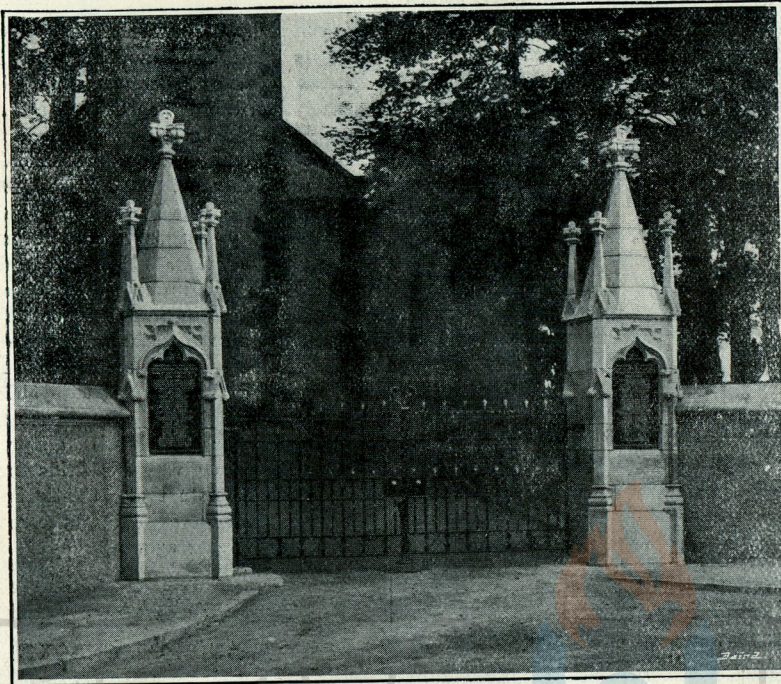


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SEAGOE WAR MEMORIAL.

THE Memorial Pillars and Gates at Seagoe Parish Church were Dedicated on Sunday, June 19th, 1921.

The Pillars are of Portland Stone, and in each Pillar is inserted a Tablet of Red Granite, on which are carved the names of 52 men connected with Seagoe Church and Parish who fell in the Great War. The following words are inscribed on each Pillar:—"These Gates are a Memorial to the Men from Seagoe Parish who fell in the Great War 1914-1918," and at the foot of each Tablet are the words "Their name liveth for evermore." The names of the men inscribed are as follows, 26 on each Pillar;—William James Allen, William Henry Armstrong, Thomas Joyce Atkinson, Robert Henry Brown, Samuel Clayton, John Collen, Thomas Cordner, William Cordy, Robert John Cordy, Francis Currie, David George Dunlop, Thomas Ellis, Thomas Flannigan, Samuel Fox, Willoughby Frazer, Francis Gillespie, Isaac Gilpin, John Girvan, James Gordon, David Gracy, James Gracey, Ernest Hall, Thomas Hewitt, Bertram Holland, Norman Sydney Holmes, Thomas Henry Holmes, Thomas Kilpatrick, James Lamb, Joseph Malcomson, William Malcomson, Edward Marshall, John Matthews, William Maxwell, Johnston M'Afee, Joseph Henry M'Ardle, Alexander M'Cabe, Francis M'Kerr, Thomas Mighton, William Milligan, Robert Taylor Montgomery, Herbert Moore Murray, Joseph Parkes, David Porter, Samuel Robinson, William Sharpe, Henry Sinnamon, Jackson Stothers, Joseph Stothers, Maxwell Stothers, George Weir, James Henry Weir, George Whiteside.

Dedication of War Memorial.

The Services in connection with the Dedication of Seagoe War Memorial were held on Sunday, June 19th, 1921. The Lord Bishop (Right Rev. C. T. P. Grierson, D.D.), was unfortunately prevented by illness from being present. He sent as his Deputy the Ven. H. R. Brett, M.A., Archdeacon of Connor. The Archdeacon preached at Morning Prayer from the text inscribed on the pillars, which occurs in the Apocrypha—The Book of Ecclesiasticus, xlv.

14: "Their name liveth for evermore." The passage is taken from the famous Chapter beginning "Let us now praise famous men." The passage runs:—"All these were honoured in their generations and were the glory of their times. There be of them that have left a name behind them, and some there be which have no memorial. Their seed shall remain for ever and their glory shall not be blotted out. Their bodies are buried in peace but their name liveth for evermore." The collection was for the

Co. Armagh Protestant Orphan Society. During the Service the Roll of Honour presented to the Parish by Lt.-Col. Blacker and the Misses Atkinson of Eden Villa was Dedicated by the Archdeacon. The Roll contains the names of 264 Churchmen from the Parish who served with the Colours during the War. The Roll of Honour is placed in the Church below the Tablet to the Memory of Dean Dawson. It is on Parchment, richly engrossed, and chaste in design and illumination. At 3.30 the Service for the Dedication of the Pillars and Gates was held. The Clergy, Churchwardens, and Select Vestry walked in procession from the School to the Church, the Choir near the gates singing meanwhile the xxiii Psalm. A way was kept for the Procession by the Parish Scouts. An immense crowd, numbering some thousands, entirely filled the roadway for a considerable distance. The Corcoran Prize Band (all Ex-service men) headed a body of Ex-Service men numbering about 150 who marched from the Orange Hall in Carleton Street. When the Clergy reached the gates the Ex-Service men and Scouts kept a space near the gates. The Rector read aloud the names of the Fallen. The Tablets were then unveiled by Major Gibson, late of the 9th Batt. R.I.F., and who had been severely wounded in the advance on July 1st, 1916. The Memorials were then solemnly Dedicated by the Archdeacon, and the Reveille and Last Post were sounded by Sergeant Hampton, of Waringstown. The Rev. F. J. Halahan, M.C. (with Bar), Rector of Drumcree, who had acted as Chaplain with the 9th Battalion in France, was present and joined in the Dedication Prayers. The Hymn "There is a Green Hill far away" was then sung, and during the singing of the Hymns the Clergy and people moved through the gates and into the graveyard, the Clergy taking up their position at the Church door. The Archdeacon having spoken briefly, the Hymn "Stand up, stand up for Jesus" was sung. During the Hymn a collection was taken up among those present, amounting to £15 7s. 8d., for the Ex-Service Men's Club in Portadown. The Hymns "Rock of Ages," and "Safe in the Arms of Jesus" were also sung. Then followed the concluding Prayers and the Benediction. The weather was very fine throughout the Service. At Evening Prayer the Rev. F. J. Halahan preached on "Homage and Dedication." He referred in touching terms to his experiences with the men at the Front and to their nobility of character and heroism. During the day large numbers gathered at the Pillars and gates, which were much admired. A laurel wreath was laid at the base of each pillar during the day, and before the unveiling the Tablets were covered with Union Jacks. At both Services in the Church the Anthem "Who are these arrayed in white robes" was sung by the Choir.

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

The Rev. H. G. de L. Singleton has resigned the Curacy of Seagoe on his appointment to the living of All Saints, Fosdyke, Diocese of Lincoln. We congratulate Mr. Singleton very heartily on his promotion, and the good wishes and prayers of many among us will follow Mr. and Miss Singleton to their new home. Mr. Singleton has been Curate of Seagoe since 1918, when he succeeded the Rev. T. H. Scanlon, now Rector of Tempo, County Fermanagh.

Sunday School Excursion.

There was an immense gathering of Sunday School Scholars, and Teachers at the Annual Excursion this year—larger we think than ever before. Mr. Isaac Walker, of Seagoe Farm, had most kindly lent us two of his large grazing fields, and no more suitable place could have been found. Its nearness to Seagoe Church and School and its pretty surroundings made it an ideal excursion ground. The Superintendents, Teachers, and Children gathered in the Parish Church at 2.30 on Thursday, June 23rd. After a short Service conducted by the Rector the children formed in a long procession, headed by the Scouts with their Buglers. Two large Union Jacks were carried at the head of the Procession. The children marched in procession by Seagoe Road, Lurgan Road, and Church Lane to the fields. The procession was more than a quarter of a mile in length. Tea was dispensed by a large band of helpers in Seagoe School for the girls at 4.30 and for the boys at 5. Games, Tags-of-War, Races, and all kinds of amusements were indulged in to a late hour when all separated after a most enjoyable day. Before leaving the field three hearty cheers were given for Mr. Walker, and the Rector on behalf of all present thanked him for his kindness in giving his fields for the excursion. It is interesting to note that Athletic Sports for the pupils of Seagoe School were held in the same field on July 6th, 1906, fifteen years ago.

Missionary Collections.

SEAGOE C.M.S. BOXES, 1920—1921.

Total, £14 12s 6½d.

Edenderry, £1 17s 11d.—Misses Atkinson, 4s 1d; Mrs. C. Magee, 3s 2½d; Mr. Wm. Tedford, 1s 3d, Miss Agnes Johnston, 3s 5d; Thos. and John Metcalf, 4s 7½d; Mrs. H. Stoops, 2s 6d; Mrs. Stevenson, 2s 5d; Mrs. Flannigan, 3s 11d; Miss I. Atkinson, 2s 6d; Miss G. Atkinson, 10s.

Drumgor, £2 3s 11½d.—Mrs. S. Best, 2s 6d; Miss Madge Gracey, 1s 9½d; Mrs. Hopps, 1s 9d; Miss Hannah E. Martin, 6s 6½d; Mrs. W. Gracey, 2s; Mrs. M'Mullan, 5s 2d; Miss Lizzie Gracey, 15s 11½d; The late Mr. J. Lavery, 5d; Mrs. Dickson, 7s 10d.

Hacknahay, £7 0s 2½d.—Miss Rodgers 6d; Miss Margaret E. Rowland, 10s; Mrs. Thos. Neill, 2s 7d; Miss Rachel Black, 6s 8d; Mrs. N. England, 7s; Mrs. Wm. J. Calvert, 3s 7d; Mrs. Bradshaw, 6s 3d; Miss G. Best, 2s 4½d; Samuel Jennett, 3s 2½d; Miss M. England, 5s 1d; Miss Abraham, 9s 0½d; Miss Sarah Maginnis, 6s 3d; Miss Jane Curry, 7s 10½d; Mrs. Neill, 1s 3d; Mrs. Livingstone, 2s 11½d; Mrs. Craig, 2s 6d; Mrs. H. Neill, 6s 7d; Mrs. Quinn, 9s 2d; Miss Minnie M'Cormick, 3s 3d; Miss Rebecca Calvert, £2 4s 1d.

Seagoe, £2 17s 6½d.—Miss Isabella Best, 3s 10½d; Miss Maisie Ruddell, 7s 4d; Miss Mary Coulter, 2s 6d; Mrs. S. Porter, 3s 6d; Mrs. Ramsey, 2s 6d; Mrs. Rennix, 11s 1d; Mrs. Dickson, 1s 9½d; Mrs. Ephraim Collins, 4s 2d; Seagoe Girls' Bible Class, 8s 11d; Seagoe Afternoon Sunday School, 4s 3d; Seagoe Morning Sunday School, 7s 7½d.

Carne, 12s 11d.—Miss Lavery, 2s; Mrs. Andrew Costello, 1s 6d; Mrs. Price, 2s 6d; Mrs. Murray, 4s 11d; Mrs. Martin, 2s.

Parish Register—June—July, 1921**Baptisms.**

The following were Baptized in Seagoe Parish Church on May 7th, 1921:—

M'Cann—Mary Jane, daughter of James and Minnie M'Cann, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Sarah Kane, Minnie M'Cann.

Hunter—Esther, daughter of George and Frances Hunter, of Portadown.

Sponsors—Margaret Thompson, Frances Hunter

Stenson—Alexander, son of George and Sophia Stenson, of Portadown.

Sponsors—Elizabeth Shanks, Sophia Stenson.

Collins—Cecil, son of Joseph and Mary Collins.

Sponsors—Elizabeth Crossley, Mary Collins.

Smyth—Aaron, son of Aaron and Sarah Anne Smyth, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Elizabeth Crossley, Sarah Anne Smyth.

Hickland—Lucinda, daughter of John and Lucinda Hickland, of Breagh.

Sponsors—Anne Simpson, Lucinda Hickland.

Lyness—George Kerr, son of John and Alicia Lyness, of Carne.

Sponsors—Anne Kerr, Alicia Lyness.

Robinson—Richard Wilson, son of Thomas George and Margaret Jane Robinson, of Drumnagoon, was Baptized privately on May 7, 1921.

BAPTIZED ON MAY 18th, 1921:

Porter—Robinson, son of John and Jane Porter, of Lower Seagoe.

Sponsors—Margaret Porter, Jane Porter.

BAPTIZED ON JUNE 4th, 1921:

M'Murray—Thomas, son of Joseph Edward and Rebecca M'Murray, of Lyle.

Sponsors—Martha Thompson, Rebecca M'Murray.

Wright—Kathleen Frances, daughter of John Henry and Mary Elizabeth Wright, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Margaret Agnes Donaldson, Mary Elizabeth Wright.

Marriage.

Topley and Maxwell—May 18th, 1921, James Topley, of Portadown, "A" Special Royal Irish Constabulary, to Margaret Maxwell, of Edenderry.

Burials.

Livingston—May 1st, David Livingston, of Upper Seagoe, aged 32.

Austin—May 2nd, James Austin, of Edenderry, aged 68

Sherman—May 2nd, George Sherman, of Edenderry, aged 42.

Ross—May 22nd, Sarah Anne Ross, of Upper Seagoe, aged 24.

Stevenson—May 31st, George Stevenson, of Edenderry, aged 6½.

Campbell—June 5th, Ellen Campbell, of Killicomaine, aged 72.

Magee—June 14th, Edna Magee, of Ballynaghey, aged 9 days.

Gilchrist—June 16th, Martha Gilchrist, of Edenderry, aged 42.

Wilson—June 22nd, Mary Wilson, of Edenderry, aged 80.

Our Losses.

Since our last issue we have lost by death some who were very well known in the Parish. David Livingston, a member of the Choir, and a former Sexton of Seagoe, passed away suddenly after a long struggle against ill health on Friday, April 29th. His death was deeply lamented. So gentle, lovable and Christlike a nature, nurtured by a deep faith in the Unseen, drew to him many closely attached friends. His Funeral on Sunday, May 1st, was attended by a great crowd of people who quite filled the Church. George Magee, cut off in the prime of life by a motor accident, was very popular. He had been for many years a member of Edenderry Bible Class, and was an attached member of Seagoe Church. He was an enthusiast in football matters. Every one who knew him liked him. His Funeral on May 2nd was very largely attended. James Austin (or Erskine), who died on May 1st, was well known in the Parish. He and his father before him had been employed at Seagoe Rectory. His kindly, quiet manner gained him many friends. Mrs. Ross passed away on May 22nd at an early age. She bore a tedious illness with wonderful courage. Other names follow—George Stevenson, a bright and happy little child; Ellen Campbell, Edna Magee, and Mary Wilson. To the sorrowful and bereaved we offer our sincere sympathy.

Seagoe Girl Guides.

First Seagoe Girl Guides are to be congratulated on getting Fourth place in the Competition for the Countess of Gosford's Challenge Shield at Armagh on June 25. We congratulate Edna Allen, Isa Best and Sarah M'Dowell, who gained Prizes for Needlework; and Hannah Rainey, Lilian Sands, and Sarah M'Dowell, who got Prizes for Baked Bread.

Seagoe in U.S.A.

41 Chestnut St., S. Manchester,
Conn, U.S.A., 9/4/21.

Sir,—I hope you are in good health. Well, for me I am in the best of health, after selling that large bundle of Almanacs, 50, but great credit is due to Miss Alice Hopfner, the young American girl. There was a duty on the Almanac 99 cents to be paid before I could get the parcel. All parcels that come into this country are taxed, so I had to pay a little over five shillings in English money of duty. I am enclosing a postal order for one pound five shillings for 50 Almanacs received and sold, hoping you will get the money safe, as I hear the Sinn Feiners are doing dirty work. Well, I still like America; it's a beautiful country. The good weather seems to be coming now; although the winter was not so severe; I enjoyed it immensely. I was through a Library in the city of Hartford, and I saw some very beautiful old pictures of great men, and some very old stones which were very interesting to me; so you see there are great attractions in America. I think I have exhausted all this time, saying again I shall be very glad to help the old Church in any way I can, is the closing words of your old friend,

DAVID WEBB.

We have received a further sum of £1 15s from Mr. David Webb, of South Manchester, Conn., for Kalendars and Almanacs most kindly sold by him in Seagoe-across-the-Sea, as we might term South Manchester.

WITH THE "NINTH" IN FRANCE.

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

(Continued from April—May Magazine.)

Wednesday, February 16th.—We have had five casualties. Bull wants me to go down early and go round the line with him, which means I shall have to go down communication Trench instead of going on top after dark, and the Trench is over $1\frac{1}{2}$ m. long and over knees in slush and water. The Dump where rations and stores are brought by our Transport are 2 miles from the line, and everything has to be carried in by hand from there, and now they say this dump is in the next Div. area, and we can only use it by courtesy, and between stated hours, which adds to the irksomeness. Great efforts to prevent frost bite, every man has

TO RUB WHALE OIL INTO HIS FEET

for half an hour for 2 days previous to going into the line, and for an hour on the day they go in. Quite necessary, I'm sure, in the present conditions. A Draft of 50 men has arrived at the Base. I don't know when it will materialise here. All quiet here to-day. Our Heavies fired a little, but we got no shells back here. Various colds, expect there will be more before the 6 days are up. Had my hair cut close to-day. Now going to rub in anti-frost bite grease. **Thursday, Feb. 17th**—Bright day after rainy night. Want all socks sent. Have written to C.B. The men are short, and want them badly, to prevent Trench feet. (3 prs. per man), and they have only about 2 pr. Candles are also a great want for the Dug-outs. **Friday, Feb. 18th**—We got the relief over without mishap, and it was completed by 9 p.m. A very clear moon-light night; slight frost, and drizzling to-day. The Trenches are shocking, and the 12th must have had an awful week, and worked very hard to keep them up at all. Some are collapsed altogether, and new ones will have to be dug at night. I went all round them this morning; from 5.45 a.m. till 8 a.m. it took me to get round. They are exposed in many places, owing to falling in, and of course in some places knee deep in slush, and crumbling away. It's disheartening work; as fast as you clean up one place you hear and see other parts falling in. There's such a lot to be done. We might have another cake. It was a quiet night as far as we were concerned, but there was a terrific bombardment further north from about 1 a.m. till 4 a.m., and again about 5 a.m. Don't know what it meant. I came in after lunch yesterday to talk over things with Bull* The long communication Trench was in an awful condition, in places up to and over the knees in gluey clay. Colds are prevalent. I have escaped so far, thank goodness. I have brought in far less kit this time—blanket, sleeping bag, both coats, washing kit and puttee stockings. Coming in at night one can come in overland, not in the trench, which is a boon, but the ground slopes towards the Hun Trenches, and is bad if they should fire on the chance of there being a relief on. Of course they can see nothing. Both sides have a habit of turning M.G. on to the road and village at night, which is disconcerting.

(*Bull Commands 12th R.I.R., was in 1st R.I.F.)

10 p.m.—Such a wild, wet day it has turned out. The Trenches are roaring rivers, and every one wet through.

THE 2 MEN WOUNDED

in the line are both doing well. The 2 in M. (the wounded one has since died) were hit by a 5.9 shell which landed in the yard by the cookers. No fault of theirs, poor fellows. One wounded in leg by a sniper to-day; not bad. These Trenches are quite good except one bit, but of course this weather bursts any sort of Trench. Owing to wet we were unable to dig our new Trench to-night, and worked on main communication, which is falling in. The men are splendid, never a complaint, and always cheerful. **Saturday, Feb. 19th.**—Fine at last, and a wind, but very watery looking sun. Mild quiet night. Went round at 5.30 a.m., and found much water about, and Trenches fallen in in many places. A dug-out fell in about mid-night, burying 1 man, but he was got out unhurt. A sniper just been located, and Pratt is off to see if he can snare him. We downed 2 Huns yesterday. One of our snipers got them at about 400 yards. It blew hard all night, and the wind is getting up again. Socks and candles are our wants for the men. Padre goes off to-morrow evening for the leave. We shall miss him sadly. Red T—turned up the day we came into the line. Yes, send handkerchiefs. Our mess cook has gone on leave, McNeill, from Meadow Lane, Portadown, and Dodd, the mess waiter, has taken his place and cooking quite well. Hooper does waiter. 4th Div. and Hants resting. 36th Div. taken over this line permanently. Am really quite comfy. **9.45 p.m.**—A tremendous outburst of fire just N. of us from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., but nothing happened. We all stood to arms for 2 hours. It has been an anxious evening with disquieting reports from Patrols. I have taken various precautionary measures and am now awaiting developments. Don't be alarmed. You will know by this time to send socks; still to send socks, candles also, but no mitts or mufflers yet. I believe the men at the Base have a mascot, but don't know for certain. Fine to-day except for drizzle this evening, which has now stopped. The sleeping accommodation at M— isn't bad. Pratt and I share a room of sorts.

ADJUTANT HAS A KENNEL TO HIMSELF,

and Berry and Padre double up. I shall only lie down to-night, not go to bed. **Sunday, 9 a.m.**—Nothing has happened during the night, except a Zep. came over at mid-night, but did nothing. About 150 men live in some deep caves cut into the hill, and sounds of mining under it have been heard. Patrol has discovered men working at what looks like a shaft, about 150x in front of us. I cleared all the men out of the caves back to the village. An expert miner is coming to-day to examine. We passed an anxious night expecting an explosion, which would, of course, have been the prelude to an attack. Clear frosty morning. Such a heavenly spring day, sunny and warm, and a peaceful day. Very little shell fire, and only occasional M.G.

(To be Continued.)