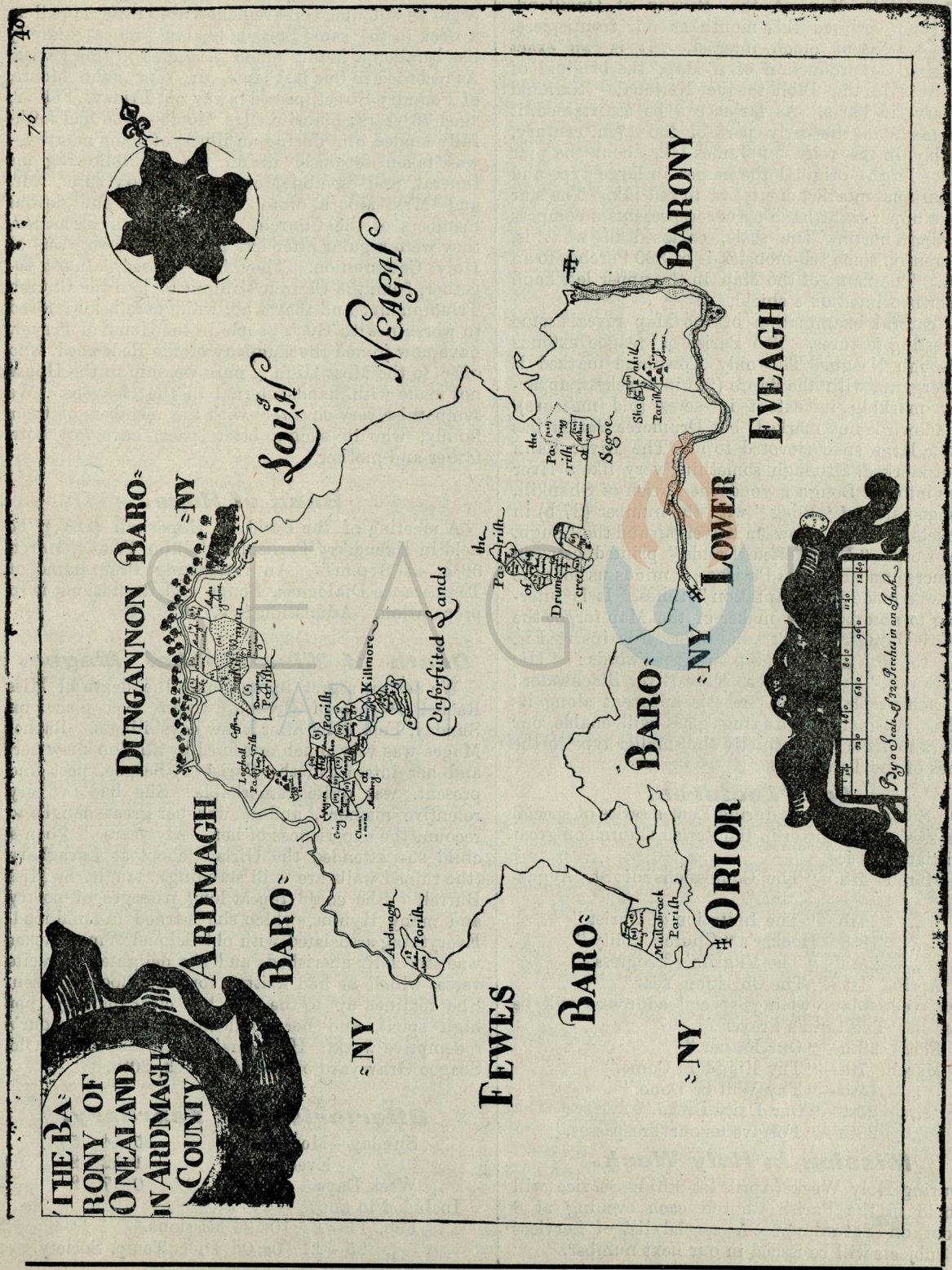


# Seagoe Parish Magazine.

MARCH, 1917.



Ancient Map of Oneilland (17th Cent.) including the Parish of Seagoe.

## The Map of Oneiland.



HE Map of the Barony of Oneiland, printed this month as our frontispiece, is of much interest. It is an exact reproduction of a Map, the original of which is in the Bibliotheque Nationale (National Library) in Paris. As far as can be ascertained, it was made in the early part of the 17th century, possibly in the reign of James Ist., about the year 1622. In the original the names in large type and the curious embellishments are in red ink. The star in the upper right hand corner represents a compass pointing north. The scale, enclosed in what is, apparently, some sea-monster, is of 320 Perches to an Inch. The name of the Map in the upper left hand corner is printed on a shield.

A careful examination of the Map reveals some interesting features. The Parish of Seagoe extends to Lough Neagh. The only Townland marked is Killvergann, with the figure (24) in brackets, apparently marking its extent in acres (old measure). Portadown is not marked, but Drumcree Parish has quite a large space devoted to it. The River Bann is not marked, although something very like a river flows into the Lough beyond the Parish of Shankill. A large patch of "Bogg" with the number (27 b) in brackets is marked between Kilvergan and the Lough. The words "Unforfeited Lands," printed between Drumcree and Kilmore Parishes, reminds us that the Map was made in "Plantation" times. It is interesting to note how the maker of the Map forgot the "g" in Lough (Neagh) and afterwards inserted it. Near the top of the Map are the words: "Hic Blackwater," meaning here is the River Blackwater; and a thick planting of trees is apparent along its banks. A small magnifying glass will enable our readers to make out distinctly the smaller type in the names of the Townlands.

### Lent Lectures.

On Sunday evenings during Lent a series of special addresses will be given in the Parish Church on great Christian Classics.

March 4th—"The Confessions of St. Augustine."

" 11th—"The Imitation of Christ."

" 18th—"Hooker's "Church Polity."

" 25th—"The Pilgrim's Progress."

April 1st—"The Christian Year."

On Wednesday evenings special addresses will be given on "The Lord's Prayer"

Feb. 28th—"Our Father."

March 7th—"Thy Kingdom Come."

" 14th—"Thy Will be Done."

" 21st—"Our Daily Bread."

" 28th—"Forgive us our Trespases."

### Mission in Holy Week.

During Holy Week (April 1st-8th) a Service will be held in the Parish Church each evening at 8 (except on Saturday). A special list of Services and Subjects will be issued in our next number.

## A Double Bereavement.

It is seldom that we have to record such a sad event as a double bereavement within little more than a week in the same household, but such a calamity has befallen a family much respected in this Parish. As recorded in our last issue, Mr. Wm. John Moore, of Foundry Street, passed away on Friday, Feb. 2, aged 76 years; his wife, Mrs. Moore—who had faithfully tended him during an illness of many months—was taken seriously ill on the day following his funeral, and died on Monday, February 12th. Mr. and Mrs. Moore were very faithful and devout members of the Church. While health permitted, they were regular attenders at Public Worship and at Holy Communion. They have passed, almost together, from the Church Militant to join the Church Triumphant; and they who, while here below, loved to worship with God's people in the House of Prayer, have now joined the company of the Redeemed, who offer to the Most High a pure worship in the House not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens. We sympathise very sincerely with the members of their family, who in such a brief space, have lost both father and mother.

### Band of Hope.

A meeting of the Band of Hope will (D.V.), be held in Edenderry Parochial Hall on Friday, March 30th, at 8 p.m. An interesting Programme of Temperance Dialogues, Songs and Recitations is in preparation. Admission free.

### Death of Miss Rachel Magee.

We deeply regret to announce the death of Miss Rachel Magee, of Breagh, which took place on Sunday, Feb. 18th, after a few days' illness. Rachel Magee was very much esteemed by all who knew her, and her interest in the Parish of Seagoe, past and present, was quite remarkable. She had a very retentive memory, and it was her great delight to recount the experiences of her early years. When a child she attended the Girls' School at Levaghery (the ruined walls are still standing), taught by Miss Burrell. She could repeat long passages of poetry and many Hymns, which she learned in childhood. Everything associated with old Colonel Wm. Blacker was especially cherished, and she delighted to recite verses which he had written for the school children. She retained up to the end her clear memory, her high spirit, and her confidence in the Saviour's redemptive work. Her remains were interred in Old Seagoe Graveyard on Tuesday, Feb. 20th.

### Offertories for February.

Sunday—Mornings,	£5 14 5
Evenings,	1 12 2
Week Days	0 7 2

Included in above —

Feb. 11—£2 10s 9d Missions.

„ 25—£1 0s 0d Dioc. Temp. Society.

**PARISH REGISTER FOR  
FEBRUARY, 1916.**

**Baptisms.**

The following were Baptized in Seagoe Parish Church on February 3rd, 1917:—

**Gracey**—Robert, son of William and Rebecca Gracey, of Balteagh.

*Sponsors*—Mary Alice Robinson, Rebecca Gracey.

**Robinson**—Norman Wilfred, son of Thomas Geo. and Mary Alice Robinson, of Tamnifglas-son.

*Sponsors*—Rebecca Gracey, Mary Alice Robinson.

**McCann**—Wm. Francis, son of Wm. James and Eliza Jane M'Cann, of Edenderry.

*Sponsors*—Sarah Ann Martin, Eliza Jane M'Cann.

**Burials.**

**Boyd**—5th Feb., 1917, Mary Elizabeth Boyd, of Belfast, aged 18 years.

**M'Clelland**—8th Feb. 1917, Thomas M'Clelland, of Ballydonaghy, aged 79 years.

**Moore**—14th Feb., 1917, Mary Moore, of Edenderry, aged 53 years.

**Magee**—20th Feb., 1917, Rachel Magee, of Breagh, aged 82 years.

**Webb**—20th Feb., 1917, William Webb, of Edenderry, aged 75 years.

**A Prisoner of War.**

[A cheery letter from Lance-Corporal George Preston, R.I.F., of Ballinacor, who was taken prisoner at Le Cateau, France, in Sept., 1914].

Kriegsgefangenenlager,

Friedrichsfeld (bei Wesel),

(Rhld.)

Nov. 16th, 1916.

MY DEAR WIFE—

A Merry Christmas to all. When this reaches you I hope it will find you all enjoying good health. For myself, I am in the best of trim; I think this letter will pull up for lost time better than the others, and when you get this you need not expect another for a month; you want to take a tip, and

PUT SOMETHING ON YOUR POSTCARDS;

the last two were the same. We are just beginning to get the cold weather now; it is freezing very keen now, but it is better than ploughing through mud; the roads were in a terrible mess. I am well prepared for the Russian winter, plenty of underclothing and good boots; I got a complete set of shirts, socks, pants, etc., from Delmage Trimble, Armagh, last mail, so don't send anything except food. Now, I suppose you would like to know what we do every day? Well, we are up at 5-30, breakfast, 6; fall-in, half-6, then start work at 7. The work itself is nothing; we get a task, and the sooner we get it done the sooner we get back to camp; the jobs are loading bricks, levelling ground, digging up roots; cutting down timber is finished, so dinner-time we

are practically finished, then back to camp. We go as

“MERRY AS MUDDLARKS”;

perhaps there is one (in the parcels) I mean, then you should see us. I am very lucky: every mail there is always a few for me; last mail I got eight; of course, the mails are delayed sometimes a fortnight; sometimes we groan, then, and have a touch of the liver; a fellow will say: “After you with your butt”; I am just hanging on till the next mail for the bacon, I won't half enjoy it; and I want some cigarettes again, I am beginning to run short again. Will you call at 53, Church Place, and thank Mr. Bright for the parcels I am receiving through the Irish Women's Association, also Mrs. Liddell; and when you are at it get someone to write to Mr. Delmage Trimble, “Guardian Office,” Armagh, and thank him for what he is doing for the Irish Fusiliers. Give me all the news you can. Who is away? Has your cousin George gone out yet? I hardly know what to say now, perhaps I have said too much. Well, I hope it won't be long till

WE SEE EACH OTHER AGAIN;

won't we have a spanking holiday when that comes! Tell Geordie and Bella they will have a holiday when I get home. I suppose I won't know the scrubs, they will have grown so big. Tell your father not to have a cut-in when I get there, and your mother, God bless her, I won't forget. Tell Robert Price, Mr. Roland, and W. J. Gardiner, I was inquiring about them.

May God have you all in His keeping till I return.

With fondest love,

From your loving husband,

GEORGE.

**Portadown Women's Emergency Corps.**

**Seagoe Branch.**

Since publishing a list of Comforts three months ago, we have received—112 pairs socks, 1 pair operation stockings, 1 muffler, 3 quilt squares, which have been allocated as follows;—

- 48 pairs socks to the Comforts Committee of the R.I.R.
- 40     ”     to the 9th Batt. R.I.F.
- 24     ”     1 muffler, to the 16th Batt. R.I.R. (Pioneers).

Of this total, our Hacknahay helpers have contributed quite half.

**ITEMS.**

Eddie Crawford, of James' St., met with a severe machine accident at his work last month. His right hand was badly lacerated. He is now progressing favourably.

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A conference on “Reform and Readjustment in the Church of Ireland” meets in Dublin this month. The Rector has been appointed a delegate.

A small hand-plough would be a great advantage in these days of hurried cultivation. The spade works very slowly.

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Those who fail to have the proper proportion of their land tilled this year are liable to a fine of £100 and six months' imprisonment.

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The Ancre, along whose banks so many of our brave Seagoe lads sleep their last sleep, is now clear of the enemy. It is pleasant to think that that land, consecrated by so much heroism, is now at length restored to friendly rule.

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Easter Sunday this year falls on April 8th. Day-light extension time will also begin on the same date.

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Seaman Victor Robinson, R.N., has been home for a holiday. He is now on board one of His Majesty's latest and finest warships. During the Jutland fight he served on the famous "Tiger."

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Food restrictions are now the order of the day. Strict economy should be observed by all. All waste of food or money assists the enemy.

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Notice—All C.M.S. and S.A.M.S. boxes and cards are now due.

### Captain Dobson at Salonica.

SALONICA FORCE,  
February 8th, 1917.

My Dear Mr. Archer,

I arrived safely in this country after a most interesting voyage. The boat was one of the best that comes out here—large, and most comfortable, not too fast, but, at the same time, managed to dodge the submarines. The weather was quite good all the way; I saw a number of places I had always longed to see. You will easily understand that I am unable to mention names.

Salonica is said to be the most interesting place in the world now. I really think it is. You would think, sometimes, that all kindreds and peoples of the earth were represented.

I have motored over a good deal of the country, though the roads are very bad. You see a great many mounds, or as they are called, "Tumulus." In all those places you will find a cave, which in olden times was used as a hiding-place and treasure-house. I visited one, and it certainly was most interesting. I may say it was more modern, or had been modernised. At the entrance you saw wonderful, classical Corinthian columns. Inside you saw at one end a tomb, at the other a treasure-house—both made of most beautiful white marble. I took with me a piece of the marble.

### Old Seagoe Notes.

Severe Frosts in Olden Times.—The recent spell of severe cold reminds us that in former times

this neighbourhood was visited by severe frosts of long continuance. In the Revd. Richard Barton's Book on "Lough Neagh," published about 1750, he records that Lough Neagh was entirely frozen over in 1739-40. On p. 179 he writes—"The surface of the Lake was smooth and afforded excellent travelling to horse and foot from one county to another."

The present high price of Food gives interest to another statement in the same book which records that "the years 1728, 1729 and 1730 were called the three dear years." Many of the able-bodied men left this country for America at that time, and the scarcity of labour caused a scarcity of food. In the summer of 1744 another partial famine was caused by torrential rains which quite destroyed the crops.

Notes on Lough Neagh in 1750—The following facts are recorded in the Rev. R. Barton's Lectures on Lough Neagh. He writes as follows of the Rev. J. Carrol, Curate of Seagoe, who was appointed "Clerk of the Moyntiagh's" (Ardmore) in 1751—"The Rev. J. Carrol, a very worthy clergyman, who employes his time usefully in Religion and Husbandry," and again on p. 95—"The Rev. Mr. Carrol, a very worthy clergyman, who lives near Ardmore Point, and has a curious disposition to search into Nature's works consistently with his clerical employment, which he has for many years attended with diligence.

Tollius in his *Historia Gemmarum et Lapidum*, published at Ludg Ba. p. 534 says of Lough Neagh.

*In lacu Hibernia omne quod injicitur, vel in ferrum convertitur, vel si fundum petit, in lapidem transit.* [Everything which is thrown into the lake of Ireland in either turned into iron, or if it sinks to the bottom is changed into stone.]

Lough Neagh in extent is larger than the Island of Barbados. In 1750, the gardens of the Rev. John Standish, on the shores of Lough Neagh were famous.

Seagoe Rectory in 1622.—In the Visitation Book, of the Diocese of Dromore for 1622 to be seen in Marsh's Library, Dublin, the following reference is made to Seagoe Glebe in that year, nearly 300 years ago. Dr. Theophilus Buckworth, was Bishop of Dromore at the time, and signed the Record—

Archdeacon (of Dromore) to whom belongs the Rectories and Vicarages of:—

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Donaghclowna—Ruined; Noe Gleab: Fee	15	2
Magherawly—Ruined; Noe Gleab: Fee	6	6
Seigo—Repayed; Convenient Gleab; Fee	8	8

According to Ere's Records of the Irish Church in 1826, under the heading: "Board of First Fruits," the sum of £1,000 is noted as having been borrowed for Seagoe Rectory in the year 1823. In 1826 £480 had been repaid in eight instalments of £60 each, leaving a balance due of £520.

Archdeacon Saurin, Vicar of Ardmore, 1822.—Rev. James Saurin, afterwards Rector of Seagoe, was appointed Vicar of Ardmore on July 13th, 1822. The last entry of his name in the Baptismal Registers of Ardmore is on July 6th, 1823.