

# Seagoe Parish Magazine.

MARCH, 1922.

## Confirmation.

The Bishop has arranged to hold a Confirmation in Seagoe Parish Church on Saturday, July 8th, at 7.30 p.m. Classes of preparation will be formed in May. None who are under 14 can be Confirmed.

## Lent, 1922.

Special Services are held each Wednesday Evening during Lent at 8, and the following is a List of the special Preachers:—

March 8th—Rev. C. F. H. Carroll, B.A., Waringstown.

„ 22nd—Rev. J. H. M'Cleary, M.A., Belfast.

„ 29th—Rev. G. C. Johnston, M.A., Lurgan.

April 5th—Rev. W. R. S. Clarendon, M.A., Maralin.

The Rev. George Bloomer, M.A., Rector of Woods Chapel, Magherafelt, will conduct the Special Services during Holy Week.

## Presentation to Rev. A. O. Draper.

On Monday evening, January 16th, a Social gathering was held in St. Saviour's School, Wilton St., Shankill Road, Belfast. The chair was taken by the Rev. M'Arrable Williams, Rector of St. Luke's, Belfast. The guest of the evening was the Rev. A. O. Draper, formerly Curate of St. Luke's Parish, Belfast, and now Curate of Seagoe. The meeting had been arranged by the St. Luke's Company of the Church Lads' Brigade (the premier Company of the C.L.B. in Belfast), who desired to make a Presentation to Mr. Draper on the occasion of his leaving St. Luke's for the Curacy of Seagoe. There was a large and enthusiastic gathering, and the Presentation took the form of a handsome Dinner Service. The gift was handed to Mr. Draper by the Rev. M. Williams, Rector. Mr. Draper replied and referred to the interest he had always taken in the work amongst boys and men in the Parish of St. Luke's. Many good wishes were expressed for Mr. Draper in his work in Seagoe Parish.

## Our Sunday Schools.

This has been a busy month with Sunday School Socials and Prize Distributions. In one week there were five Socials in various parts of the Parish. On Thursday, February 16th, Seagoe Social took place in Seagoe School. The Sunday Schools here are growing rapidly, and the attendance was very large, many prizes also being awarded. The Books were handed to the successful pupils by Mrs. Twinem, wife of the Superintendent, Mr. James Twinem. After a few words from the Rector and the Rev. A. O. Draper, Mr. J. Twinem and Mr. W. E. Dickson spoke on the Sunday School work, its responsibility and efficiency. A hearty tea was followed by round games, the three large rooms being fully occupied.

Carne Sunday School Social was held on Thursday, February 23rd. After tea a most interesting Programme of songs and recitations was provided. Miss May Hyde, a visitor, recited especially well, and was encored. All the items were very good. The Rector referred in a short speech to the good work done by Mr. David Murray as Superintendent of the Sunday School, and then called on Mrs. Draper to distribute the prizes. A large number of

Bibles, Church Services and Story Books were handed to the children.

On Tuesday, February 14th, a Distribution of Prizes took place in Hacknahay School. The room was crowded. Tea having been provided for the children a Programme of songs, readings and recitations followed. The items had been carefully prepared and provided much enjoyment for the audience. On the Rector's invitation Mrs. T. E. Maginnis kindly distributed the Prizes to the successful children. At the close each child received an orange, the kind gift of Miss Calvert. The Rev. A. O. Draper presided at the meeting.

Drumgor Sunday School.—Drumgor had its Social evening on Tuesday, February 21st. There was a full attendance of the pupils and many of their friends. Tea and cake was generously provided by some of the residents in the neighbourhood. Songs and Recitations followed, the accompaniments being played by Mrs. Draper, who also kindly distributed the Prizes at the close. The Rector expressed his thanks to the Superintendent, Mr. Thomas Martin, for his work in the Sunday School. Mr. Martin expressed his interest in the work, and thanked all who had helped in arranging the meeting. The Rev. A. O. Draper also spoke and acknowledged with thanks the kind gifts of many towards the entertainment.

Edenderry Sunday Schools have arranged for their Social to be held on Thursday, March 23rd, in the Parochial Hall.

## The Sunday School Calendar.

Our Sunday School Calendar this year devotes the Sunday mornings in Lent to a study of the Missionary Life of Dr. Livingstone. Unfortunately many of our Teachers do not possess the Life. It has been arranged, therefore, that during Lent the subject to be studied in the Morning Sunday Schools should be the portion of Scripture appointed as the Gospel for the Day in the Prayer Book, as follows:—

March 5th—S. Mat. iv. 1—11—Temptation.

„ 12th—St. Mat. xv. 1—28—Prayer.

„ 19th—S. Luke xi. 14—23—Conflict.

„ 26th—S. John vi. 1—14—Refreshment.

April 2nd—Heb. ix. 11—15—The Atonement.

„ 9th—S. Mat. xxvii. 27—38—The Passion.

## Scout Display.

A Scout Display by the Edenderry Troop of Scouts will be held in the Parochial Hall on Thursday, March 16th. Secure your Ticket for what promises to be a most interesting and novel entertainment.

## The Weekly Envelopes.

A large number of the Parishioners have taken the Envelopes and Mr. James Twinem is greatly gratified at the response. Up to last week some 350 had been taken, and other districts are rapidly joining up. On Sunday the Collecting Baskets are overflowing with the offerings. Bring your Envelope with you to Church each Sunday.

**Band of Hope.**

A Band of Hope meeting will be held in Edenderry Parochial Hall on Thursday, March 9th, at 8.

**Parish Register for February. Baptisms.**

The following were Baptized in Seagoe Parish Church on February 4th, 1922:—

**M'Cabe**—Samuel, son of Thomas and Mary M'Cabe, of Edenderry.

*Sponsors*—Dinah M'Cabe, Mary M'Cabe.

**Porter**—Thomas Robert, son of David and Sarah Mary Porter, of Kernan.

*Sponsors*—Sylvia Alexandra Chalk, Sarah Mary Porter.

**Magee**—Isabella, daughter of Joseph William and Emma Magee, Kernan.

*Sponsors*—Caroline Magee, Emma Magee.

**Marriages.**

**Medcalf and Johnston**—15th February, 1922, Wilson Medcalf, of Edenderry, to Agnes Johnston, of Edenderry.

**Sandford and Matchett**—22nd February, 1922, Jacob Sandford, of Lylo, to Florence Matchett, of "Westfield," Tegnnavon, Parish of Shankill

**Burials.**

**Robinson**—January 15th, Elizabeth Robinson, of Govan, Glasgow, aged 65.

**Hawthorne**—February 7th, Edward Hawthorne, of Edenderry, aged 71.

**Collins**—February 10th, Cecil Collins, of Edenderry, aged 16 months.

**Graham**—February 11th, Samuel Graham, of Kernan, aged 84.

**Quigley**—February 12th, John Quigley, of Killicomaine, aged 37.

**Cooke**—February 14th, Matthew Cooke, of Knock, aged 76.

**Freeburn**—February 19th, Albert Freeburn, of Edenderry, aged 17.

**Brown**—February 22nd, Anne Brown, of Lurgan, aged 61.

**M'Kane**—February 23rd, James Henry M'Kane, of Ballymacrandle, aged 29.

**Old Seagoe Notes.**

[The following Prayer is taken from "An Introduction to the Knowledge of the Christian Religion" by the Rev. H. Crossman, M.A., dated 1818. The book is inscribed: "Charles Calvert's Book." It belonged to Mr. Charles Calvert, of Breagh. It contains many beautiful Prayers as well as much useful doctrinal teaching. Perhaps some parent in Seagoe will teach their children this Prayer]

**A CHILD'S PRAYER.**

As the Child grows up, let this Prayer be used Morning and Evening.

O Lord God, and most loving Saviour, who commanded that little children should come unto Thee, and didst take them up in Thine Arms, and lay Thine Hands upon them, and bless them: look graciously upon me thy child, and bless me: preserve me (*say this day, or this night*) from all evil and danger both of body and soul. Give me, O God, what thou seest good for me, especially a heart to know Thee early, to love Thee, and to do Thy Will: bless

my Father and my Mother, my Brethren and Sisters: grant that I may live to be a comfort to my Parents, and as I grow in years, may grow in grace and in thy favour; and may be fit at length to be made happy with Thee in Heaven for evermore: and this I beg for the sake of Jesus Christ my Saviour. Amen.

**Letter from Sir Thomas Drew, R.H.A., F.R.I.B.A.**

[The following Letter from Sir Thomas Drew is of interest. It was written some 16 years ago to the present Rector. Sir Thomas was the Architect of Seagoe Church, and was the leading Irish Architect of his day. His opinion on possible improvements in the present Church must carry special weight. The Letter was originally written with reference to a projected Memorial to the late Dean Dawson.]

Dec. 1, 1905.

22, Clare St., Dublin.

You may be sure of my interest being enlisted in any project for Seagoe Church, not to speak of a memorial to a very dear old friend.

1. A Memorial Hall might perhaps be the most worthy one, but the cost might be more than many moderate subscriptions in amount—A Hall for 300 persons costs not much less, if it have any architectural character, than a Church for the same number—say £2,000.

2. Peal of Bells—Seagoe Church Tower 11ft. square, if on examination found to be fairly built, might take a peal of small bells, which might cost about £450 to £500. It is not large enough to hang a peal **satisfactorily** for ringing, although it **might** be contrived. To hang a small peal fixed for chiming only by a mechanical Curillon apparatus seems always a childish sort of gratification and not a dignified memorial. With or without a peal of bells—before I refer to No. 3—there might be yet another outcome of a memorial. I had sometimes talked with the Dean of a perfecting of his work by a remodelling and transformation of the tower of which it is capable without rebuilding entirely. It is not worthy of the Church as it is, and when driving round and viewing it as a landmark last week I felt regret that I had let opportunity go to introduce this scheme to the Baroness Von Steiglitz in her life time. The main transformation would be in setting on it an architectural Belfry Stage with pinnacles (perhaps of an Irish type) which would make it a picturesque landmark "set on a hill" from a wide country round. I can write you more details of such a memorial if need be. Before leaving **Bells** it is a consideration whether the Parish can be reckoned on for the abiding enthusiasm of a company of skilled ringers to pursue change-ringing as an art. Failing other proposals being considered A Lych-gate would be a very pleasing form of memorial, of which there are but one or two in the Diocese.

There seems to me always something more to be done in completing the Dean's work, which he would gladly have seen done if he had had means, in bringing the old part of the Church into more congruity with the new work. A remodelling of the old Tower without abolishing it would do much to effect this. The present base would not call for much change as the belfry and new upper stage are the important feature of any Tower as a landmark.

Yours sincerely,

THOMAS DREW.

**C.M.S.**

Boxes should be handed in at once as the Accounts close this month. See that your box is well filled.

**Obituary.**

Death has been busy in our midst. Young and old have fallen asleep, and many homes are darkened by the cloud of sorrow. The sympathy of all our people will go out to those who have been bereaved of their dear ones. Samuel Graham, of Kernan, was known to many. He was always greatly interested in the past history of the Parish. He had lived all his long life of 84 years in the house where he was born. Edward Hawthorne passed to his rest after a long illness and much suffering patiently borne. His aged mother still lives as we noted in a recent issue of the Magazine. With her and his wife and daughters we deeply sympathise. The death of Albert Freeburn, after a few hours' illness, was very sad. He had been for some years in the Malene Training School, and was looking forward to returning home to Florence Court in a few months. Mrs. Elizabeth Robinson, of Govan, had many friends in Seagoe. Her remains were brought from Glasgow to be interred in the old Graveyard here.

**Edenderry Play-Ground.**

The Play-ground for Edenderry children is now in full swing, and provides endless enjoyment and recreation for the children. Swings and a fly-pole have been erected and

are kept going all day except during School-hours. We hope the children who benefit by the playground will remember the man who so thoughtfully left his money for that purpose. Mr. Watson loved Edenderry and Seagoe. He was greatly interested also in the Parochial Hall. After his death a cheque was found on his desk filled in and signed for his annual subscription to Seagoe Sustentation Fund. It was the last cheque he signed. It would be a good thing for a name board to be erected at the playground inscribed "Watson Recreation Ground," so that everyone might know how it came into existence.

**Presentation.**

At a Choir Social in Seagoe School on February 24th a Presentation of a China Tea Set was made to Mrs. Wilson Medcalf on the occasion of her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Wilson hospitably entertained the Choir.

**ITEMS.**

A large number of Tickets have been sold for Mr. Wilson's Concert in the Town Hall on Tuesday, April 4th, and a most attractive Programme has been arranged.

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Will the person who by mistake took an umbrella from the Church Porch on Sunday evening, February 19th, please return it to the Sexton without delay, and they will receive back their own.

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

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

(Continued from February Magazine.)

**Thursday, April 13th**—They had a good deal of rain here Tuesday and Wednesday, place muddy. It turned out very hot in the train yesterday p.m., but I was glad of all my clothes on the boat. The first half she pitched heavily, and the second half of the journey she rolled, at times so badly that the baggage and people on chairs all went sliding into the rails. Smith and I had lashed our chairs to the rails. Some Canadian Nurses were in front of us and were very sick. The 2 men who have died are Houston, a Glasgow man, and Bernard, a brother of the Sergt. Only came in the last draft. Pratt and Padre were in M— at the time, about 4.30 p.m. The old ladies here were profuse in their welcome. Cather brought a gramophone back with him, by Fergie's direction. **Friday, April 14th**—A very wet night has turned everything into mud again. Leave has been stopped, and everyone to be back by 18th. Am distressed that 8 or 9 have not got away; very hard on them. Div. H.Q. are coming in here after all, so a general squash up will ensue. I don't think we shall stay here long, but one never knows. Am going over to M this p.m. to see A. and B. Saw one of the new Officers, Andrews. Was in a Bank at Bangor. Was favourably impressed. The R.A. General moves out of here to-day, I believe. Day turned blustery and fine, but cold wind. A draft of 26 expected to-day. **Saturday, April 15th**—I fancy we shall go into the line again within 10 days, probably where we were before H—. A move from here is, I think, immin-

ent, but where to I cannot imagine, as every place is packed. They all seemed very well at M— yesterday.

**I Sent for Jimmy Shepherd**

and had a chat with him, and thanked him for bringing your letter. The weather is still bitter cold, N.W. wind and squally, snow and hail showers. A football match with 9th Inniskillings to-day. Ricardo's lot. Saw 'At.' and young 'Shill.' yesterday, and told them I had seen their people. Still odd cases of Hun spots among the troops. **Sunday, April 16th**—A lovely sunny warm day, but still what wind there is is cold. We had service in the open, and it was warm. The fruit trees, grass and foliage, are coming on fast. Am bringing A. and B. back here to-morrow and sending C. and D. to M—. We go into H— line Thursday or Friday. Bde only having one Battalion in line, so we shall be out a good deal—6 days in and 18 out. Lots of working parties on every day, but not much for me to do. The Div. Staff says that leave has been stopped on account of Easter traffic at home; if so it's a shame. However, it is hoped it will begin again 25. We beat 9th Inniskillings 6 goals to 0. We shall be in the line Easter Sunday. Reid is L/Corpl., but still looks after Betsy Jane. Talked to Hughes about his brother, and Johnny Cook came to see me. **Monday, April 17th**—I made an eloquent appeal for Allen's leave and he has got it all right. Rain all night has taken the sting out of the air, and its a soft spring-like day, but moist and everything 'lifty.' The road S.E. of A— was into 1st R.I.R. Trenches, and they lost about 200. I learn, including some prisoners. It was the S.

Wales Borderers at Marg—, Casualties 86, so far as I can judge, 7 2nd Lieuts. wounded. A very intensive bombardment which flattened out the Trench line. We go in, as I thought, Thursday. The Lurgan handkerchiefs and candles have now come. Ricardo's lot, not satisfied with their beating on Saturday, have challenged to play again to-day on their ground, and are sending over for the team. Find the old ladies can provide

#### Delicious Fresh Eggs.

People seem to think the leave will re-open on 25th, which looks as if the Easter traffic theory were correct. I am sending Vanston, the new Capt. from 4th Battalion, to Army School for a month. Johnny Cook was very smiling; tell his father. **Tuesday, April 18th**—Such a stormy night, and a wet cold morning so far. I am waiting for it to get a little better before sallying forth to Bde. H.Q., and then on to have a look at the line. I fear this rain will have made the Trenches bad again. Present idea is a postponement till all are ready, probably in that case the Bosche will make push first. We won our return match against Ricardo's lot (9th Inniskillings) yesterday, only by 1 goal to 0. Ground very greasy. Fergie was anxious as to result. Have collected a few things to send home. **Wednesday, April 19th**—I enclose list of casualties. Vennard is an elder brother of the nice Sergt. I have not met G.S.O.I yet, he is a Sapper. Had lunch with Ricardo yesterday and a long talk. I then passed on to M— and saw Leitrim, and had a long talk about the Trench line. He is seedy—gastric trouble. Got back here at 6.30 p.m., rained all day. Sloan was never touched. Don't know how report got about. He is shoeing smith, and never goes into danger. We have to move out of this at 10 a.m. to-morrow for some obscure reason, as we cannot begin relief till 8 p.m., owing to the light. We shall have to put in 8 hours in M— en route. Shall be very sorry to leave this place and the old ladies. I don't expect we shall get in here again. Div. H.Q. will be sure to bag it. Fergie and Transport remain here, but the animals are in the open now. Betsy Jane and Uncle are in a stable all right. There seems a Cabinet crisis on. I hope it will lead to something. Glad the Army Council are firm. An uncomfortable day to-morrow. I am arranging for our mail to come on at once, and will try and send an answer back by messenger which should catch H.Q. bag here at 6 p.m. Not actually raining now but heavy clouds about. You will be glad to hear we

#### All Have Tin Hats Now,

and every one has to wear them in the line. Fergie has also issued me with goggles, and a new Field Dressing, so I'm well equipped! You ask if it feels warm in France after Ireland. It is bitter still, and I am wearing all my winter things and Tiger's woolly, and Brit, warm on bed at night. It must get warm soon here. We are nearly through April. No word of leave being reopened. I wonder how they will relieve Battalion. Anyway 12th will relieve us. We shall be in for Easter. I'd made all arrangements to leave here latest, about 5 p.m., and give men tea en route, and now it's all upset, which is bothersome. However, no doubt, it's all for the best. I only hope we shall have our usual luck in weather, but it doesn't look promising just at present. Menaul and

young Ensor returned this morning at 2 a.m., and lay outside for 3 hours, unable to get in as it was so rough. **Thursday, April 20th, 5 p.m.**—["Mesnil"]—Only time for a hurried scrawl. Am half way into the Trenches at M— and am moving on almost at once. Have been fixing things up with Coy Commanders, and have only just got away, and am due now in H— to talk things over with 14th R.I.R. Blustery, showery, cold, but improving. Very fit. **April 21st, Good Friday**—The relief was over at 10 p.m. without casualties. Our mess kit went astray and didn't arrive till 11 p.m. We brought one cooker right up into the village successfully. A quiet night, but generally more activity and liveliness than when we were here last. Went all round this a.m., and am just in. The line is improved in many ways and in wonderfully good condition. We had a fine night for the relief and fine to-day. Thanks to the socks you've sent, every man has come in with 3 prs socks, and plenty candles, which we want now as we are back in the caves. Our letters leave here at 3.30 p.m. to catch the Div. bag at 6 p.m. at H—. We were just out of M— in time yesterday, as

#### They Put Some Dozen Big Ones

in there this morning, but only one casualty I hear. I wore my tin hat for 3½ hours this morning and found it not at all uncomfortable after all. Have not heard a word as to the other wounded. Mercier has been sent home, I believe. The 7 cows still all right, and 5 milking still. **Saturday, April 22nd**—It began to rain about 3 p.m. yesterday and continued steadily and heavily till 9 a.m. this morning—result trenches deep in water and mud, and collapsing. Fergie made an issue of mufflers and mits before we came in and they were thankfully received. Just heard cuckoo for first time. It's turned much warmer, which is a good sign, and the rain has stopped. We had one casualty last evening, from rifle grenade. Very slight scratch at back of head. 'At.' and young Shill. were standing close to him at the time. Am asked to send in name of Officer to go home to be instructed in Staff Capt. duties. Brew jumped at it. The Padre has arranged Communion Service after 'Stand Down' in the morning, about 4.15 a.m. It's the only time most people could attend. The letters now go by hand to M—, where one of the grooms takes them on to Fergie for Div. bag. **Easter Sunday, April 23rd**—Have nothing new to wear to-day, so put new blade in razor! Pratt's suggestion. We had a great strafe on last night, a cutting out expedition on our right, and we pounded the Hun trenches with all sorts from 9 p.m. to 10.45 p.m.—a deafening noise. Haven't heard result yet. Think they were surprised as they only made a feeble response in guns. Went out to the Marsh posts at 4 a.m., then to Service 5 a.m., so began the day early. Padre is off holding Services all round. Fine again, sunny, but N. wind; rained again heavily yesterday; heavily from 3 p.m.—7 p.m.; trenches running rivers again. The gunner Officer down here for this 24 hours; was Battery Q.M.S. in 120th Battery, had 18 years' service. Came out with V. Div. and was all through the Retreat. Seems quite a nice fellow, and young locking. He says the Archies are manned by R.H.A. Wheatley has gone to R.H.A. No one in his place yet

(To be continued.)