

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

OCTOBER—NOVEMBER, 1921.

NOTICE.

The next number of the Magazine will be published on Saturday, December 3rd, and the price will be 2d.

The Harvest Services.

All the Harvest Services—those held in the Parish Church, as well as those in the outlying centres of the Parish—were very largely attended. The fine weather and the abundant supply of Fruit and Flowers enabled our decorators to excel all past efforts in their work. The Parish Church was a mass of beautiful richly coloured flowers and fruits. Roses were a special feature in the decorations at Hacknahay. Drumgor was conspicuous for its splendid corn fringe, and inscribed Marrows Levaghery School was brightened with magnificent Dahlias and graceful feather grass. Carne also had a fine decoration of Dahlias and gifts of splendid fruit. Edenderry will no doubt also have its full share of flowers and fruit when the Services are held there on Sunday, October 30th. God's natural and gracious gifts from Orchard and Field remind us how entirely we are dependent upon Him for all we have. The following Clergy kindly assisted at the Services—The Rev. H. B. Swanzy, Rev. J. M'Endoo, Rev. J. T. Belton, Rev. H. Molloy, and the Rev. W. Dunlop. Anthems were sung at the Services in the Parish Church and also at Carne and Levaghery. The Offerings for Local Expenses and also for Foreign Missions were in advance of other years. The Music, especially in the Parish Church, was very good, and much credit is due to Mr. T. H. Wilson, whose careful training of the Choirs was evidenced in many ways. The Church Choir is now very efficient, and all voices are well represented. God's praises in Psalm and Hymn are heartily sung at all Services, and the Divine Art of Music is enlisted to brighten and deepen our Divine Service in the House of Prayer.

The Rev. A. O. Draper.

The Rev. A. O. Draper entered on his duties as Curate-Assistant on Sunday, October 2nd, and later in the month came into residence at Carne House. Mr. Draper hopes in a short time to make the acquaintance of all the Parishioners, but it is slow work getting through 23 Townlands and populous Edenderry.

Men's Bible Class.

The Rev. A. O. Draper is forming a Bible Class for men in Seagoe School on Sunday mornings at 10 o'clock. The Class will meet for the first time on Sunday, November 6th. The Class will be open to all the men of the Parish. The limit of age will be 16 years. None under that age will be admitted. There are many men in the Parish who are desirous of instruction in the Word of God, and they should join the Class without delay.

Mission Week.

Our Annual House-to-House Collection for Foreign Missions will be made throughout the Parish during the week November 6th to 13th. An envelope will be left in each house. Everyone likes to help our Missionaries in the far distant Heathen lands who are carrying the light of the Gospel into the dark places of the Earth. When you place your offering in the Envelope ask God to bless it to the furtherance of His Kingdom.

School Concert.

Tickets are now on sale for a Concert to be given by the pupils of Seagoe School in Edenderry Parochial Hall on Thursday, November 17th, at 8 o'clock. A most attractive Programme has been arranged with a great variety of items. Buy your Ticket at once, and secure a seat. Two shillings will get you a reserved seat.

The Rev. W. T. Grey, M.A.

Seagoe people will congratulate the Rev. W. T. Grey, M.A., on his appointment to the important Parish of Moviddy, in the Diocese of Cork.

Our Sunday Schools.

Two members of the Select Vestry have during the past month taken up the most important work of Sunday School Superintendents—Mr. Thomas Martin in Drumgor Sunday School (in succession to Mr. George Gracey, who has gone to reside in Lurgan), and Mr. James Twinem in Seagoe Morning Sunday School.

Scout and Guide Notes.

The Scout rally at Shamrock Park last month was a great success. Seagoe and Edenderry Troops made a fine turn-out and won several prizes.

Seagoe Troop won the Tug-of-War. Mr. M'Court, who was Drill Instructor to the Guards Brigade in London, is indefatigable in training the Seagoe boys.

Edenderry Troop has secured a field for Football in Edenderry on Mr. Magowan's Farm.

A Scouts Bagpipe Band is in course of formation in Edenderry. Some of the Edenderry Scouts had a camp-out for a week lately in Ballyhannon. A pet cow in the neighbourhood of the Camp consumed several Camp fittings and part of a Mackintosh, but it still survives.

The Girl Guides have become very expert in handball games. The neat uniform of the Guides is now a familiar sight in the Parish, especially on Saturday afternoons, when they meet in Seagoe School. The Troop has greatly increased in numbers.

Parade Service.

The Rev. Major F. J. Halahan, M.C., Rector of Drumcree, has kindly consented to preach in Seagoe Parish Church on Sunday evening, November 13th, at 7 p.m., at a Scout Parade Service. The Seagoe and Edenderry Troops of Parish Scouts, and (it is hoped also) the Seagoe Girl Guides will attend the Service.

Chota Nagpur Mission.

Miss Henry, of the Dublin University Mission to Chota Nagpur, will address a meeting on behalf of the Mission in Seagoe School on Thursday, November 3rd, at 8 o'clock. Seagoe Parish supports a "Seagoe Cot" in the Hospital in Chota Nagpur, North Eastern India. Miss Henry has a most interesting story to tell of the Mission. A collection will be made for the Mission.

Band of Hope.

The Band of Hope meetings in the Parochial Hall are always good. On Thursday, November 10th, a Meeting will be held. Please remember the date. Attractive Programme. The ravages of strong drink in our midst are very sad. Drink turns Man into a Beast. Join our Band of Hope, which pledges the Children against the Drink Evil.

The Sustentation Fund.

The Annual Collection for the Sustentation Fund from those who have not joined the Weekly Envelope System, will be made during November. Larger subscriptions must be obtained if our new financial responsibilities are to be met. Have your subscriptions ready so that when the Collector calls you can hand it to him, and so save him from having to call a second time.

Accounts for 1920.

SEAGOE MEN'S CLASS.

RECEIPTS—Balance from 1919, 10s 9d; Collections to 31/12/20, £1 4s 1d; Due to Treasurer, 19s 2d.—£2 14s 0d.
EXPENSES—Caretaker, 14s; Income Tax, 13s 6d; Rates, 15s 2d; Coal, 11s 4d.—£2 14s 0d.

LEVAGHERY S.S. 1920.

RECEIPTS—Balance in hand, £1 3s 8d; Proceeds of Social, £2 5s 0d; Letting of School, per Mr. Atkinson, 10s; Flower Service, 15s 3d; Harvest Thanksgiving Service, 10s 1d; Harvest Thanksgiving Service, 16s; Monthly Collections, 16s 7d; Balance, 1s 11d.—£7 18s 6d.
EXPENDITURE—Repairs to Harmonium, £2 5s; Patent Lock, 2s 6d; Prizes, £2 9s 3d; Protestant Orphan Society, 15s 3d; Foreign Missions, 16s; Coal and Fir, 19s; Oil, 3s 6d; Glass and Repairs, etc., 8s.—£7 18s 6d.

ITEMS.

There were no Marriages in Seagoe for the three months June, July, August of this year. This is an unusual occurrence in the Parish, but may be accounted for by the scarcity of employment at present existing.

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Mr. A. J. Hall, whose marriage we announce in this issue, has the merit of introducing a new industry into Seagoe Parish. His Nursery at Drumnagoon, started some 18 months ago, has been carried on with great energy and success. It will well repay a visit from the Parishioners.

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Some very beautiful flowers have been placed at the base of our War Memorial Pillars in memory of the Fallen.

Mr. Joyce, who is at present staying at Eden Villa, hopes to be present at the Dedication of the Ulster Memorial on Thiepval Hill this month, so that Seagoe will have a direct representative at that solemn and impressive ceremony.

Parish Register—Sept. and Oct., 1921.

Baptisms.

The following were Baptized in the Parish Church on September 3rd, 1921:—

Maginnis—Isabel, daughter of Thomas Edward and Ruth Maginnis, of Breagh.

Sponsors—Thomas Edward Maginnis, Isabel Ruddell, Ruth Maginnis.

Grimason—Joseph, son of Edmond Woolsey and Sarah Grimason, of Portadown.

Sponsors—Jane Sharpe, Sarah Grimason.

Fletcher—Joseph Herbert, son of Joseph and Jane Eliza Fletcher, of Killicomaine

Sponsors—Frances Edith Livingston, Jane Eliza Fletcher

Carville—Edna Maud, daughter of Valentine and Amelia Anna Carville, of Killicomaine.

Sponsors—Margaret Tate, Amelia Anna Carville

Best—Francis John, son of Robert Henry and Margaret Anne Best, of Killicomaine.

Sponsors—Caroline Sloan, Margaret Anne Best.

Caddell—Myrtle Leonia, daughter of William John and Priscilla Caddell, of Kernan.

Sponsors—William John Caddell, Martha Walker, Priscilla Caddell.

BAPTIZED ON OCTOBER 1st, 1921.

M'Minn—Samuel, son of John and Charlotte M'Minn, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Anne Foote, Charlotte M'Minn.

Anderson—Margaret, daughter of Francis and Susan Anderson, of Drumgor.

Sponsors—Martha Jane Becket, Susan Anderson.

M'Murray—George and Thomas, twin sons of George and Martha M'Murray, of Lylo.

Sponsors—Martha Thompson, Martha M'Murray.

Russell—George Albert, son of Thomas Henry (late Sergt 2nd Batt. R.I.F.) and Anne Russell, of Clanrolla.

Sponsors—Thomas Henry Russell, Anne Russell.

PRIVATE BAPTISM.

Donaldson—October 11th, 1921—Frederick, son of Isaac and Mary Donaldson, of Killicomaine.

Marriages.

Carragher and Moore—5th October, 1921—William James Carragher, of Portadown, to Mary Kathleen Moore of Edenderry.

Hall and Coulter—25th October, 1921—Alfred James Hall, of Ballinagone, Parish of Drumcree, to Winifred Elizabeth Coulter, of Tarsan.

Burials.

Rogers—29th September, 1921—Mary Ellen Rogers, of Ballyhannon, aged 56 years.

Doherty—October 16th, William Doherty, of Tirsogue, Waringstown

Old Seagoe Notes.

Extracts from the Diocesan Registry of Dromore 1699-1783 (Record Office, Dublin)—Thos. Percy was consecrated Bishop by the Primate in the Castle Chapel in Dublin (May) 26th, 1782.

June 22, 1725—At the Annual Visitation held in the Parish Church of Magheralin it was ordered that a Vestry forthwith be called to raise money to alter East Window of Segoe by taking away all the stone within the arch of said Window, and instead thereof to put in glass and Iron bars edgeways to support the said glass.

Rev. John Campbell on 6th October, 1687, was instituted to Seagoe as Vicar. It was certified that on Sunday, October 16th, 1687, John Campbell read the Service morning and evening in Seagoe Church. Vicarage was vacant by the cession of Henry Jenuey, A.M.

Arthur Ford, priest, read service in Segoe Church on 24th January, 1730.

“By Divine Providence” changed to “By Divine Permission” by Dr. John Oswald, Bishop of Dromore, in 1763, was changed back by Bishop Percy in 1786.

Stewart Blacker was made Archdeacon of Dromore and Rector of Donaclooney on the 8th October, 1777.

Parish Almanacs.

This year we will have two Almanacs as usual. One the Seagoe Parish Almanac, and the other the Seagoe Kalendar. The Parish Almanac will contain four coloured

Pictures and a text for each day of the year. The Kalendar will contain one finely coloured Picture: “The boy Christ.” The Price of each will be three pence. They will be on sale on December 1st at Kyle’s Grocery Store, 16 Bridge Street, Edenderry. As the number of copies is limited you should secure one as early as possible.

ITEMS.

The Select Vestry are considering how the Churchyard around the present Church can be improved.

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The Banner for good attendance in Seagoe School creates great interest. It has been won in succession by Senior, Middle and Junior Schools.

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Laundry work is now taught in Seagoe School. The girls take much interest in this useful subject.

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There has recently been an increase in the numbers attending the Services in the Parish Church on Wednesday evenings.

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The Diocesan Synod meets in Belfast on Wednesday, November 2nd. Important work has to be done at it. Our Parish will be represented there by our elected Synodsmen—Messrs. J. G. Gracey, D. W. Murray, J. H. Stevenson, and James Twinem.

WITH THE “NINTH” IN FRANCE.

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

(Continued from August-September Magazine.)

Sunday, Feb., 27th—A fine mess and very comfy billets, about 300 yards away. Such luxury! Electric light, bed sheets, and charming little room. 4 Batteries of Heavy French Artillery billeted here, and the Officers dined with us. I had a French Officer on either side of me and talked away all dinner time. Very improving, but laborious. Got to Div. H.Q. 11 a.m. Waited here till 2.30 p.m. Lunched with — mess and had to talk to George Bruce O’Neill and others. A poor fellow was shot here this morning by sentence of Court Martial, for desertion. Gruesome! Snow all last night and roads very bad, I fear the Battalion will have a bad 4 days in the Trenches. The Course lasts for 1 week. They tell me the original move is on this week, in which case we should go in immediate support of 109th, who are in the line. I think the French are all right at Verdun. **Monday, Feb. 28th.**—Quite an interesting day. I am enjoying the Course greatly.

An Extraordinary Jump from Squalor to Luxury!

We began at 8.45 and went on till lunch at 12.45; then 2—4; 4.30 to 5.0, and lecture 6—7. Am learning some things. Of course, some of it is tosh! But the system of training and the instructors for the young Officers and N.C.O.’s is excellent and must do good. Kentish, the Commandant, is brainy and a good organiser, with sound

views, and full of common sense. More French heavy artillery going through, and the Officers coming to dine. We went to see their big Hows this p.m. Next Sunday is Barossa Day and Kentish has a scheme of taking me and some N.C.O.’s and Officers to the 1st Battalion for the day. He is very keen, and rightly, on esprit de corps, and is a great Irish Fusilier! **Tuesday, Feb. 29th**—A spring-like day, which is now turning to rain. Snow going, and everything slushy. We had a lecture on sanitation at 3 p.m., and now a hiatus till 6 p.m., when we have another lecture on “An attack by Canadians” by one of them. The School is very well run. Capable instructors and Kentish, a good schoolmaster, and does most things well himself. I hear the French are holding the Huns all right, but they themselves acknowledge to heavy losses. Repington seems to think we are going to see a big German attack by land and sea. I expect they’ve got some big guns and a lot of new ships. The ‘Maloja’ is a sad business. Here they say we’ve got a 3,000 ton submarine, which we’ve captured! A IV. Army now under H. Rawlinson We still remain 111 I think. 3 Canadian Officers came over from 70 miles and gave us an account of a cutting out expedition they made into Hun trenches in November last. They were only thirty strong. They killed 30 Huns and brought in 12 prisoners. A thrilling story, told quite simply. A really well managed show, well practiced and well carried out.

They are simply splendid.

From British Columbia they all were. Rain stopped this p.m. We are in Flaxicourt. **Wednesday, March 1st.**—We went to A (Abbeville?) and spent most of the day looking round the big Base Camp. Very interesting. Just in time for a 7.30 dinner and then the Ulster Div. Follies, under Singleton, gave a show which is only just over. We are taking over all that middle bit from the French, so I believe we actually stay where we are instead of moving as we thought. I'm glad on the whole as I hate taking over a new bit, and we are getting to know this bit. We had tea in a Patisserie place, and three of us, after some waiting, got seats. The place was crammed with French and English. A French lady came in and stood for some time, so we felt obliged to offer her a seat, and squashed up. She chattered away to us quite naturally, and at the end, when we got up to go, and saluted her, she said 'Milles Remerciments, Messieurs,' and then held out her hand, really a wonderful exhibition of good French manners, perfectly at her ease. She was not good looking, but well and quietly turned out, and very chic. It was only a trivial thing, but typical of French manners, and struck us all greatly, especially the way she put out her hand. We went in a regular 'bus, inside and outside seats. About 20 kilos. Kentish gave us a lecture in the morning on his experiences of the very bit of line we (the 9th) are in now. Very interesting. I feel the Course, and the talking over various problems with other Co.O.'s is very useful, and that I am deriving great benefit. **Thursday, March 2nd.**—We had an easy day; 2 lectures in a.m., 1 in p.m., and a most interesting demonstration of sniping, and some bombing and rifle grenade work. To-morrow we go to Amiens to see Flying and the French Camouflage, where they make all sorts of

Dummy Things like Trees,

tops of hills, woods, etc. The Course has been most excellent in every way, and I'm enjoying it greatly. Most of the star lecturers have failed owing, I suppose, to so many movements being on. Higgins was to talk to us on 'Flying,' Hussey on 'Atrillery,' and Vaughan on 'Cavalry,' and they have all failed. To-night we had a most interesting lecture by a Sapper Capt. on the 'Battle of Loos' from the R.E. point of view. We've been very lucky in the weather. Since the snow went it has been quite nice. It rained a bit this evening. One young C.O. commanding a Territorial lot told me he was given the Battalion after Loos, where they lost every Officer, and had only 190 men left. He had a fearful time re-organising, and after a fortnight had to go into the line. The French acknowledge very heavy casualties in the Verdun show, but the Germans have lost enormously. Not a word have I heard of the battle. I do trust they have not had a very bad time of it. **Friday, March 3rd.**—We had a very interesting day. First went to the Flying. Then on to Amiens, a sumptuous lunch, which was very pleasant, then on to Camouflage, which was really wonderful. They have some of the very best French sculptors at work there, and the results are, of course, life-like. Trees, graves, and canvas covers for hiding half made trenches. Then hair cut and home by 6 p.m., and a lecture. Very cold N.E. wind, and sleety snow. Simply bitter in the char-a-banc. Riddell in R.B., 2nd in Command of this School, goes about with us. A very nice fellow. Was an

instructor at Sandhurst and goes on Sunday to Command 8th R.B. He was in Germany doing an eye cure on July 29th, 1914, and managed to get out. The man he was with wouldn't come with him, and is still there, in prison. He gave us an account of his escape. Verdun seems all right, though they are making another attack. No sign of lack of men or munitions. Amiens is quite a good town, good shops,

Heaps of French Generals.

It seems ages since I came here, but has been very pleasant. **Saturday, March 4th.**—We go back to-morrow. Heard from Fergie to-day. 2 minor casualties only, but fearful delays in supplies, and discomfort in consequence. They've got to dump 1½ miles from Trenches at 2 a.m., and then had to be carried. Will let you know about candles. Hope some have arrived, but any amount will be wanted. Keep sending them and buy Socks, always socks. Send all you have and make more. The 1,000 you now are sending only make a pair a man. The Battalion is at its best now. We shall never replace it with finer men. It will break my heart, if I survive, to have it annihilated in a Push. Such a day, snow and sleet all day, and N.E. wind. Yes, I feel greatly refreshed by my week here. Kentish is very brainy. **Monday, March 6th.**—Got back here to Engelbr at 5 p.m. Found everything changed. B. and C. had gone into a new line or left instead of right of Downs. A and D were moving here and came in about 7 p.m. Pratt goes in this evening, and I relieve him Thursday. I go over this a.m. to see the line, which is knee deep in water. Snow again last night and to-day. Fearful upset of everything. People here, there and everywhere. No mess or Orderly Room here. However, I believe when things are sorted out we shall do 6 days in and 6 days out at Medauville, but we shan't go out till next week, as 12th don't come out till to-morrow, and will want 6 days rest. Meantime we stay here as the other place is full of troops. We are now in a new Corps X and IV. Army, Commanded by Rawlinson. Cramsie has gone into Brigade Office vice Ken., who has gone as bottle washer to Singleton. Padre has had to go to Field Ambulance as Manning is sick. Not room in line for more than 2 of Bn. H.Q. at a time—rather a nuisance. I think it is an easier bit of the line, and will be all right when the weather takes up. I have been ordered to send in the names of 3 Officers and 3 N.C.O.'s for reward, in Birthday Gazette! I protested we had done nothing so far to deserve honours, but was told to obey orders! I have sent in the following names—H. F., and C. J. I went into the line this p.m. Rode to Auchonvilliers and then walked down Trench, over knee deep in icy slush, in parts. I found Atkinson and the 2 Coys cheery as ever, and working away hard pumping and baling. They had improved things immensely by their hard work. The nights must be bad,

Standing in this Icy Slush.

I think it is a fairly easy bit of the line, and very straightforward, and no nasty places. A poor H.Q., only holds 2, and detached kitchen, and small stove. I expect cooking is sketchy. Pratt has gone in to-night and I shall go in on Thursday. Do you see they have made Going a Brigadier?

(To be continued.)