

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

NOVEMBER, 1915.

Harvest Thanksgiving Services.

On Sunday, October 31st, the Harvest Thanksgiving Services will be continued in the Parish Church. The Rev. E. P. Riddell, M.A., of Lisburn, will preach at Morning and Evening Prayer. The Collections will be on behalf of Parochial Church Expenses.

A Famous Regiment.

So many of our Seagoe Men are now serving their King and Country in the ranks of the Royal Irish Fusiliers, it may be of interest to our readers to learn something of the history of this famous Regiment.

The 1st Battalion was originally known as the 87th Regiment of Foot, and the 2nd Battalion as the 89th Regiment of Foot.

The 87th Regiment was raised in Ireland, under an order dated 18th September, 1793, by Colonel (afterwards General) Sir John Doyle. A second Battalion of that Regiment was raised in 1804, under the Additional Forces Act, by the late Sir Charles Doyle, son of the Founder of the Regiment.

The 89th Regiment was raised in 1793-4 by Colonel (afterwards Lieut. Gen.) Crosbie. On 16th July, 1827, the 87th Regiment was made a Fusilier Corps.

The Regiment got its title "Princess Victoria's Regiment" from an interesting event which occurred on the 3rd August, 1833. On that day Princess Victoria (afterwards Queen Victoria) performed the first public function of her long life, by presenting Colours to the 89th Regiment, and in memory of that notable event the title "Princess Victoria's" was conferred on the Regiment. The colours then presented are still to be seen hanging up in All Saints' Church at Aldershot.

The Collar Badge of the Regiment which is so highly prized by all ranks and worn with so much pride by many relatives of the men, consists of a Hand-Grenade or Globe from one end of which issue flames. A second Collar Badge represents the Egyptian Sphinx over the initials of Princess Victoria. The R.I.F. is one of two Regiments permitted to wear two Collar Badges in the British Army, the Seaforth Highlanders being the other.

The Waist Badge is very interesting. It represents an Eagle with outspread wings, surrounded by laurel wreaths, and on a tablet beneath the Eagle is a mysterious little numeral "8." The Eagle and the figure "8" commemorate an incident which occurred at the Battle of Barrosa on March 5th, 1811, when the Eagle or Standard of the 8th French Light Infantry was captured by a famous Fusilier Sergeant Patrick Masterson, during a charge of the

Regiment. This was perhaps the most famous fight in which the Regiment ever engaged, and on the day following the battle, General Sir Thomas Graham wrote as follows to Sir John Doyle:—"Your Regiment has covered itself with glory. Recommend it and its commander Gough to their illustrious patron the Prince Regent. Too much cannot be done for it."

The Battle Honours of the R.I.F. worn on the Regimental Colours are:—"Egypt," "Monte Video," "Talavera," "Barrosa," "Java," "Vittoria," "Nivelles," "Niagara," "Orthes," "Toulouse," "Peninsula," "Sebastopol," "Egypt, 1882-1884," "Tel-el-Kebir."

Many other interesting particulars regarding this famous Regiment are to be found in a work entitled, "Historical Records of the 89th Regiment" by Captain R. Brinckman.

In France.

Since our last issue our Seagoe Volunteers have moved from the Camp at Bordon, and crossed the Channel into the War Zone in France. From many sources we have gathered the following particulars about them, but of course it is not possible to give names of places or dates:—They had a calm and safe journey by night across the Channel, and although the boat was very full most of the boys got a good sleep. After landing in France they had a couple of hours' march to camp, and were there welcomed by an advance party of the Regiment. The next stage in their journey was not quite so pleasant. It was by train in trucks—40 in a truck—but the boys were in high spirits, and amused the French railway porters by pretending they were cows or sheep as they boarded the waggons. The next stage was a long and hungry march, with a good feed at the end of it. The Regiment now occupies several villages, and have found fairly comfortable quarters in the farm-houses and outbuildings. They sleep on straw, and as opportunity offers they help during the day-time in work on the farms. The people are very kind to them. Coffee has taken the place of tea. Apples and pears are abundant, but not so good as in this country. The officers are quartered in private houses and public buildings, The chaplains have held services for the men in any available building.

Killed in Action.

We deeply regret the death in action of one of our Seagoe lads. **Samuel Clayton** who was severely wounded in the chest on September 3rd, at the Dardanelles. A letter was received from him after he was wounded, from which it seemed as if he were recovering, but unfortunately news came in

October that he had passed away in Hospital at Malta on October 2nd.

We express our deep sympathy with the sorrowing relatives of this brave young soldier, who has made the great sacrifice of his own life for the sake of King and Country.

Our Wounded.

As far as we can learn all our wounded Seagoie men are making a good recovery. Unfortunately some are so severely wounded as to be unfit for further service. **William James Whiteside**, of Carrickblacker Road, who has lost his sight owing to a wound received in France, has returned from St. Dunstan's Hospital for Blinded Soldiers. He speaks in warm terms of the kindness shown him there. **Thomas Porter**, of Kernan, has returned home for a brief holiday from the Dardanelles. He had a severe attack of fever, and was in Hospital at Malta for a long time. He took part in the famous landing at Gallipoli.

Lost and Found.

A few days ago Mrs. James Liggett, of Florence Court, Edenderry, received a letter from her husband, Private James Liggett, 9th Batt. Scottish Rifles, who had been severely wounded in France on September 25th. He is at present in hospital at Norwich. In his letter he says—"When I was wounded the right hand side of my coat was blown away, and I have lost my little Testament which was in that pocket." By the same post Mrs. Liggett received a letter from a Private Hogg to the following effect:—"I apologise for writing to you, but I feel I must do so. I found the enclosed little Testament here in the Trenches, and as your name and address were written inside it, I send it on to you. I am afraid the owner of it has been killed." The little book is none the worse for its rough experience.

Harvest Service in the Parish Church.

On Thursday, October 28th, the Annual Service of Harvest Thanksgiving was held in Seagoie Parish Church. The decorations were very pretty, and there was a great profusion of blossoms, even though so late in the season. The Anthem, "Praise the Lord," was sung with great taste and expression. The soprano solo was taken by Miss Amy Walker, who also joined in the quartette with Miss Chambers and Messrs. D. Murray and D. Livingstone. Both the solo and the quartette were splendidly sung. Mr. T. H. Wilson is to be congratulated on the present efficiency of Seagoie Choir, which will bear favourable comparison with the best of our mixed Church choirs in town or country. The Lessons were read by the Rev. G. H. Daunt and the Rev. R. D. Patterson. The Rev. R. Walker, LL.D., Rector of St. Barnabas Church, Belfast, preached a sermon on the Parable of "The Thresher and the Plowman." The collection was on behalf of Foreign Missions.

An Interesting Letter.

Private Samuel Gracey, Canadian Regiment, of Carrickblacker Road, was here recently on a visit from the Front, where he has been engaged in severe fighting for some time past. He brought with him several interesting relics of the battlefield, including two letters which he picked up in a trench captured from the Germans. Miss Amy Walker, of Seagoie Farm, has kindly translated them, and we here give the contents of the more interesting one.

BUCHHAUSEN, 5/5/15.

MY DEAR BROTHER,

I am just sitting down to write a few lines to you. Many thanks for your loving letter. We also received your Post Card as well as the Bullet. We shall keep it as a Souvenir for you to wear on your watchchain if you are spared to return. Karl also wrote to us. He was obliged to go to Berlin for some new horses. Erwin is in Elberfeld. They have again captured 30,000 Russians. Praise the Lord for this. We had a celebration of victory in the Church yesterday evening. The Trumpets sounded and a male choir sang. May God will it that the war may soon be ended. Pastor Linz says we must still hope and have confidence. Peace will surely come, only we must have confidence and be of good cheer. Dear Brother, did you get the Parcel we sent you? We are making up two more with Butter and Bacon. I hope you will like them. Now, I must conclude with love, hoping to see you soon in the Homeland.

Your Sister,

JOHANNA.

Condolence.

Our Obituary List this month contains the names of three parishioners, young in years, who have been called away from earth to, we believe, higher service in Heaven. A pathetic interest attached to the passing away of Willie Major, whose father obtained leave from Bordon Camp to see him. The little fellow died just four hours after his father had left on his return to the Camp. Mary Cooke had a long and trying illness, which she bore with great fortitude and patience. She had been a regular attender for many years at Hacknahay Sunday School, and was much loved by her teachers and fellow-pupils for her gentle disposition. William Maxwell has also been called away after many weeks of suffering. Just before his illness he had enlisted, and was very keen to get to the front, where his father and brother are now serving; but it has been ruled otherwise. His funeral was largely attended. It is remarkable that two of these young people whose deaths we so deeply mourn were the children of men now serving in the war, and the third, Mary Cooke, was the daughter of one who had served in India for 12 years,

District Harvest Festivals.

The District Harvest Festivals this year were very largely attended by the residents in the various parts of the Parish. In our last issue we referred to the Services at **Hacknahay**.

Services were held at **Carne Church Hall** on Sunday, October 10th, and Monday, October 11th. The Hall had been most tastefully decorated, and, as usual, the Chrysanthemums from Mrs. Reid's were conspicuous in their Autumn glory. The Rector conducted the Services on Sunday, and on the following evening the Rev. G. H. Daunt, Rector of Knocknamuckley, preached. Mr. T. H. Wilson ably officiated at the Organ.

Drumgor held its Festival Services on Sunday, October 17th, and on Monday, October 18th. The Hall was well filled, and the Services were most hearty. The Rector preached on the subject of "Creation." On Monday the Rev. G. Bloomer gave a Harvest Address, and appealed on behalf of the great cause of "Missions." Mr. Chambers kindly officiated at the Organ. Great care and taste were displayed in the decorations. We thank very heartily the young men of Drumgor for re-colouring the walls and repairing the School before the Service.

The Services in **Tannificarbet Hall** on October 24th and 25th were very largely attended. The Rev. G. Bloomer preached at the Sunday Service and on Monday the Rev. J. Haddock, of the Trinity College Mission, Belfast, preached on behalf of Foreign Missions. The Hall was very prettily decorated, and the music, under the direction of Miss M. Dickson, was very heartily rendered.

Levaghery had its Harvest Festival on the same date as Carbet. The Schoolroom was decorated with great skill and care, and there was a large attendance. The words "Harvest Home" were conspicuous in red berries among the decorations. The Rev. H. Rennison, Curate-in-Charge of Drumcree, spoke at the Service on Monday.

Seagoe Sunday School.

Mr. William Turner, who has acted as Superintendent of Seagoe Morning Sunday School for several years past, has resigned his post owing to his family having removed from the Parish. Mr. Turner discharged his duties with much success, and his kindly manner made him very popular with both Teachers and Pupils.

Mr. Thomas England has been appointed Superintendent in Mr. Turner's place, and will, we are confident, fulfil his responsible duties in a most efficient manner. Sunday School work is a most important branch of our Parochial Organisation.

Roll of Honour.

The following have joined the Colours since our last issue. We record the names with great pleasure—**James Chambers**, Reserve 9th Batt. R.I.F.
Leslie Clench, Wireless Operator, Royal Flying Corps, Farnborough, Hants.

The Rev. G. Bloomer, B.A.

Mr Bloomer's tenure of the Curacy of Seagoe comes to an end on October 31st. He enters upon his work as Curate of St. Mark's Parish on November 1st. We regret very much his departure from Seagoe Parish where his work has been marked throughout by diligence and efficiency, the direct result we know of his loyal allegiance to his Divine Master and Lord. He has made many lasting friends in the Parish, who will wish him God-speed in the strenuous work which lies before him. Our prayers and best wishes will accompany him, and we are glad that he will not be very far removed from Seagoe, and that we shall still frequently see him in our midst.

Comforts for our Soldiers and Sailors.

The winter's work has been resumed. A meeting will be held in Seagoe School the first Wednesday in each month at 3-30 p.m., to give out wool and instructions, and to receive finished work, also wool can always be obtained from Miss Atkinson at Eden Villa.

Unless otherwise desired, all comforts will be for the men of the 9th Battalion.

A very generous response has, on the whole, been made to the box appeal. We hope to publish the total amount next month.

The Hacknahay G.F.S., under Miss Calvert, contributed Socks, Mufflers, and Mitts last winter. We hope we may count on their valuable help again.

Items.

Mr. Halliday Russell, a native of Drumgor, has given the name of "Drumgor" to his house in Salisbury Avenue, Belfast.

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We heartily congratulate Captain T. J. Atkinson, 9th Batt. R.I.F., on his recent promotion to the rank of Major.

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We hear the Rev. F. J. Halahan has had his turn in the Trenches with the men of the 9th Batt. R.I.F.

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Mr. W. R. Atkinson and Mr. George Calvert were elected Supplemental Members of the Diocesan Council at the recent Synod held in Belfast. Mr. W. R. Atkinson was also elected a Member of the General Synod.

Offertories for October.

Sundays—Mornings,	£7 14 5
Evenings,	... 1 8 9
Week Days	... 3 0 5
	£12 3 7

Church Attendance Cards.

THIRD QUARTER.

SEAGOE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

- 1st Rank—Mary J. Atkinson, 39 ; Isabella Best, 39 ;
 May Best, 39 ; Mary Wilson, 36.
 2nd Rank—Lizzie Patton, 30,
 3rd Rank—Joseph Kelly—26.

EDENDERRY SUNDAY SCHOOL.

- 1st Rank—None, 2nd Rank—None,
 3rd Rank—Minnie Crawford, 26 ; Edith Haire, 26 ;
 Eva Magee, 26 ; Hannah Johnston,
 29 ; Wm. J. Rainey, 26.
 4th Rank—Emily Cox, 21.

CARNE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

- 3rd Rank—Wm. J. Costello, 25 ; Theresa Ramsay,
 25 ; Hannah Caddell, 25 ; Margaret
 Costello, 26.

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Baptisms.

The following were Baptized on October 2nd, 1915:

Pentland—George, son of Robert and Jane Pentland, of Killicomaine.

Sponsors—Hannah Bryars, Jane Pentland,

Fletcher—John, son of Joseph and Jane Eliza Fletcher, of Killicomaine.

Sponsors—Frances Edith Livingstone, Jane Eliza Fletcher.

Webb—Caroline, daughter of David Alexander and Margaret Webb, of Lylo.

Sponsors—Margaret Jane Wilson, Margaret Webb.

M'Murray—Samuel Rufus, son of William James and Adeline M'Murray, of Kernan.

Watson—Anna Maria, daughter of William Joseph and Anne Watson, of Killicomaine.

Sponsors—Eveline Holland and Anne Watson.

Marriage.

Dickson and Robinson—October 6th, 1915, William John Dickson, of Tamnifglasson, to Elizabeth Robinson, of Tamnifglasson.

Burials.

Major—September 27, William J. Major, of Edenderry, aged 8 years.

Cooke—October 24th, Mary Anne Cooke, of Breagh, aged 19 years.

Maxwell—October 27th, William Maxwell, of Edenderry, aged 19 years.

Old Seagoe Notes.

A Famous Seagoe Athlete.—Since we published our note on Samuel Jordan, the famous Seagoe Athlete, in last month's issue, we have received further facts regarding his wonderful jumping feats. Mr. Thomas M'Crory heard from a resident in the Parish named M'Donald, who died some years ago, that Jordan on one occasion jumped over three full-grown horses set side by side. Mr. M'Crory himself

records that Jordan leaped across one of the widest drains in Derryvore.

Mr. Samuel Graham, of The Wood, Kernan, gives the following interesting account of Jordan's achievements:—On one occasion horse races were held at Ballinteggart, and a County Monaghan visitor, who was famous as an athlete, leaped over the bank and ditch jump made for the horses. He then challenged the bystanders that he could beat any man in the County Armagh at jumping. The challenge was accepted by the late Mr. John Watson, of Edenderry, who had in view Samuel Jordan as the champion of Armagh. On a day fixed the competition was arranged to take place in the yard of what is now known as the Imperial Hotel, Portadown. A large crowd met the Co. Monaghan man at the then Passenger Station (now the Goods Station). The visitor made a great impression as he left the station by leaping over the high paling instead of going through the gate.

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The test in the Hotel Yard was a stiff one. Six chairs were placed at short intervals, then six empty barrels, and after that a cross-bar 6 ft. above ground. Each competitor was required to jump over each chair in succession, then in and out of each barrel, and then to clear the six-foot bar. Both accomplished their difficult feat successfully. The bar was then raised six inches higher, and Jordan cleared it with ease, while the Co. Monaghan man failed. So the County Armagh man won. Samuel Jordan went shortly afterwards to the R.I.C. Depôt at the Phoenix Park, Dublin, and while there carried off all Jumping prizes at the Constabulary Sports. When he went to New South Wales he won every Jumping event in which he competed.

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Seagoe Sunday School, 1852.—Mrs. Atkinson, of Eden Villa, has kindly sent us the announcement (printed on a thin slip of blue paper) of a Sermon preached in Seagoe Church no less than 63 years ago. It is as follows:—"Seagoe Sunday School.—The Annual Sermon in support of this School will (D.V.) be preached in Seagoe Church on Sunday, 4th January, 1852, by the Rev. Capel Wolsely."

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A Seagoe Naval Hero.—Mr. George M'Caughley, who died on 6th April, 1831, at Derryvore, aged 56, had a varied career. He entered the Navy at an early age, and was on board the "Leviathan" under Earl Howe during a fierce engagement on June 1st, 1794, and in the "Sceptre" under Captain Essington at the taking of the Cape of Good Hope. He was present at the capture of the Dutch Fleet at Saldanah Bay, 1796, and served under Nelson at Teneriffe, and on his assault on the Boulogne Flotilla. He was severely wounded on several occasions, and ultimately died from the effects of a serious wound in the leg. After his return home he taught in Seagoe Parochial School, and was Vestry Clerk of Seagoe for some years.