends for its existence. We hope all have got their "Sequi" Envelopes for the New Year. They will find them very convenient. The Report for 1922 is now printed and no doubt is by this time in the hands of the Parishioners. It is the largest and fullest Report ever issued in the Parish. If any of the Parishioners notice any errors will they kindly inform Mr. Hugh Stoops, our Hon. Treasurer, so that a correction may be made in our next Report, which will be issued at Easter.



**Seagoe at Sea.**

[The following letter written by an emigrant from Seagoe describes well what the voyage across the Atlantic is like. It was written just a year ago by Mr. Nicholas England on his return voyage to the States]:

s.s Regina,

Somewhere on the Atlantic.

Dear Mother, Father, and All.—

We got on board the above ship on Saturday about 11.30 a.m. We had a lot of messing about, signing on, getting a berth, etc., then dinner was served at 12.30. We had a row with the Chief Steward about not all being able to get seated at the same table, but that is alright now. We strolled about the deck during the afternoon; we got our baggage fixed up before tea. We have got a six berth cabin, so we have lots of room. Tea was served at 4.45 p.m., and we set sail at 6 p.m. Nice and calm on Saturday night; all slept well. Sunday morn' arrived a little bit rough, lots of people sick; Edie and family were sick.

**Church Service at 11 a.m.**

Jack took sick, he got better very soon. It got very rough on Sunday night. Monday morn' arrived, Edie and Emily could not go for breakfast; all of us a little sick. Now it has got very rough, as we are at the Devil's Hole, that's where the Irish Sea meets the Atlantic. We all lay down for an hour or so; all up for dinner; thank goodness all well. Still rough, but it did not worry us; terrible lot sick. Monday night we enjoyed a concert on board, went to bed, all slept well. Tuesday morn' arrives, all up for breakfast in the best of health. Afterwards all up on deck, sea lovely and calm this morning, just like a lake. Dinner at 11.45, all hungry for it. Another stroll on deck, games, etc., tea at 4.45 p.m. Saw two whales this evening. Supper over, dancing now to bedtime; retired to bed. Wednesday morn arrives, all slept well and

**Eager for Breakfast.**

Edie and children up for medical exam. Tom has to be vaccinated after tea. Dinner over, up on top deck, splendid weather, not a cloud to be seen—sea just like glass. Coming up to 3 p.m. getting cold. Now great excitement on board—icebergs sighted. We passed two very large ones about 4 p.m., one quite close, I should say about 500 yards off us. Lovely sight, dazzling white in the sunshine. Tea over got Tom's arm fixed up. Now we can see icebergs all around us, dozens of them. Supper time arrives, everybody more or less nervous to-night; on deck lovely moonlight—only in this part North Atlantic one can see such a moon. Ten o'clock, speed reduced to crawling pace, midnight full speed again. All slept well except Edie, she was very nervous, can't fault her with so much ice about. Thursday morn, all well. Weather nice still, but cold. Medical exam for men this morning; a little fog appearing, increases before dinner. After dinner ship stopped, we are just off Newfoundland, almost

through the great Bank of Newfoundland, and Edie worried about fog. Tea time arrives, ship still stopped. After tea a concert, some very good talent. 8 p.m. ship started again, going slowly. Friday morn arrives, all well. No matter where you look this morn, nothing but ice—small stuff. Ship pushing through very slow; terrible cold, could wear

**All the Blankets on the Boat.**

Awful cold, we never saw as much ice before. Dinner over, ship stopped just outside the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Two ships in front of us trying to get through. We are waiting to see if they can. If they can't we will go back to Halifax. Ship moving on slowly; they are collecting the Post, so I shall have to ring off. I shall write as soon as we land. You don't want to worry about us, as we are alright. Edie and the children join in sending their love to all. We have a great Skipper on board, he is a very careful man, taking no risks. I don't blame him either. Hoping this finds you all well.—Yours,

NICKIE.

P.S.—I have everything that took place here in this letter up to Friday 3 p.m.

**Sunday School Socials.**

This is the month for the Sunday School Socials. Will the Superintendents please make arrangements. The following dates are suggested—

HACKNAHAY—Monday, January 21st.

DRUMGOR—Thursday, January 24th.

CARNE—Tuesday, January 29th.

LEVAGHERY—Thursday, January 31st.

SEAGOE—Monday, February 4th.

EDENDERRY—Friday, February 8th.

The hour will be 7.30 p.m. in each School, unless otherwise announced.

**Parish Register for December.  
Baptisms.**

**Currie**—December 1st, 1923, Thomas Henry, son of William Henry and Elizabeth Anne Currie, of Ballymacrandle.

*Sponsors*—Jane Sturgeon, Elizabeth Anne Currie.

**M'Kibben**—December 1st, 1923, Gladys, daughter of Hugh and Anne Eliza M'Kibben, of Edenderry.

*Sponsors*—Maria Magee, Anne Eliza M'Kibben.

**Marriage.**

**Roney and M'Crory**—December 26th, 1923, Samuel Roney, of Edenderry, to Christina M'Crory, of Edenderry.

**Burials.**

**Moffett**—December 6th, Sarah Jane Moffett, of Drumnagoon, aged 69 years.

**Campbell**—December 11th, Martha Campbell, of Balteagh, aged 70 years.

**Liggett**—January 2nd, John Joseph Liggett, of Edenderry, aged 17 months.



**ITEMS.**

Mr. William Blacker, eldest son of Colonel Blacker, has got a Commission in the Artillery.

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A new book, price 2s, has just been published by Mr. Francis J. Bigger, our great Ulster Antiquarian. It is entitled "Meoytiaghisms," which is we believe a new word coined to describe the old and homely words in use in the Parishes of Seagoe and Ardmore. A sketch of Old Seagoe Church, which appeared on our cover some years back, forms a frontispiece for the book. The List of words was compiled some 70 years ago by Mr. Wm. Lutton, a well-known resident in this Parish.

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An interesting Jubilee is near at hand. Mr. Thomas Henry Wilson, our esteemed organist, will this year complete his fiftieth year as Organist of Seagoe Church. He was appointed to the post in February, 1874. In our next issue we hope to make fuller reference to his remarkable record of faithful service.

Mr. Isaac Clayton, of Century St., has joined the Church Army and gone for Training to the C.A. Headquarters in London.

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On Tuesday, December 18th, the children of Seagoe N.S. had a pleasant afternoon. Many prizes were awarded, oranges were distributed, and an interesting musical programme was given by the children. Our special thanks are due to some kind friends who provided the Prizes and the Fruit.

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Most of our Sunday School Teachers have secured copies of the new Notes for Teachers, 2s each. They find them very helpful.

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The Rev. P. Shirley, M.A., Rector of St. James', Belfast, and late Chaplain to the Forces, will (D.V.) preach in Seagoe Church on Sunday evening, January 20th.

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The proceeds of the Lecture on "Ghosts" amounted to £6 8s 0d. The nett amount remaining after deduction of expenses was £4 3s 0d.

**WITH THE "NINTH" IN FRANCE.**

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

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30th.**

Another foggy frosty morning—cold. White frost, cold and raw.

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1st.**

Heavy srafe yesterday afternoon by our Artillery and T.M.'s. Still the same kind of weather, foggy, decidedly thick to-day and a little more frost. Mac sick to-day. We had 46 admitted to hospital last month against 70, 80 and 90 of other 3 Battalions. We get 9 leaves (men) every 5 days this month.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2nd.**

Clearer this a.m., but frost and cold. A successful little enterprise early this a.m. Party of 12 and 2 Officers, after an enemy's wiring party had been located by a patrol, went out, got within 40 yards, opened fire with Lewis Gun, bombs, etc., and outed all except one, returning without casualties. The party of the enemy were wiring behind their own front wire and consequently no wounded prison could be brought in. Ricardo and Bull now got Brigades. I am glad. I'm the only one of the Old Guard left now. Our show early this morning was quite good.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3rd.**

Fine, but frost seems going. Quiet night.

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**FRIDAY, JANUARY 5th. English Farm. Bde. H.Q.**

On arrival this side we found Gen. Nugent's own car awaiting us, and so did the journey most comfortably, and got here at 6 p.m. after a lunch at Calais—we disembarked there for reasons I cannot explain. Came straight to Bd. H.Q. Nugent went home for 14 days to-day, and Griffiths is commanding Div. Lucky I postponed my journey, as there was no car available yesterday. A lovely crossing and no crowd. Fergie came down after dinner. Shill in a rest camp, but is much better. Bde. H.Q. move to Bailleul on Sunday to be more central, as 2nd Bns. are near there. G. doesn't go till 20th, so I suppose I shall command Bde till Feb. 20th. Quite comfy here, 2 rooms in a hut and a fire. Billets in B—.

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 6th.**

Went over to see Bn this a.m., stayed to lunch. They have had a bad time. Fergie, of course, has been splendid. Hugh O'Neill has gone as Court Martial Officer to First Army, which is commanded by the Gunner we thought (Horne). Have got a car for the move to-morrow; Holt has been away at Army School for a week. He lunches with us at Club-B— to-morrow. The Xmas dinner came to £73. Fergie written quite a good account to local Press. He has had a hard time. The Bn. moves over to near B— this day week. Billets in B— will be a change of life, but I am sorry to leave this, which is most comfortable.



**SUNDAY, JANUARY 7th. Bailleul. Bde. H.Q.**

Got a car and went round 16th and 13th, Div. H.Q. and Shill. Found latter much better, hope he will be back with Bn. by end of week. Am writing from our new H.Q. at B—. Lunched at Officers' Club, quite good. My room here above office, quite nice. Think we shall be quite comfortable. The area occupied by the 2 Bn. here is quite good. Comfortable billets and nice air. 9th comes here on 13th (Saturday.)

**MONDAY, JANUARY 8th.**

A wet night, fair morning, has turned into a wet p.m. Wind makes a fire in store in my bedroom somewhat a smoky affair, so I've returned to the mess, which is a room behind a grocer's shop; really not bad, and warm and lighted with incandescent. Duke and I rode over and saw 9th and 12th, and various Bde tocks. Fergie very chirpy. Khaki pony slipped and fell on Reid's leg, bruising his angle; not bad. Very comfy bed. We dined at Club; good food, but noisy and heated atmosphere. Was glad to get away. Ker-Smiley, who is now A.D.C. to Hamilton-Gordon, runs the Club. Milne's name has gone in for a Commission. I hear Humphreys is G.O.C., R.A., but is at present away on leave. Duke and I attended a lecture on Artillery, given by one Pringle, a Lt.-Col. R.A. Didn't know him. We were thinking of going to 11 Army School for a lecture to-night, and dining at H.Q., but we couldn't get a car; rather glad as it turned so wet. Shall go out in the morn and see 11th and 13th. The Bde. is taking Godson as Bde. Intelligence Officer; rather a loss, but I can't stand in the way. 2 new Officers joined last night; I didn't see them.

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 9th.**

I read the "Times" of yesterday, in the evening, about 9 p.m. Pretty good. Rode out with Duke at 9.30 a.m. and didn't get back till 1.15, then out again at 3 p.m. till 5; hodding round Unites and seeing their billets, and what they are at. Very healthy and nice. Saw Geo. Bruce this p.m. Shall probably ride out to see 9th to-morrow, after visiting the Bombing School. They are anxious to take Lutton in the Signal section, for which he is eminently suited, but he can only go as a Lieut., so don't know if he'll agree. Godson comes as Bde. Intelligence Officer. Very sorry to lose him. There is a good deal more artillery activity on the Bosche side now, a constant strafe going on. The Div on our left was raided Sunday morning after a heavy bombardment which overflowed into our left, and damaged the line a bit.

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10th.**

Heavy rain most nights since I returned, but the days have not been bad, only showers. It was not gas in young Crymble's case, only a medical way of expressing a kind of gangrene. Went over to the 9th to-day. Met Fergie en route. Lutton is going to the Signal section with a view to becoming Bde. Signal Officer, at his own request. He feels

that it is his job and he is right. I am sorry we shall lose him from the Battalion. It gives us a vacancy for Captain, so it will promote Fergie.

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 11th.**

Such an active day, sleety and showery. Rode out with Duke at 9.30. Saw 11th and M.G. Coy., and T.M. By., then on to Div. H.Q. Saw Place, who was very nice, then to Q branch, and saw about some tocks with Green; back by 1.30, office till 3, then off to Montnoir and had a chat with Shillington. Fergie rolled up at 5 and we have been talking and settling tocks ever since. Am thoroughly enjoying all this riding about, but shall miss Duke greatly, he's such a nice fellow. He goes on his 30 days on Sunday.

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 12th.**

Went up in a car this morning to see some men of ours, and the 13th, and met Peacock and Shuter. P had been down to see Ricardo and found him very optimistic. Had seen his Corps Commander, who had been with Haig previous day. Internal conditions of Germany very grave, actual starvation in some country parts very near. All out here seem sanguine the war will end this year. Such a poisonous day; skelping showers and very cold. Comyn came with us, so we had a covered car, which was pelasant. Looked in on 9th, saw Fergie and young Shill, both blooming. Do hope it may be fine for the shift to-morrow. Allen is anxious to go to instruct at a Cadet School. Names have been called for. Shall probably let him go. Church Army are putting up a Hut at R.L., which will be a boon. Peacock, who took over our Bn. H.Q. in the line, said a Bosche shell got our cookhouse and smashed it up, and their Xmas turkey was blown to smithereens. No one hurt.

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 13th.**

Such a downpour. Wretched for the 4 Battalions who are changing areas. I went out about a couple of miles and saw all 4 pass. I thought the 9th looked far the best. Yes, Repington's article on the work of the Q.M.G.'s Dept. will be illuminating to the ordinary public, I'm sure. He is, of course, an extremely able fellow. Saw Padre to-day, on the march. Such a treasure, stumping along with the men in the rain. Ricardo has taken Shuter's place as Brigr. to 109th; simply splendid. I'm so glad. It has now turned to heavy snow!

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 14th.**

A foggy day, cold and raw, after a frost; roads not passable till mid-day. Went out to see 9th in p.m., just back. Seem quite comfortable. Padre away taking services. The Gosford cigarettes did come, and were acknowledged. I will write a note. Went round the cemetery with Duke in the morning; over 4,000 graves—British. Saw Lyness's and Crymble's, also Corbally's, Capt. R.F.A. Duke goes on leave to-morrow, am sorry. Young Allen of 12th came in to dinner last night; he is Bde. Grenade Officer; a very nice boy and capable. He got an M.C. (To be continued)