

# Seagoe Parish Magazine.

SEPTEMBER, 1922.

## The Sustentation Fund Report.

Our late Treasurer, Mr. Sands, has issued the Report of the Sustentation Fund Collection for 1921. It is most carefully made out and will well repay close study by the Parishioners. It is printed in sheet form, and for that reason is easier to understand at a glance than when in Book form. If any subscriber has not yet received his copy he should without delay ask his District Collector for it.

The Report differs in one material respect from any of its predecessors. It contain the first printed returns under the Weekly Envelope System. The mysterious letters W.F.O. affixed to many names signify that such a person has adopted the Weekly Freewill Offering method of giving. The results are easily seen. The amounts subscribed are out of all proportion to those formerly given, with the natural result that the Sustentation Fund for 1921 reached the highest total on record—£247 8s 3d. This amount was contributed by 390 subscribers. The sum subscribed by those who had joined the W.F.O. Scheme was £122 16s 3d., given by 120 subscribers, whereas the other annual subscribers numbering 270 only subscribed between them £124 12s 0d. In a word, for every £1 contributed by the W.F.O. subscriber the annual subscriber contributed only 7s 6d. These facts are sufficient to prove how greatly the Finance of the Parish will benefit by the Weekly Freewill Offering Scheme. The returns for the current year ought to show a great advance on last year, as so many more of the Parishioners have joined the scheme.

## District Harvest Services.

Harvest Services will be held (D.V.) in Hacknahay School on Sunday, September 24th, at 3.30, and on Monday, September 25, at 8 p.m. Harvest Services will also be held in Carne Church Hall on Sunday, October 1st, at 3.30, and on Monday, October 2nd, at 8 p.m.

## Seagoe Parochial School.

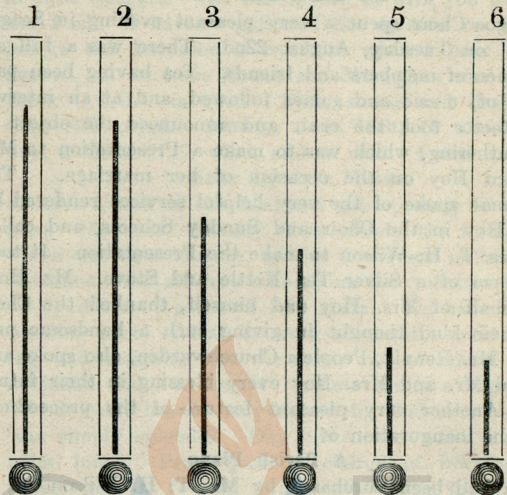
The outside of Seagoe School has been painted, and looks much brighter. At the Day School the attendance since the holidays has been very good. The Morning Sunday School is also very largely attended, thanks to the energy of Mr. James Twinem. Many new pupils have joined. Chairs for the Teachers have been bought, and the Prizes have been paid for.

## The Mothers' Union.

The Mothers' Union met in Carne and in Drumgor during the month. The Carne Branch had its meeting on Tuesday, 22nd August. The Hon. Sec., Mrs. Draper, and the members were present. An address on "Obedience" was given by the Rector. The Drumgor Branch met on Wednesday, August 30th. There was a good attendance of members, and the Rector, who presided, gave an address. The Edenderry Branch will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 5th.

## The W.F.O. in Edenderry.

Last month we promised to publish in this month's issue a diagram illustrating how Edenderry supported the W.F.O. Scheme. The numbered Barometers illustrate the amount subscribed during the first Quarter of this year by the various Districts into which Edenderry has been divided:—



1. Joseph Street subscribers, 1 in 5 of members of the Church.
2. James Street, 1 in 6.
3. C.B. Road, Century St., Killycomaine Road, 1 in 12.
4. Florence Court and Watson's Lane, 1 in 14.
5. Railway Street and Foundry Street, 1 in 20.
6. Bridge Street and Goban Street, 1 in 21.

## Jews' Society.

The Rev. I. E. Davidson, M.A., Deputation Secretary for the Society for Promoting Christianity among the Jews, will (D.V.) make an appeal on behalf of this great work in Seagoe Parish Church on Sunday, September 17, at Morning and Evening Prayer. Mr. Davidson is himself a Hebrew, and for that reason his words will come with greater force to his hearers.

## The Harvest Services.

This year the Harvest Thanksgiving Services will be held (D.V.) in Seagoe Parish Church on Thursday, October 5th, and on the Sunday following. The Preacher on Thursday will be the Rev. Edward A. Myles, M.A., Rector of Tullylish, and on Sunday at Morning and Evening Prayer the Rev. F. B. Aldwell, LL.D., Rector of Aghalee. The offerings on Thursday will be on behalf of Foreign Missions, and on Sunday on behalf of our Parochial Church Fund. In many ways the Harvest has this year been a prolific one notwithstanding the rainy weather, and once again it is our duty solemnly in the House of Prayer to render thanks to the Lord of the Harvest.

## A Children's Service.

It is hoped from time to time to have a Service of Morning Prayer in Seagoe Church, with special reference to the spiritual needs of the Children of the Parish. In this Service the Hymns, Collects, and Sermon will be arranged to help especially the younger members of the congregation. Parents are asked to bring their children with them to this Service. The first of the Services will be held on Sunday Morning (11.30), September 10th.

## Presentation.

Seagoe Choir spent a very pleasant evening in Seagoe School on Tuesday, August 22nd. There was a full attendance of members and friends. Tea having been partaken of, music and games followed, and at an interval the Rector took the chair and announced the object of the gathering, which was to make a Presentation to Mrs. Richard Hoy on the occasion of her marriage. The Chairman spoke of the very helpful services rendered by Mrs. Hoy in the Choir and Sunday Schools, and called on Mrs. T. H. Wilson to make the Presentation. It took the form of a Silver Tea Kettle and Stove. Mr. Hoy, on behalf of Mrs. Hoy and himself, thanked the Choir for their kind thought in giving such a handsome present. Mr. Rennix, People's Churchwarden, also spoke and wished Mr. and Mrs. Hoy every blessing in their future life. Another very pleasant feature of the proceedings was the inauguration of

### A Parish Piano

which had been purchased by Mr. T. H. Wilson out of the proceeds of his two great Concerts. It is a fine instrument in a handsome case, and will prove most useful in Parish Entertainments. It was inaugurated by Miss Mary Wilson, who played with great taste the Hymn "Nearer my God to Thee," with variations. Miss Montgomery then sang the same Hymn to another tune, and was skilfully accompanied by Miss Forsythe. Songs were also contributed by Miss Flannigan and Miss Kirby. Further games were joined in, and all separated at 10.15, the 11 o'clock Curfew being now in force. We desire to express our sincere thanks to Mr. T. H. Wilson for his efforts in securing a Piano for the Parish. It supplies a great and long-felt need.

## Sunday School Teachers' Excursion.

The Excursion has been arranged to go to Bangor on Saturday, September 23rd, the excursionists to meet at the Parochial Hall at 8.30 a.m. The members of the G.F.S. under Miss Calvert will accompany the Excursion. As there are only 34 seats available on the Charabanc arrangements have been made by which others wishing to go on the Excursion can do so by taking train to Bangor. Particulars can be had from the Superintendents of the Sunday Schools.

## ITEM.

We regret to record the death of Miss Anne Jane Metcalfe, which occurred last April in Hull, where she had resided with her brother, Mr. Samuel Metcalfe, since she left Tarsan some years ago.

## Parish Register for August, Baptisms.

The following were Baptized in Seagoe Parish Church on August 5th, 1922:—

**White**—Thomas David, son of George and Emma Jane White, of Kernan.

*Sponsors*—Mary Jane M'Cormick, Emma Jane White.

**Robinson**—Robert and Joseph, sons of Joseph and Mary Robinson, of Tammficarbet.

**Rea**—William Henry, son of James and Jane Rea, of Balteagh.

*Sponsors*—James Rea, Jane Rea.

**M'Murray**—Joseph, son of Joseph and Rebecca M'Murray, of Lylo.

*Sponsors*—Martha Thompson, Rebecca M'Murray.

### PRIVATE BAPTISM.

**Johnston**—August 25th, 1922, Edith Louisa, daughter of James and Elizabeth Johnston, of Kernan.

## Marriages.

**Milligan and Creadham**—August 5th, 1922, William James Milligan, of Edenderry, to Kathleen Mary Creadham, of Folkestone.

**Cassells and Forsythe**—August 9th, 1922, Edward Cassells, of Derrymacash, Parish of Ardmore, to Ethel Forsythe, of Upper Seagoe.

**Maxwell and Thompson**—August 21st, 1922, Richard Maxwell, of Edenderry, to Martha Thompson, of Drumgor.

## Death.

**Metcalfe**—April 16th, 1922, at 4 John's Terrace, Arundel St., Holderness Road, Hull, Anne Jane Metcalfe, formerly of Tarsan, in this Parish.

## Burial.

**Whiteside**—September 1st, 1922, Alexander Whiteside, of Edenderry, aged 80 years.

## Old Times.

Our readers always like to hear of Old Times. The Bridge at Portadown is always of interest to Seagoe people. It is the link that binds the Diocese of Armagh to the Diocese of Dromore. It is now a great highway of traffic; hundreds of motor vehicles and thousands of foot passengers cross it daily, and now that it has been widened the traffic seems greater than ever. But it was not always so. Sixty or seventy years ago few people and still fewer vehicles passed between its granite walls. Portadown was quite a small place, and visitors to the town were few and far between. One of the chief townsmen of these bygone days was old Dr. Bredon. His house commanded a view of the Bridge. He used, we are told, in his declining days, to sit in his window and watch what was going on in the quiet street of the little straggling town. Looking towards the distant Bridge and shading his eyes, he would sometimes say slowly to Mrs. Bredon: "Charlotte, I see a man with a carpet bag crossing the Bridge. I wonder who in the world he could be." In those days a single wayfarer with a carpet bag could cause a flutter in the town. How far we have progressed since those days of long ago!

*This was not Dr. Bredon, but Mr. Joyce, who lived on the site of the Belfast Bank.*

## WITH THE "NINTH" IN FRANCE.

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

(Continued from August Magazine.)

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14th, 4.15 p.m.**—You will get no letters, I shall receive none; but don't be uneasy. I'm sure the Battalion will do well. I pray it may not suffer. With a little luck we ought to be all right. We stay here till Monday; others leave to-morrow and the day after, so we score. Rain again last night and showers early, but it has now cleared up and is drying fast, but such a mess as everything is in. I managed to get a rum ration last night; the men were chilled to the bone, and their clothes were soaked. Owing to this advance of everything C.M.J. isn't going to take his leave. They have reduced our leave ration to 1 now. The Elephant is now occupied, you'll be glad to know. New B.M. appeared this a.m. on parade. He seems very youthful. **Thursday, June 15th.**—After a threatening morn early it has turned out fine and drying. Am doing a useful day's work in Camp; musketry, gas helmets, bayonet work, etc. Floods of orders and instructions keep coming in; hard to take them all in. Only 20 Officers are to be taken, and much grief and heartburning on those left behind. 'At.' will have his work cut out to get to us, but he'll succeed, I expect. I had a talk with new B.M., very short talk, but I was favourably impressed.—quiet and capable. We began our new daylight saving day to-day, 6 a.m. Was not like 7 a.m. Capital letters in "Times" on training of officers. Holt came over to-day with a petition that he might give his men a bath. He could find no one to do it. Fergie, of course, complied.

**He's a Wonderful Man.**

For he not only gathers all sorts of stores and things, but is quite willing to share them, which is quite unusual in Qr.-Mrs. The French are being pressed, I fear, at Verdun. The Russkys still doing good work. The men are really keen for a go at the Bosche. I know they will do well, and I have always delegated and left so much to Coy Commanders (perhaps too much) that I'm confident they'll handle their men well. Wonder did you see 'At.' **5 p.m.**—Our kit, reduced to Regtl weights, has to be packed on to baggage wagons before we move, and left with Fergie and Stronge. Surplus stuff will have to be stored somewhere; one can take very little into the line, and that will very probably be lost, except what one can carry; not much. **Friday, June 16th. 2 p.m.**—Have to be at Bde office at 2.30 for a conference. Morland very sound. 110th Bde is in 37th Div. Fine drying day: sun and N.E. wind. More instructions keep pouring in. We've done a useful day's work in the dry. 'Joseph' (Johnstone), who is a linguist, goes to the Corps to interrogate prisoners. Padre is coming with us, I'm glad to say, he will be splendid. A very cold night. **5 p.m.**—Have been sitting in conference for 2½ hours, and really nothing of importance settled. Hours wasted over unimportant details, and serious matters either laughed at or met by 'will find out.' Am muddled to a degree. Hope everything will be cleared up in time. Fergie has got the accessories of the camp so comfortable, and the whole

place has dried up grandly. Rather a dear old woman owns this house. She is mending Tiger's woolly for me. Am wearing it again it is so cold. **Saturday, June 17th —1 p.m.**—We had a satisfactory morning practising attack by ourselves; no one to waste our time. We had an aeroplane to practise signalling to, and everything was successful. Too late to send food tucks now. I may get in meat lozenges. The Bishop will be with you the day of the Push. I haven't gathered the opinion re exclusion, but in the Battalion it is, from what I hear, strongly against, as we have Cavan and Monaghan men. Yes, I think G.S.O.I is good. Fine, sunny and drying day. Cold N.E. wind. **Sunday, June 18th, 10 a.m.**—Such a day, a bitter N.E. wind, and so cold. I was to have

**Gene Up in a 'Plane**

to have a look at the line, and got up early for the purpose. However, the day is so cloudy the flying people would not take me up, as one could see nothing. The Battalion were all very nice about the 'mention,' but it's really due to them as I told them. We have to find a working party of 600, to work all night, which is harrying and fatiguing for the men, but of course it's unavoidable and a necessity. **4 p.m.**—Quite a large Church Parade, and heard many stayed for 2nd service. Padre was simply splendid. Day turned out warm and sunny after lunch. Pratt goes in charge of working party, leaves here at 6 p.m. and won't return till 7 a.m. at earliest. We don't go into line till Tuesday. Peake was much fatter; delighted to get away from W.O.; was interesting and optimistic. I believe the Govt. are working the American scare very hard, but I hear it's quite bogus. **June 18th**—Farnham is back. Been on the rush all day, though I did get up an hour too soon. Operation orders and confabs with Coy Commanders, and now a demonstration of wire cutting, about 2 miles away. This delay will enable 'At.' to join us here to-morrow night. Young Shill. has been commanding 'B' with great success. Rather fear have got a cold from this bitter wind, but there is no time to be ill. **9.30 p.m.**—A calm peaceful evening, but cold. 3 new Officers joint to-night from 3rd Battalion, I think. I like our new medico—Burrows—very much. Berry came to see us last Sunday; he is hard at office work, with X Corps. I am delighted he will be out of the Push. I take 4 Officers a Company; Lutton, Signalling Officer; Ensor, M.G. Officer; Flood, bombing Officer; Pratt and Cather. After a wait of 1½ hours the demonstration in wire cutting never came off, owing to old S. muddling. Our 'planes very busy in p.m. At one time a fleet of 12 were over this place. The 1st Bn. are now at Maily-Maily, about 4 miles away. The 15th were in the line when the Bosche raided, and behaved very well. About 100 yards of front line was obliterated literally by Bosche fire.

**Cather is Extraordinarily Good**

as Adj. The work is constant, night and day; he is methodical and never forgets anything. I leave all details to him with the greatest confidence. I am certainly served with the best of subordinates, Stronge, Fergie,

Cather and young Ensor, and indeed Lutton and Flood could not be bettered. Saw Hugh O'Neill for a minute to-day. **Monday, June 19th.**—Dull day, not so cold. We don't go up till Wednesday, possibly Thursday. Saw Morland this a.m. and had a short chat. **Tuesday, June 20th, 12.30.**—Another dry day and not too cold. 'At.' brought me your letter. He was very beaming and full of chat. I saw Sgt. Johnston, and thanked him for going to see you. I hear 5 more Officers are coming. We don't move to-morrow, I hear. Can't think what the delay means. Anyway I don't complain. Yes, it was advanced somewhat suddenly. No one is allowed to take letters home, under penalty of losing their leave. So one couldn't ask any one to do so. All leave is stopped. **Tuesday, June 20th, 3 p.m.**—3 Officers have turned up from 10th Battalion, I think. Seem ordinary. Of course, they are not much use, and we don't take them with us, as we are limited to 20. Preserved ration began to-day. A new C.S.M. has come from 10th Battalion, one Livingstone, who was a Sergeant in 2nd Battalion; has 12 years' service, and looks a smart fellow. Am much relieved. The other 2 Officers I saw this a.m. They arrived about 11 p.m. Nothing startling either way. One was appointed in T.F. Black Watch, Lynas by name. Locke and Craig are the other 2. The men had a very long night of it—left at 6 p.m., got back 6 a.m.—a 10 mile march and some heavy carrying to do, but they worked splendidly. It's now trying to rain. Morland tells me we brought down 2 Hun 'planes yesterday evening, and there was much activity in the air. Rather a quiet night as the men are mostly sleeping and resting. They wanted to send some of them again to-night, but I fought it and got off. The fine weather still continues, and the whole camp dried up, and the roads deep in dust, but it turns very cold in the evenings. Charlie came round to our Camp about 6 p.m. Didn't get much news from him. Young Cramsie returned from leave to-day. It's not fair that these young

#### Bottle Washers on Bde. Staffs,

should absorb so much of the leave ration to the exclusion of older men who are having the hardships of Trench life. To make matters worse Menaull had to do C's work whilst he was away, in addition to his (M's) own work, and I found Chas. sending him all over the country on his work. However, I told M not to do anything of that sort without reference to me. **Wednesday, June 21st, 2.30 p.m.**—A lovely day. Conference with C.O's of next Div. this a.m. to settle various tocks. Fairly satisfactory. More rescripts threatening pains and penalties, and even the privilege of writing home stopped, if more letters disclosing information were sent home. I hope the weather has taken up now. We shall probably get it very hot, but the nights are cold. **9.30 p.m.**—It was a lovely warm day but the evening has turned chilly. Bob Maxwell came over to tea and was very chirpy. To-morrow we practise the attack again. Farnham is leaving and returning to N.I.H., to command a Squadron. The 3 Squadrons have been brought together and made into a Regt., and they have brought out some cavalry dug out to command them, at which they are furious. I hear Somerset Saunderson succeeds Farnham. **Tuesday, June 22nd, 3 p.m.**—This is the last letter you can rely on getting for some time.

I will try and get others off, but it's very chancy. So hot to-day I suppose we are in for the other extreme now; it's certainly better, but the cold nights make it difficult to legislate in the way of clothing. **4.30 p.m.**—Was called away to see to various tocks. Will write agan, probably to-night, on chance of posting it somewhere, but at present don't see much chance. **9.45 p.m.**—Hope to be able to post this at Mesnil to-morrow passing through. This is the first warm evening we have had, and there is a haze, which I am sure is 'all for heat.' We have now 42 Officers! I hardly know even the names of the last 6 that have come. Stronge has clipped his hair, and presents a strange appearance! **Friday, June 23rd.**—Only a line; everything packed. I believe no letters out to-day. I think Lt. George will be good as War Minister. Saw Farnham to-day. He is depressed at the muddle and misunderstanding. Says Carson has been tricked. It's simply a roasting close day. **June 24th (Saturday)**—Fergie has sent in the letters. Rather a bad relief. Heavy thunderstorm 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.; turned the tracks into mire, and trenches into rivers. Kit and men got very wet. Not finished till midnight.

#### Bombardment Now Going on,

but at present not very severe, and the Bosche has not warmed up yet. The Elephant is very safe, but of course pitch dark, but really excellent. Have hardly brought anything in except coat. B.W., one blanket, and washing kit. The march over the track by which we were ordered to come was intensely hard on the men, and they were quite cooked, but are perking up to-day. Heavy showers with sun in between. **Sunday, June 25th, 3 p.m.**—A line on chance of some one going out. Bombardment still continuing, Bosche not replying much. Last night he put in a lot on our front line and we had 2 killed, and 11 wounded. Cloudy, warm, and no rain to-day. Fergie came in later yesterday himself and brought us some fresh meat. We bought 550 fresh loaves of bread and brought them into the line with us. They took a lot of carrying, but it was well worth it. Heating water is a difficulty for the men; only a little coke, no cookers. As long as it's fine it doesn't matter, but it's hard for them to get dry, once wet. **5 p.m.**—Meat lozenges came all right. Cold never materialised. Fergie up again, very good of him. **Monday, June 26th, 4 p.m.**—Just a line. Noise fearful and never ceasing. 3 more casualties (all wounded), 1 Officer, Stewart slight; Sergeant M'Cappin, Lurgan, severe. Orders and instructions pour in. 2 enormous packets and 2 cipher messages at 1 a.m. this morning! The different Units I have to fit in and to place grows apace. We are getting very bored with the din. The Bosche is not retaliating on us much. Reports of all sorts have to go in nearly hourly. Pratt's doing good work recording, and being most helpful. Awful week. No mail in to-day. **Tuesday, June 27th**—A chance of sending out a letter. We had about 20 casualties yesterday—3 killed—Sgt. M'Cappin, Lurgan; Cordy, Portadown; Ogle, Lurgan, I think; Sergeant Girvan and Vennard also wounded, but not dangerous. Heavy rain all night and to-day so far; makes things unpleasant. Shill turned up yesterday.

(To be continued.)