

# Seagoe Parish Magazine.

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## Lent Services.

At the Sunday Morning Services in the Parish Church the subjects of the Special Sermons are taken from the Minor Prophets. On most of the Sunday Evenings there will be special Preachers. On Wednesday Evenings a series of Sermons on "Lessons from the Church Catechism" will be preached.

## HOLY WEEK.

Services will (D.V.) be held in the Parish Church each week evening during Holy Week at 8, except on Saturday. The Services will begin on Monday, March 26th.

## GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES.

11.30 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Litany.  
8 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon.

## EASTER DAY.

8 a.m.—Holy Communion.  
11.30 a.m.—Morning Prayer, Sermon and Holy Communion.  
7 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon.

The Offerings on Good Friday will be for the Jews' Society, and on Easter Day for the Parochial Sunday Schools.

## New Curate of Seagoe.

The Rev. William Twamley Wilson, B.A., T.C.D., Curate of Maryborough, in the Diocese of Leighlin, has been appointed Curate-Assistant of Seagoe. Mr Wilson was ordained in 1920 for the Curacy of Maryborough. He had previously obtained the Divinity Testimonium in Trinity College, Dublin. Mr. Wilson is not altogether a stranger to Seagoe. In 1918 he was here on a visit with the Rev. T. H. Scanlon, his brother-in-law. We are sure Mr. Wilson will receive a hearty welcome on his coming to Seagoe, and many amongst us will pray that the Divine Blessing may accompany all his work in this Parish. Mr. Wilson will not be able to enter upon his duties here until May.

## Generous Gift to Seagoe.

Mrs. Alan Bell has intimated her intention of giving £500 to the Parish, the interest of which, about £20 yearly, is to be applied to the relief of those in need. The gift is given in memory of her late husband, Mr. Alan Bell, R.M. Mrs. Bell writes as follows:—

24th Feb., 1923.—Dear Canon Archer—For a long time I have been thinking that I would like to present a gift to Seagoe Church in memory of my beloved husband. The last five years of our happy life together were spent in that Parish, and you have told me how he was loved and honoured there, and it would be a gratification to me to feel that he would be remembered. What I was thinking I would like to do would be to send £500, which could be invested (it would bring in about £20 a year) and then I would like the income to be spent in giving some little extra help in pleasure to poor people or

sick people, or anyone in need, just like what my dear husband would have done himself.—Yours very sincerely, E. S. Bell.

The Select Vestry met on Monday, Feb. 26th, and after expressing their sincere gratitude to Mrs. Bell, appointed a sub-committee to draw up a scheme for the management of the Fund.

We know how much the Parishioners of Seagoe will appreciate this splendid gift in memory of Mr. Alan Bell. Mr. Bell was loved by all in the Parish and especially by the poor and the sick. A typical example of his kindness is remembered by the Rector. When Mr. Bell was leaving Seagoe for Dublin he brought to the Rectory a box of Brand's Meat Essence Tins and asked the Rector to give a Tin to any sick person whom he thought might need it. It is lamentable to think that a life marked by such true Christian charity and sympathy should have been cut short by the hand of the assassin. Seagoe will always cherish the memory of Alan Bell, and this thoughtful gift from his broken-hearted widow will perpetuate in the Parish the remembrance of his many acts of kindness.

In the name of the Parish we thank Mrs. Bell for her generous gift.

## The Rev. A. O. Draper.

The Rev. A. O. Draper left Seagoe on February 1st and motored with Mrs. Draper and his two little girls all the way to Dunseverick. It was a long run, but the day was fine. When they arrived they found that some of the Dunseverick people had lighted the fires for them. Fish is only 5d a pound and rabbits 6d each. The latter sit round the house in the morning, and when dinner time comes round come up to the kitchen door to be caught and cooked for dinner. The views from the Rectory are magnificent, but when a storm comes it is desperate, and there is a terrible howl in the Rectory chimneys. Mr. Draper has been appointed Station Commandant of the B Specials.

## Jews' Society.

Edenderry and Seagoe.—Contents of Boxes given out October 1st, 1922:—Miss M'Clements, 8s 9½d; Mrs. Vance, 8s; Miss Margretta Atkinson, 6s; Miss Lily M'Kerr, 4s; Miss Nannie Hynes, 4s; Miss Emily Cox, 3s 11d; Mrs. Robert Magee, 3s; Miss Violet Fox, 2s 8½d; Mrs. Flannigan, 2s 10½d; Miss Clara Kirby, 2s 6d; Miss Charlotte Allen, 2s 3d; Mrs. Johnston, 1s 4d; Miss Lily Morton, 1s 2d; Miss Winnie Patton, 1s 0½d; Miss Agnes Wilson, 7d; Mrs. Best, 3d; Miss Armstrong, 10s; Miss Halliday, 10s; Miss E. Halliday, 10s; Mabel L. Best, 6s 6d; Maisie Birch, 5s 1d; David Rea, 3s 5d; John Harrison, 3s 6½d; James Fletcher, 4s 0½d; William Best, 2s 3d; Miss Jean England's S. School Class, 3s 3½d; Miss Woolsey's S. School Class, 3s 9d; Miss R. England sub. 10s; collected at Lecture, Edenderry Hall, £2 2s 4d. Total paid to the Rev. I. E. Davidson, £8 6s 8d.

**Parish Register for February.  
Baptisms.**

The following were Baptized on 3rd February, 1923, in Seagoe Parish Church—

**Rainey**—Vera, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Rainey, of Edenderry.

*Sponsors*—Sarah Rainey, Elizabeth Rainey.

**Cull**—William, son of William and Emma Cull, of Edenderry.

*Sponsors*—Sarah Gillespie, Emma Cull.

**Irwin**—Caroline Maude, daughter of William James and Sarah Jane Irwin, of Levaghery.

*Sponsors*—Lily Lewie, Sarah Jane Irwin.

**Burials.**

**Neill**—15th February, 1923—Henry Neill, of Moyallon, Parish of Gilford, late of Hacknahay, aged 79 years.

**Heaney**—March 1st, 1923, Joseph Henry Heaney, late R.I.C., of Lylo, aged 28.

**Death of Mr. J. H. Heaney.**

We record with deep regret the death of Mr. Joseph Henry Heaney, which occurred at the Sanatorium, Armagh, on Monday, February 27th. Mr. Heaney had served in the R.I.C. during the awful period before the "Treaty." He had risked his life over and over again in defence of his King and country. A native of the Co Longford, he was unable to return to his aged father's home, but he received a welcome from the people of Seagoe which he treasured to his last hour. He was in splendid health up to last September, when he was attacked by pneumonia. The cough and lung trouble continued, and after a few months he went to the Sanatorium. Everything possible was done for him by Dr. Robinson and the nurses, but the disease advanced, and about a week before his death his sufferings greatly increased. He received the Sacrament of Holy Communion from the Rev. Canon Tichborne of Armagh on the Friday before he died. The Rev. Canon Archer was also with him on that day. Almost his last request was that he might be buried in Seagoe, and his remains were laid to rest under the shadow of the old Church on Thursday, March 1st.

Although coming so recently among us Joe Heaney had made many friends. He was regular in attendance at the Services in the Parish Church, and attended Holy Communion every month, a custom he had followed under all circumstances since his Confirmation. His bright faith and happy disposition will be remembered for long. We offer our sincere sympathy to his parents and brothers and sisters, especially to his brother who shared with him all the dangers of service in the R.I.C.

**ITEMS.**

Please send in your C.M.S. Boxes at once.

The Rev. J. S. Taylor, the Rev. R. H. White, Rector of Holy Trinity, Belfast, and the Rev. Dr. Walker, Rector of St. Matthew's, Belfast, have preached on successive Sunday Evenings in Seagoe Church.

The Rev. F. J. Halahan, M.C., Rector of Drumcree, will (D.V.) preach in Seagoe Church on Sunday Evening, March 11th, at 7 p.m.

The Rev. John Redmond, M.A., Rector of St. Patrick's, Ballymacarrett, Belfast, will (D.V.) preach in Seagoe on Sunday, April 8th, at 7 p.m.

A Special Meeting of the Select Vestry will be held on Monday, March 12th, in Seagoe School, at 8 p.m., for the purpose of appointing new Trustees for Edenderry Parochial Hall in accordance with the Trust Deed. All the original Trustees are now dead.

A Band of Hope Concert is arranged for Tuesday, March 20th, in Levaghery School, at 8 p.m.

Mr. Thomas Metcalfe has been appointed Conductor of Seagoe Men's Bible Class, which meets at 10 on Sunday Mornings in Seagoe School. The subject of study is "The Miracles and Parables of our Lord."

The Girl Guides are contemplating an Entertainment to be held after Easter. An attractive programme is being arranged.

The £100 given to Seagoe Parish some time ago by Miss Macoun in memory of her mother has been lodged by the Vestry to the credit of the Glebe Purchase Scheme, which is now within £90 of completing the £952 5s 3d required.

Mr. T. H. Wilson, Organist of Seagoe, has, we regret to say, been laid up with an attack of sciatica.

Coffee freshly roasted and ground is a most refreshing and wholesome beverage. You can get it to perfection at T. J. Montgomery's, High Street.

An epidemic of Whooping Cough is prevalent in the Parish. It is not of a very severe type, but care ought to be taken, especially in the case of children under 5 years of age.

South American Missionary Boxes and Cards should be returned at once.

Our Sunday School Teachers are introducing "expression work" with splendid results.

Please read our Advertisements; Please patronise our Advertisers.

London Broadcast Concerts are now heard in Portadown by Wireless.

**The Misses Dawson.**

We hear that the Misses Dawson have decided to return to their Missionary work in South America, and hope to leave Belfast in May for that distant Continent. They will bear with them the prayers and good wishes of their many friends in Seagoe.

**A Letter from Queensland.**

We have received the following letter from Miss Ellen Matthews from Ayr, Queensland, where she arrived on December 21st—

Just a few lines to let you know I arrived safe in Ayr on 21st December. The Church Army met me at Euston on 29th September, and brought me to the Hostel and saw me off next morning at St. Pancras. They are very nice people, and were very kind to me. I had a very good voyage. We called at Gibraltar, Toulon, Naples and Port Said. At Colombo we spent from 7 in the morning till 11 that night. Most of the people are blacks. We had a drive all around—four of us together. We went to the Gardens; Queen Victoria's Statue is there. It is a very nice place, all sorts of trees and flowers. We had a guide to bring us all around. There are large books for visitors to sign their names. When we were coming back we went into the Buddhist Temple. It is all marble; we had all to take our shoes off; no one is allowed to go in with shoes on. Then we came to Freemantle; it is a very nice place; a lot of the passengers got off there; then next port, Adelaide, and Melbourne. There was a strike in Melbourne; 350 of the crew and stewards refused to work the ship because they took 48 interstate passengers on (their coastal boats run up and down two and three times a week, so they make them go on them). We landed in Melbourne on 8th November, and we were due to leave on 9th, so we did not get away till the 16th with the strike. Then we came to Sydney. I had an uncle and aunt meet me there, so I had a real good time. Then I had two days' sail to Brisbane. Another friend met me there, so I stopped there for almost a month. That is where mother's sisters were and all their people. I had a real good time there driving about in a 'Sulkey.' I left there 15th December, and it took me a week to get here. I like the place well, and I feel a lot better since I landed. Moses is enjoying good health and wishes to be remembered to you; he has got 9 horses of his own, and has done real well this year with his sugar cane. He is getting a new house built; the one he is in is all right for himself, but this one he is getting built will be more comfortable. I was out driving with him to-day, and we had a real good time.

This was the warmest Christmas ever I spent. Most of the people are dressed in white. Remember me to Mr. Draper, also to Miss Atkinson, Bachelor's Walk; let them know I got here all right, and like the place well. I think I will draw to a close hoping this finds you enjoying good health.—ELLEN MATTHEWS, c/o Mr. Jim Kelly, Laurelvale Farm, L. Burdekin, via. Ayr, Queensland.

**Old Seagoe Notes.**

**Rail-Road from Belfast to Armagh.**—The following is taken from the "Beifast News-Letter" for Tuesday, September 19th, 1826: It is headed "Rail-Road."—We are informed that a plan for establishing a Rail-Road betwixt Belfast and Armagh is now in contemplation. The line of direction in which the road is to pass betwixt Portadown and Armagh has been already surveyed and estimated. This is by far the most difficult part of the whole line for the establishment of a Rail-Road, yet there is now no doubt entertained of the practicability of the undertaking.

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**Dinner to Colonel Verner, 1826.**—Extract from the "News-Letter."—On the 8th September (1826) at 6 o'clock p.m. Colonel Verner arrived in Portadown attended by a concourse of many thousand persons, who met him at some distance from the town and drew him in, preceded by a band of music playing loyal tunes, and accompanied by loud cheers. On the same evening a number of Colonel Verner's friends entertained him at Atkins' Hotel, Portadown. At half-past six 72 gentlemen sat down to an excellent dinner, Colonel Blacker of Carrick in the chair. On the right hand of Colonel Blacker sat Colonel Verner, Dean Blacker of Carrick on his left. We observed Acheson St. George, Esq., High Sheriff; Joseph Atkinson, Esq., of Crowhill, and W. Loftie, Esq., of Tandragee, the latter two gentlemen acting as croupiers. Many toasts were honoured, among them—The principal Squireen of the County, Viscount Mandeville, also The Fair Heiresses of Richhill. (Immense cheering.) The High Sheriff returned thanks in the name of his relatives, the Misses Richardson, for this latter toast. Speeches were delivered by Colonel Blacker, Colonel Verner and others. The dinner was a great success.

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

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

(Continued from February Magazine.)

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 3rd.**

Only got back at 7 and then went on to dine with Shooter—very pleasant. Duke, new Bde. Maj., a nice fellow. A grand strafe on! Gen.'s visit resulted in Q Branch coming round to inquire what they could do. The Gen. came back, strafed them, and said we didn't know Q Branch by sight! I said "Well, for 2 years you've been strafing us, now you are getting your own back!" R.E. Officers came this morning

to ask what we wanted to make the Officers comfortable—huts, chairs, tables, etc., to be put in hand at once. It's delicious and a grand strafe; men fairly roused; the whole Staff boiling; and I will be horribly disliked, but it's the order. Each Battalion is to send 1 Officer and 3 other Ranks home for a fortnight on a recruiting tour. I fear they won't do much good. Shall send a representative from Lurgan, Portadown, and Monaghan, giving preference to those who went over the Parapet and who have

not yet been on leave. Same story, the fighting Officers and men living in squalor, no one behind caring a damn as long as they are comfortable themselves. Am writing outside where we have all our meals. Have got a Whitlow on my left hand, first finger, why I can't think. Am staying in this p.m. as am waiting on paper from the Bde. They are 8 miles away. They've muddled the recommendations; it should have been 5 per Battalion instead of 5 per Bde., and I am trying to extract them so as to settle whom I should send in. They sent in yesterday to cadge a mess Sergt. and cook. I said "Haven't got either—let them live at the safe." Stuff.

#### FRIDAY, AUGUST 4th.

C.R.E. and G.B. came round this p.m. It's really most amusing—all asking if we wanted anything. Ensor goes with recruiting party. He was splendid all the 1st and afterwards, and wants a change. He is the youngest and such a splendid type of young fellow. I'm glad of the chance of getting him home. A change, and we don't go back to the same bit of line; we side step to the Right, the bit I first looked at. Not so comfy. It has turned much colder, and looks like rain. As life here is carried on entirely out of doors, we have only a dirty tumble-down hut, and have all our meals al fresco; the prospect is not pleasing. Owing to a re-arrangement of the line we shall not actually go into the line again till about the 9th, and then into another portion, which is a nuisance. Rode over to see Transport and Stronge after tea. Heard to-day 40 of our men were with 2nd R.I.R. I shall not rest till I get them back! Another Div. from our left going S., and a shattered one taking its place, hence re-arrangement. P.S.—Of course, if Austria made peace Germany could not hold out long by herself. Yes, water here at 3 feet. Suppose Bosche is the same, but they're above us.

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 5th.

Weather cold, but still fine. Going with Pratt to Armentieres. Glad to see they've hanged Casement all right. We've had to send 1 Coy into the line to-night. 'A.' to help the Downs, who are so weak. We now take over from them. Sorry to part with 12th. We and 12th will now be out together. New Capt., Radbourne, hit on knee, night of relief. Had to go to hospital with synovitis.

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 6th

A pleasant dinner and chat with Ricardo. He is in the line, yet his H.Q. are only 300 yards away from this, and quite good. So you may imagine our Rest Billets are not very far back. The difficulty in this area is that all the towns and villages are so heavily shelled that there is great difficulty in finding accommodation for Battalions out of the line. A— is a large place, but nearly every house shows signs of shelling. A few shops are open, and I found a hair cutter and had a cut and shampoo. We wandered round the town. One church has been battered to pieces, and another has'nt been touched. A lot of New Zealanders here—very smart and fine-looking fellows. Still nice sunny weather, but

cooler and more pleasant. Ricardo suffered even more heavily than I did, 575. Our guns here are very noisy, and go on continuously. I hear Hubert Gough commands the Push now, and pushing well. Of course he is a and has youth on his side, and the others are too old and . I hope we shall soon hear Thiepval is taken, but the Huns are putting up a stiff fight, and seem to be obstinately resisting the "Russkies." Beaucourt station was not long in our hands. Our people who got there were cut off, and died fighting, and no one who penetrated the German ever came back, as far as I can find out. (N.B.—Lt. Barcroft did.)

#### SUNDAY EVENING.

P.S.—It's no good buoying oneself up with false hopes of an early termination; it only leads to disappointment. One must just harden one's heart.

It turned a bit warmer this p.m., but is cooler again now. I went down to see 'A' Coy, and our new bit of the line, with Shill Bn. H.Q. at Stinking Farm—a well-named place. The smell which pervades the whole place is possibly rotting flax, but it might be anything rotten. I shall try and move elsewhere. St. F— has all the disadvantages of buildings, shelled every night, and none of the advantages as it is uninhabitable.

Bosche 'planes were very busy to-day. They started by dropping, luckily a dud, near our transport, and kept coming over all the evening, and being heavily bombarded by our Archies just overhead, and the fragments kept dropping about here. Finally, at dinner, a dud Archie shell fell about 50 yards from us. We have 8 Officers on courses, leaving only 9 Officers for the 4 Coys. to go into the line—far too few to share watches. Our guns have just opened on Bosche dumps and roads, and are making a hideous noise.

#### MONDAY, AUGUST 7th.

Another nice day. Hear we may go in Wednesday. Finger much better. 9.45 p.m.—Have just been out exploring with Pratt—a short way into the line, as you cannot use the way by daylight (as it's in full view). It adds to the difficulties, one has to select a half light. Had a talk to Placeqsoi this evening. A nice capable fellow. He says next, or possibly early winter 17—18, may see the end, and I'm afraid he looks like being right. The Bosche is full of fight yet; very far from being beaten, and they'll never allow Austria to be so licked that they'd have to make peace, for Germany knows if that happened all is over. The Push still goes on, and will continue.

#### TUESDAY, AUGUST 8th.

As I thought, we go into the trenches to-morrow; go down again this p.m. to settle matters. The Division have climbed down now about quintuplicate, and say they will do it. A man in Royal Scots—Mudie?—has succeeded Spender, friend of Pratt's. Haven't seen him yet. Thank heaven they've left us absolutely alone this rest tour.

(To be continued.)