

# Seagoe Parish Magazine.

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## Armistice Day.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE.

On next Sunday, November 11th, being Armistice Day, Divine Service will begin at 10.45 a.m., instead of at 11.30 a.m. The two minutes' silence will be observed at 11 a.m. Seagoe and Edenderry Sunday Schools will close at 10.30 a.m. sharp, so as to give the Teachers and children time to reach the Church.

## The Purchase of Seagoe Glebe.

At a meeting of Seagoe Select Vestry held on Wednesday, October 10th, in Seagoe School, at 8 p.m., a Resolution was unanimously passed authorising the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Hugh Stoops, with Miss I. Atkinson and Mr. T. E. Maginnis, to pay over to the Representative Body the sum of £950 5s 8d for the purchase of Seagoe Rectory. Thus the long-sustained effort to secure a rent free Rectory for the Parish has been brought to a successful termination. It is well at this juncture to understand why this sum had to be paid. On January 1st, 1871, all Church property in Ireland passed into the hands of two Commissioners appointed by the State—Mr. Justice Lawson and Mr. George Alexander Hamilton. They were to continue in office for a period not exceeding 10 years, and it was their duty to arrange the transfer of property from the Established Church to the Disestablished Church (the Representative Church Body being its representative.) The Representative Body were empowered to purchase any Ecclesiastical Residences on payment to the Commissioners of a sum equal to ten times the amount of the annual value of the land, together with an amount equal to ten years' purchase of the House and Garden at its annual general tenement valuation. The sum paid by the Representative Body to the two Commissioners so as to secure the Rectory for Seagoe Parish amounted to £950 5s 8d. The Rectors of Seagoe have been paying to the Representative Body the interest at 3½ per cent., this sum each year amounting to £33 16s. That charge on the Rectory has now been wiped out. Under the Act passed by the General Synod at its special Session in 1921 it is decreed that in future all Rectories must be free from Rent, Rates and Taxes. Seagoe Rectory is now freed from Rent, and in so far the Parish has complied with the Act.

## The Harvest Services.

This year the congregations at the Harvest Services seemed larger than ever. At the Sunday Evening Service no less than 715 people were counted, although the Church has only seating accommodation for 550. On Thursday evening the Rev. H. B. Swanzy, M.A., Vicar of Newry, preached. There was a very large congregation. The Harvest

Music was very well rendered by the Choir. The Solo was very nicely sung by Miss Montgomery. The duet for alto and soprano sung by Miss Montgomery and Miss Kirby was also very well sung. The offerings were for Foreign Missions. On Sunday morning the Church was again filled. The sermon was preached by the Rev. W. Hogarth, M.A., Rector of St. Saviour's, Portadown. At the Sunday evening service the special preacher was the Rev. Leslie Stevenson, M.A., Rector of St. John's, Malone, Belfast.

## District Harvest Services.

As is usual, Services were held throughout the Parish during October. The series began with Hacknahay, and went quite round the Parish through Drumgor, Levaghery, Carne, Edenderry. Harvest Services will (D.V.) be held on Sunday, November 4, in the Parochial Hall at 3.30.

**Drumgor** was decorated with great taste and care. The School never looked better. Two girls from Drumgor Sunday School scrubbed the floor of the School, no easy job. Miss Lizzie Gracey presided at the Harmonium.

**Levaghery** was richly decorated, and the old building never looked better. Wheat, apples, roses, and "fiery pokers" formed the decorations. The congregations were large, and the music bright and hearty. Miss Selina Bradshaw presided at the Harmonium. On the Monday evening the Rev. John Dunlop, Curate of Drumcree, preached.

**Carne.**—Carne Church Hall is one of the neatest buildings in the Parish. It was beautifully decorated, and had good congregations. The offerings were liberal. The Rev. W. T. Wilson, Curate of Seagoe, preached at both services. Mr. David Murray presided at the organ.

The following is a list of the offerings contributed at the Services:—Parish Church, £6 12s 0d, £5 17s 2d, £7 12s 2d; Hacknahay, £2 5s 6d and £1 6s 4d; Drumgor, £1 16s 6d and 12s 3d; Levaghery, £1 9s 1d and £1 1s 6d; Carne ——— and 11s 8d.

In the Parish Church Miss Mary Wilson presided at the organ. The Anthem was "Praise the Lord."

The Edenderry Harvest Service will be held only on Sunday, November 4th. The service usually held on Monday will not be held this year.

## Sunday School Teaching.

The Rev. P. Cosgrave, M.A., Director of Religious Education in this Diocese, gave an Address to our Sunday School Superintendents and Teachers on Tuesday, October 30th, at 8 p.m. in Seagoe School. There was a good attendance. Mr. Cosgrave explained the newest methods in Sunday School work, and his address was listened to with the greatest interest.

### **Our Sunday Schools.**

Miss Agnes Guy, who for some years past has acted with great success as Superintendent of Levaghery Sunday School, has kindly consented to become Assistant Superintendent of Drumgor Sunday School, which is much in need of helpers. Miss Guy has been the means of developing and organising Levaghery Sunday School so that it has almost doubled in numbers, and we believe she will be able to make Drumgor Sunday School as efficient and successful as Levaghery.

Mr. Thomas Metcalf has been appointed Superintendent of Levaghery School. Mr. Metcalf has done splendid work in the Parish in many directions, and has for some time been associated with Levaghery Sunday School.

### **"Ghosts."**

The Rev. H. B. Swanzy, M.A., Vicar of Newry, and our special Preacher at this year's Harvest Festival, has kindly consented to give a Public Lecture in Edenderry Parochial Hall on Thursday, November 15th, at 8 p.m. The Tickets—One Shilling each—are now on sale in Edenderry at Mr. Vance's Confectioner's Shop, Bridge Street. Mr. Swanzy is well known as a most interesting Lecturer, and he has made a special study of Ghost Stories and Ghosts. The Lecture will be interspersed with some Readings and Recitations by Mr. Swanzy and also by some songs. Everybody is interested in Ghosts. Some of our readers will remember reading in these columns some years ago the record of the Ghost seen at Upper Seagoe years ago. Secure your Ticket in good time. The proceeds are in aid of Drumgor Sunday School.

### **A Sad Accident.**

A very sad and tragic accident occurred in the Parish on Thursday morning, October 25th, at 11.30. John Rea, aged 15, employed by Mr. James Twinem in his new Shirt Factory at James Street, Edenderry, called at Mrs. Hynes', Eden Lodge. While there he saw a rifle in the corner of the room and began to examine it. He then asked Bobbie Hynes was there any ammunition, and having got some cartridges put them into the magazine and then—as he thought—took them all out. By accident one was left in. The boys began to romp about with the gun, which went off, the bullet wounding John Rea in the head. Death was almost instantaneous owing to the terrible nature of the wound. The Rector happened to be passing the house just as the accident occurred, but as he entered the room the poor lad was breathing his last. An inquest was held in the afternoon at the Parochial Hall, and a verdict of "Accidental Death" was returned.

The Funeral took place from his father's house in Balteagh on Sunday, October 28th, to Seagoe Graveyard. There was a very large attendance, and the children from Drumgor Sunday School and the members of his class in Seagoe Morning Sunday School walked in procession. The Service at the Church and grave was taken by the Rev. W. T.

Wilson; the Rector was unable to be present owing to absence from home. Wreaths were sent by the following, among others:—"In loving memory, from the Employees of Mr. James Twinem, Edenderry," "With deepest sympathy, from his Teacher and Class in Seagoe Morning Sunday School," "With deepest sympathy, from Seagoe Platoon 'B' Specials," "In loving memory of our dear son, John Rea, aged 15 years, gone but not forgotten," "With deepest sympathy from Mrs. Hynes and family."

In the death of John Rea we have lost one of our most promising boys. He was regular in attendance both at the Parish Church and at Seagoe and Drumgor Sunday School, and was a great favourite with everyone. In his work at Mr. Twinem's Factory, where he had been employed for 18 months, he was very diligent, and was always bright and happy. He was Confirmed at the Confirmation held by the Bishop in 1922, and had frequently attended the early Communions in his Parish Church.

The sympathy of the Parishioners will go out to the bereaved family and to Mr. and Mrs. Twinem, and to Mrs. Hynes and her family in the trouble that has befallen them. The example in his Worship and in his work left by John Rea will in God's good Providence be an inspiration and encouragement to many in our midst.

### **Parish Register for October. Baptisms.**

The following were Baptized in Seagoe Parish Church on October 6th, 1923:—

**Caddell**—William John and Ernest, twin sons of William John and Priscilla Caddell, of Kernan.

*Sponsors*—Martha Walker, Priscilla Caddell.

**Wright**—Iris, daughter of John Henry and Mary Elizabeth Wright, of Edenderry.

*Sponsors*—Margaret Agnes Donaldson, Mary Elizabeth Wright.

**Boyce**—Florence Lilian, daughter of James and Sarah Boyce, of Bocombra.

*Sponsors*—Eliza Jane Williamson, Sarah Boyce.

**Topley**—Samuel Joseph, son of William and Caroline Topley, of Kernan.

*Sponsors*—Christine Livingstone, Caroline Topley.

**M'Cullough**—Richard, son of David and Margaret Letitia M'Cullough, of Balteagh.

*Sponsors*—Elizabeth Gracey, Margaret Letitia M'Cullough.

### **Burials.**

**Webb**—October 3rd, Mary Anne Webb, of Clanrole, aged 81.

**Gordon**—October 25th, Mary Jane Gordon, of Lower Seagoe, aged 52.

**Rea**—October 28th, John Rea, of Balteagh, aged 15.

**Hawthorne**—October 30th, Mary Hawthorne, of Edenderry, aged 60.

**Donaldson**—October 28th, Sarah Jane Donaldson, of Killicomaine, aged 1 year. Interred in Drumcree.

### Death of Mrs. Hawthorne.

It is with deep regret that we record the death of Mrs. Hawthorne, of Carrickblacker Road, which took place on Sunday, October 28th, after a long and very trying illness. We express our sympathy with her two daughters who have lost both parents within a year. The Misses Hawthorne do a splendid work amongst the children in Edenderry, and especially in connection with the Band of Hope. Much sympathy has been expressed by their many friends at the death of Mrs. Hawthorne, who was also herself deeply interested in the welfare of Seagoe Church and Parish.

### ITEMS.

Are you in arrears with your Weekly Envelopes? If so bring them with you to the Church on Sunday.

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The Rector lectured in the Orange Hall, Carleton Street, on Monday, October 29th, on "Old Portadown." The Lecture was given on behalf of the Portadown Unionist Labour Association.

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Mr. James Watson, of 6 James St., has Private Christmas Cards and Autograph Cards for sale suitable for Sunday School distribution. Call and see them.

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The Bible Class at Levaghery began its Winter Session on Thursday, November 1st, and will (D.V.) meet each Thursday during the Winter.

The Diocesan Synod will meet (D.V.) in Belfast on Tuesday, November 6th. Synodsmen are expected to attend the Celebration of Holy Communion in Belfast Cathedral at 10 a.m. on that day.

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On Tuesday evening, November 6th, a great Meeting of Church people will be held (D.V.) in the Ulster Hall at 8 p.m. Distinguished speakers will attend. The Musical items will be in the capable hands of the Rev. G. B. C. Olden, Minor Canon of the Cathedral. Tickets (no charge) may be had on application to the Rector.

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Miss Jellett, from the Chota Nagpur Mission, North-East India, gave an interesting Lecture on the work of the Mission in Seagoe School on Thursday, October 25th, at 8 p.m.

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A special meeting of the Select Vestry will be held in Seagoe School on Monday, November 12th, to consider the subject of a Memorial to the late Mr. Wolsey Atkinson.

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A Christmas Sale on behalf of the Parochial Hall will (D.V.) be held in the Parochial Hall on Friday, December 14th.

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We record with regret the death of Mrs. Gordon, of Lower Seagoe, and express sympathy with her bereaved son and daughter, who recently had to mourn the death of a brother.

## WITH THE "NINTH" IN FRANCE.

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

(Continued from October Magazine.)

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12th—Continued.

Fancy, the average daily consumption of amm. on the Somme since July 1st has been ten thousand tons! I find I can get Shill. appointed 2nd in Command from August 21, and Ensor Temp. Captain from same date, and Given from July 2nd. Quite a nice day. Gen. very affable. Small party here, only 2 A.D.C.'s, G.S.O. 1 and 2, and Comyn. Very comfy large room and good bed, electric light and bathroom. Had a good strafe on yesterday about men's washing place at Bulford, and have fairly stirred 'em all up! I read yesterday's "Times" at 9.30 p.m. last night. Pretty good. The R.E. and Pioneers were heavily strafed over the flood! Why, I can't think, I suppose they should have control over the elements. Had my hair cut to-day by Saunderson's servant, who was a hair-dresser at N. Counties Hotel, and is in 16th Pioneers. Did I tell you potatoes are getting very scarce?

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13th.

Got back at 10.30 a.m., in a car. Battalion Parade at 11 a.m., quite good, which was marvellous as it was the first we'd had for 6 months, I think, and I got about 360 men on Parade. Lovely day. Things are fairly humming now with regard to washing place, cookers and tables and forms for the Camp.

'Q' R.E. and medicos all buzzing round. I got back from 'B' Mess in time to have a chat with Keane. Charlie Hope's father left £400,000, besides £20,000 a year! Very pleasant dinner; such a nice lot. I enjoyed my week-end. We played 12th at Rugger, Saturday 7th, and beat them. They are very sore. A young Officer in the Brigade was killed on Patrol two nights ago, and another shot through the lungs.

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14th.

A dull day. The whole Battalion marches to B (Bailleul) for a beano—Cinema and Follies. Wander round town, tea, and home about 8 p.m. Rather an effort, but the men will like it. Hope it will keep fine. Cramsie has rejoined the 12th. They are fearfully short of old Officers, only about 3 of the original ones left. 13th and 11th much the same. We, I think, are a little better. C has been Brigade Intelligence Officer for a year. More R.E. buzzing round this morning laying on the water to ablation room and fixing up overhead cover, etc. A fair move on now. Good news about B Hamel. Can't say now how things are doing, but I don't think any great strategical advantage has been gained. It will take long yet, and England will have to strain every nerve to win a real victory. The danger is a stale-mate, and that gets more possible, I fear, as time goes on. We roughly get 3 leaves a week! and

214 have not been home yet, of those who came out with us. I told Div. H.Q. it was absurd to strafe R.E. and 16th over the flood.

#### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15th.

The day's outing was quite a success; fine day. Marched direct to Theatre, 1 hour concert, 1 hour cinema, and then 1 hour the men did what they liked, and loved strolling round and looking at shops. I took refuge in one of the Corps' Messes with Wilson and Berry, and had tea. We all fell in at 6 p.m. and were home by 7.30 p.m. I got you a handkerchief—it's Bailleul or Valenciennes lace. We've had 3 different Divs. on our right since 109th left. Don't quite know when they return. Lovely day but a biting wind. Not looking forward much to new H.Q. in Line. Savage said it was desperate work getting round the line and exhausted him. We've had Div. Band to play us on the road yesterday, and played this a.m., and the men are all the better for their 6 days' rest. **10 p.m.**—We got in here all right and are now in the new H.Q.—a long barn with a concrete shell, and pillars down middle. A good deal wants doing to it, but I think we can make it all right. It's rather vault-like and draughty at present. A cold, frosty night; feels like snow. This day last year we had our first heavy snow fall and the long march. It's a desperate trek round the front line from here. My abode here is actually larger than the Elephant. Of course its very easy on relief night.

#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16th.

Lovely sunny day, after frost. Very comfy night. Getting the place fixed up. Just back from a three hours' trudge round the lines. Not so bad as I expected. Downs done a good deal of work. I went out after lunch to visit one of the support Coys 'B,' which took 1½ hours. So am pleasantly tired after much pedestrian exercise. It was a lovely day for walking. Frost again to-night. Already the H.Q. is looking more comfy; tables fixed up and tablecloths. Good stove fixed, and another going in, 2 good lamps. We are getting chairs; canvas for the walls. The concrete is so cold and sweats. Another stove, and blanket curtains. After that I expect it will be quite cosy. The Downs' had done good work in the line. The Padre and Shill are splendid and planning things for the H.Q. Shill is simply untiring, was round the whole of the front and support line before breakfast, and came round with me in the morning. I believe they've given Military Medal to 2 N.C.O.'s whose names went in in May! One was poor Foster, from Lurgan, who was killed, and the other Sergeant Palmer, the Scout. Apparently their names were in "Times" of 13th November and Div. has asked me to verify their numbers. Why this delay?

#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17th.

Sharp white frost, and sunny morning. Quiet night with us. Shelves going up in my room, and tables. Things getting ship-shape. Bundle 308 pairs socks come. Another cloudless day, but bitter E. wind. I am the senior C.O. in the Division now.

"19th Century," "Contemporary," "Fortnightly" came to-day, and Burroughs' book, "The Fight for the Future," in which the Padre is now absorbed. **9.30 p.m.**—Weather changing, and I expect rain before morning. Did similar trek to-day. Front line from 10—1, and support from 3—4.30. I am making Jimmy Shepherd Sergeant Cook and am sending him on a cooking course. We want a reliable man supervising the cooks, to see the most is made of the rations. Our late Sergt. Cook, a treasure, has gone to England sick. M'Kane, R.S.M., also gone, and Turner, Pratt's friend from Remounts, got his place.

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18th.

A little snow in the night, and frost again. More snow coming, very cold. Quiet night. 2 men slightly wounded yesterday by shrapnel in arm and shoulder. It turned to cold rain about 11 a.m., and has continued all day. A miserable day and E wind—bitter. The ground with a bone in it, and greasy on top. With the thaw of course, trenches falling in, and work carried on under the worst conditions. Yes, I take it they have Beaucourt St. chateau, and village. Don't know about Redoubt. The guns seem to have done well. Really the flood was not so bad as it sounds, it might have been much worse; pouring rain, and heavy shelling. No sign of general leave yet. No, we shall not return to the Elephant. The risk of a flood is imminent. Lloyd has got Y.C.V.'s. I read the article in the "Times" of November 11th, and loved it. Have recommended Mat Espie and Campbell both to go to a Cadet School for 6 weeks before being Commissioned.

#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19th.

Rain most of night and still. River rising. Glad we're back here. Pratt's raid on a large scale (200). Great success. Got in, took prisoners, much equipment, maps, papers, etc., and killed many. Wind S.W., warmer. **4 p.m.**—Went all round Front and Support line this a.m., and having an easy time this afternoon. River very high, but if no more rain comes should be going down before morning. It's still rising, and some of the bridges are flooded, and trenches full of water. The Temporary appointments carry the pay with them. There is already a 5th Army, and maybe a 6th. D.H.Q. were not optimistic about an early end of the war, another year certain, and 2 possibly. The strafe about men's washing places effective. When we left the Camp pipes were being laid down, a building was being erected, and I hope when we get back all will be well. Yesterday one of our Sergts. shot a carrier pigeon that had settled on our parapet, about 20 yards from him (wonderful good shot). A German cipher message found in a small metal case on its leg, and German marks on its wing. Sent it on to the Corps. I doubt if they will decipher the code, but it proves the existence of a carrier pigeon service. It has not rained to-day since morning, so I trust the river will be down before the morning. It was very high about 6 p.m. Rea, my Assistant Adjt. has got a go of bronchitis, and Ozzard has also pushed off to hospital. (To be continued.)