

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

APRIL, 1923.

Easter Day Services.

8 a.m.—Holy Communion.

11.30 a.m.—Morning Prayer, Sermon, and Holy Communion.

7 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon.

The Offerings at all Services will be on behalf of our Parochial Sunday Schools.

The Easter Vestry.

The Annual Easter Vestry will be held (D.V.) in Seagoe School on Thursday, April 5th. All members of the General Vestry are expected to be present. A statement on the finances of the Parish will be made by the Hon. Treasurer. The new Churchwardens will be appointed, and the Select Vestry for the ensuing year will be elected. This is a very important meeting, and we look for a full attendance of the General Vestry.

The Glebe Purchase Scheme.

At a meeting of the Select Vestry held on Monday, March 12th, it was decided to ask the Parishioners for subscriptions towards the completion of the Fund for the purchase of the Rectory. It is hoped that by June 1st the total sum required—£950 5s 2d—will be in hand. The balance that remains to be subscribed is some £70. The successful completion of the Fund will mark the close of an effort which has extended over a period of some 12 years. It will also bring the Parish appreciably nearer the attainment of the legal standard of a Free Rectory, which is now the rule in all but 20 Parishes in the United Diocese.

The Mothers' Union.

On Tuesday, April 10th, a combined meeting of the Drumgor, Carne and Edenderry Branches will (D.V.) be held in Edenderry Parochial Hall at 4 p.m. The usual monthly meetings in Carne and Drumgor will not be held this month. With the advent of the fine summer weather we look forward to many pleasant outdoor gatherings for the hard-working mothers of the Parish. Mothers from all parts of the Parish should join the Mothers' Union.

Off to Canada.

Many young people are emigrating to Canada. Before any member of the Church of Ireland leaves Seagoe they should ask the Rector for a letter of reference to a Clergyman in Canada or the States, which he will give with the greatest pleasure. Emigrants should bring a Bible and Prayer Book with them, and when they reach their destination should, without delay, enquire which is their Parish Church. They will find the Church awaiting them there just as in the old country.

South American Missionary Society.

COLLECTIONS 1922-23.

Boxes—Mrs Walker 6s 3d; Mrs M'Dougall, 6s; Mrs Lewie, 10s 10d; Miss S. Montgomery, 6s 7d; Miss Margretta Atkinson, 1d; Miss Calvert, 11s; Miss Sarah Price, 4s 9d; Miss Lizzie Reid, 10s; Miss Agnes Guy, 3s 8d. **Card**—Miss Isobel Atkinson, £6 7s 6d. **Offer-tories**—Seagoe, £7; Hacknahay, 8s.—Total, £16 14s 8d.

G.M.S. Boxes—1922—1923.

Total, £11 10s 8½d.

Hacknahay, £6 8s 7½d; Seagoe, £1 15s 0½d; Edenderry, £1 11s 7d; Drumgor, £1 1s 5½d; Carne, 14s.

Hacknahay—Mrs. Bradshaw, 7s 8½d; Miss Rachel Black, 4s 2½d; Miss Minnie England, 5s 7d; Miss Sophia M'Murray, 1s 4½d; Mrs. Quinn, 3s 8d; Mrs. Neill, 1s 3d; Mrs. Thos. Neill, 2s 11d; Mrs. Henry Neill, 6s 8½d; Miss Abraham, 9s 6d; Miss Sarah Maginnis, 6s; Miss Jane Currie, 1s 9d; Miss Rodgers, 6d; Miss Grace Best, 4s 3½d; Miss Esther Livingstone, 7s 6d; Mrs. Craig, 2s; Miss Minnie M'Cormick, 2s 2d; Mrs. N. England, 6s 1½d; Mr. Samuel Jennett, 9s 8½d; Mr. Wm. J. Calvert, 2s 2d; Miss Rebecca Calvert, £2 3s 6d.

Seagoe—Mrs. Rennix, 9s 9½d; Miss Lucy M'Donald, 4s 5d; Miss Isa Best, 3s 1d; Mrs. Ramsey, 2s 6d; Seagoe Girls' Bible Class, 11s 2½d; Seagoe Afternoon Sunday School, 4s 0½d.

Edenderry—Mrs. H. Stoops, 2s 6d; Mr. Wm. Tedford, 1s 6d; Mrs. Gracey, 6d; Mrs. C. Magee, 3s; Mrs. Flannigan, 1s 8d; Mrs. Ellis, 4d; Mrs. Thos. Dawson, 5s 8d; Misses Atkinson, 4s 7½d; Mr. Thos. Metcalf, 5s 7d; Mrs. Johnston, 1s 2½d; Miss G. E. Atkinson, 5s.

Drumgor—Mrs. S. Best, 3s 1½d; Mrs. M'Mullan, 7s 3d; Miss Hannah E. Martin, 3s; Miss Madge Gracey, 1s 6d; Mrs. Hopps, 2s 6d; Miss Lizzie Gracey, 4s 1d.

Carne—Miss Lavery, 2s; Mrs. Price, 2s 6d; Mrs. Caddell, 2s; Mrs. G. Simpson, 11d; Miss Coulter, 1s 6d; Mrs. Murray, 3s 1d; Mrs. Martin, 2s.

The Royal Seago Infantry.

A most interesting article appeared in the "Belfast Evening Telegraph" of Wednesday, March 21st, 1923, on the "Royal Seago Infantry" by our distinguished Ulster Antiquarian, Mr. Francis Joseph Bigger, M.R.I.A. Mr. Bigger had paid a visit to Seagoe during the week before, and had visited the Rectory and seen the records of the "Yeos" now in the possession of the Rector. He also visited Old Seagoe Graveyard and Church and saw the grave of Sergeant-Major Tolerton Lutton and of Colonel Wm. Blacker. Later he visited Mrs. Bright, who showed him a Badge, Holster and Musket of the Yeomanry. The picture of Old Seagoe Church (restored), which was drawn by Miss G. Atkinson,

of Eden Villa, for the cover of Seagoe Magazine, was also reproduced in the "Telegraph." A fine block of a large Silver Cup presented to Sergt.-Major Tolerton Lutton by Col. Wm. Blacker, also a portrait of Col. Wm. Blacker, and a reproduction of a Seagoe Infantry Badge illustrated the article. Those who are interested in these subjects should procure a copy of the paper from the "Evening Telegraph" Office, Royal Avenue, Belfast.

Band of Hope.

The Band of Hope workers in the Parish are stirring themselves, and some very successful gatherings of young people have recently been held. The workers broke new ground last month by holding a meeting in Levaghery School. The room was crowded, and a most interesting programme was provided, consisting of Temperance Choruses, Solos and Dialogues. The accompaniments were played by Miss Atkinson and the Misses Hawthorne. The choir singing was very good, and reflected great credit on those who trained the children. The Rector presided, and gave an address on "Total Abstinence." He referred to the recent Anti-Prohibition meeting, and suggested that the "Teetotal Cranks," as they have been nicknamed, should redouble their efforts to promote the cause of Righteousness, Thrift and Sobriety.

Parish Register for March. Baptisms.

The following were Baptized in the Parish Church on March 3rd, 1923 :-

Liggett—Thomas Henry, son of Isaac and Joanna Liggett, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Susanna Liggett, Joanna Liggett.

Gracey—James, son of Joseph and Martha Jane Gracey, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Susanna Liggett, Martha Jane Gracey.

M'Dowell—Charles, son of William James and Anne Maria M'Dowell, of Levaghery.

Sponsors—Caroline Jennett, Anne Maria M'Dowell.

PRIVATE BAPTISM.

White—On 22nd March, 1923, Walter George, son of Woolsey James and Margaret Wilson White, of Bocombra.

Burial.

Atkinson—March 17th, 1923, Francis Dynes Atkinson, of Belfast, aged 35 years.

ITEMS.

Seagoe School will (D.V.) reassemble after the Easter Holidays on Monday, April 9th, at 9.30 sharp.

Mrs. Lusk (formerly Miss Bright) and her daughter from Connecticut, U.S.A., are on a visit with Mrs. Bright in Edenderry. Mrs. Lusk is the wife of the Rev. W. Lusk, a Rector in the Diocese of Connecticut.

The old Belfry at the Rectory has been rebuilt. It had to be taken down, as it was in danger of falling.

The Rev. John Redmond, M.A., Rector of St. Patrick's, Ballymacarrett, Belfast, will preach in Seagoe Church on Sunday, April 8th, at Evening Prayer.

The Rev. J. M'Cleary, M.A., Deputation Secretary S.P.G., will preach in Seagoe Church on Sunday, April 15th, at Morning and Evening Prayer.

The Seagoe Girl Guides are giving an Entertainment in Edenderry Parochial Hall on Monday, April 9th. An attractive Programme has been arranged.

The Rev. W. T. Wilson, B.A., hopes to enter on his duties as Curate of Seagoe on June 1st.

The following preached at the Services in Holy Week—the Rev. G. C. Johnston (Shankill), Rev. W. R. Orr, LL.D. (Gilford), the Rev. G. Montgomery (Mullavilly), and the Rev. W. E. Hurst (Moira).

Mr. Charles Montgomery has joined the Portadown Fire Brigade.

A very attractive display of Coffee products is on view at Messrs. T. J. Montgomery's, High St.

Some interesting Advertisements appear in our Advertising columns.

The Easter Anthem "Awake thou that Sleepest" will be sung by the Choir on Easter Day.

The Lurgan Choral Union, of which Seagoe Choir is a member, will hold its Annual Choral Festival in Knocknamuckley Parish Church on Saturday afternoon, May 26th. The Preacher will be the Lord Primate.

The Rector preached at a special Lent Service on March 16th in Armagh Cathedral on the invitation of the Dean of Armagh.

The Swallow, the Corncrake and the Cuckoo are due this month. Who will be the first to hear or see them? Send in your name and date for publication in our next issue.

The Rev. Dr. Walker, who recently preached in Seagoe Church, has been made a Canon of Connor Cathedral.

Mr. Russell, of Drumgor, has called his house in Salisbury Avenue, Belfast, "Drumgor," after his native townland.

"Expression" work is a great success in Seagoe Sunday School.

Superintendents and Teachers in our Sunday Schools please be punctual. The Teacher should be in the class before the children arrive. God's work if it is to be done should be done well.

Old Seagoe Notes.

Cholera in Tandragee, 1833.—"Belfast Guardian," Friday, Nov. 15th, 1833.—Died on the morning of Monday, the 11th inst., at Pointzpass, Mr. James M'Connell, of Tandragee, in the County of Armagh. The awful disease with which it has pleased Divine Providence to visit this country recently broke out with great malignity in Tandragee, and Mr. M'Connell with his family had retired to the house of a friend 4 miles off in the hopes of escaping infection when he was seized with Cholera on Sunday, which terminated his existence in a few hours. In all the

relative duties of life as a husband, father and friend he was kind, affectionate and sincere. Of unbending integrity, his every action was guided by the strictest rectitude, and he died as he had lived, a truly honest man. He bore the excruciating pains of the disease with the utmost fortitude, and without a sigh or murmur meekly resigned his spirit, resting all his hopes on the merits of the great Redeemer.

Deaths from Cholera, 36; Recovered, 26; under treatment, 25.

Dr. Patton had a slight attack. Lord and Lady Mandeville stayed at the Castle. Many fled.

WITH THE "NINTH" IN FRANCE.

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

(Continued from March Magazine.)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8th.

They hadn't got their plans out for the working parties, so we scored. Next time we will be hard at work digging. A draft of 90 arriving to-day. Hear they are Notts and Derby men. It's warm again to-day, mist early, but no rain. I fear very little rain will turn these trenches and this place into a sea of mud. Padre has taken over the mess, and already an improvement. Finger all right again; due I think to lack of veg. and tinned things perpetually. 10.45 p.m.—Went round our new line this evening, 3 hours solid walking from here. Rather weary, and so hot. Saw Holt. He will act as 2nd in Command of Downs till Bob Maxwell returns. The draft came in this evening, and I inspect them in the morn. Fergie says a fine looking lot.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9th.

Another roasting day. I think 6 days in the line will be enough here. Cole-Hamilton succeeds Pelly in 8th R.I.R. We go in to-night, leaving here at 9.30 p.m. Hope it won't be a late Relief. These 18 pdrs. of ours have begun their afternoon's strafe, and collected thought is impossible.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10th.

Relief finished by mid-night. Downs had a man killed by M.G. fire while going out, and 12th a man wounded coming in. We relieved 13th, and 12th relieved 11th. The Division is full of Majors waiting for Commands. Well here we are in Stinking Farm, quite the worst we've struck, small, smelly and unhealthy. To-day is muggy and damp, and we are all feeling slack and cross. 4 beds in 3 places which I think were pig-styes when the farm was a going concern. I wandered round the trenches at 4 a.m. and again at 11, and am weary, and hot, and slack. The flies are very bad here. There is such heaps to be done, both from the defensive and the comfort—sanitary—point of view, one doesn't know where to begin. I find that moving one from one bit of line to another, like we have done from last tour to this, is apt to knock the go and keenness out of one, certainly at my age. Then

the flood of memos fired at one, all wanting an immediate answer. They trench mortar the front line every p.m. about 4. They haven't begun to-day; have taken precaution of moving nearly every one back from trenches they usually strafe. A gunner come to discuss some defence scheme.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11th.

Will send Lady Carson's Fund a sub. from Battalion Funds. They are evidently doing good work. M'Calmont writes me that a working party of 2nd Irish Guards have found Townsend's body and buried it. Very warm to-day. Was round at 5 a.m. and again with Charlie at 11 a.m. They put over T.M.'s in large numbers yesterday p.m., about 50, and many 4.2 shrapnel. No damage done luckily, but the ground shook and the noise was bad. We retaliated with Hows; M.G. fire severe last night; 2 men of a ration carrying party, M'Commick and Corken, both 'B' Coy., wounded by M.G. Former is a gallant old bird, father of 10! They've begun the afternoon's performance with T.M.'s, but not severe so far. I am in hopes Padre will get leave as a special case, to see his father, who is 94.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12th.

Such a roaster to-day. Thick fog up to about 8 a.m. You will see by enclosed that I am losing Pratt. I am very sorry. Of course, he has been of enormous help to me. Have been wandering round trenches, planning, etc., and making preparations for the winter. I believe we shall move our H.Q. shortly to another farm—better in all respects, but too far from the front line. G.S.O.I looked in to-day; so pleasant and helpful. I am sitting in shirt sleeves (as I have been all day) and perspiring at every pore. The afternoon Trench Mortar strafe now begun. I got a delicious 'dig' at Bde. Staff to-day.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13th.

A sprinkle of rain in night, and it's cooler to-day, but the night was very warm. The usual M.G. fire at night, and to-day about lunch time they put about 8 4.2's near this. No damage. The 11th R.I.R. did very well on July 1st. This is a very bad place

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for Hun gas, and when the wind is E. special precautions have to be taken. The wind is now N.W. I'm glad to say.

An Officer and 2 men who have been recommended for award are to go to be seen to-morrow by the King. Padre and Sergt. Lucas are going. Duke just been in and had a chat, pleasant and helpful. 5 p.m.—The usual T.M. strafe has begun, but on our left, and our Hows. and 18 pdrs. are replying; such a din going on. Wire come in cancelling visit to King.

MONDAY, AUGUST 14th.

Trying to rain, but warm. They altered again, and this morn Padre and Lucas went (they didn't take Barbour.) Personally I am very sceptical about any of our men being prisoners. Fairly quiet last night except for usual M.G. They scattered a little big stuff round this a.m. and yesterday p.m., but no damage. I think they are short of guns here. Our guns are firing night and day, which must harry them, but they don't retaliate. Sun come out and rain cleared off.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15th.

Pratt goes to 11th Inniskillings, Hessey's old Batt. Thought you'd like Ensor. He's a splendid fellow. Flies bad here. We had such a good little show last night. Patrol, 2 Officers and 16 men, went out and laid traps for Bosche, which he walked into. 4 German prisoners, and 3 others killed. No casualties on our side. Show thought out and planned and carried out by Godson, a capable youth. We sent a bogus telephone message to front line Coys with idea of Bosche overhearing, which we believe they are able to do, that Patrol of 4 was going out at midnight to a certain place. Actually sent a Patrol of 18 some 100 yards further, and at 9.30 p.m. Bosche's Patrol of 7 walked into them. I went up to front line at 11 p.m. and took my place on the parapet. At 11.25 p.m. the show began, and very soon back came the Patrol with 4 Germans, 1 slightly wounded. I came to Battalion H.Q. with them, searched them and could find nothing. Said they didn't understand English, so aloud on the 'phone I asked B.M. if I should shoot them, but not a wince out of them. The B.M. thought I was in earnest and said "For God's sake don't." We then packed them off to Bde H.Q. The Battalion much bucked up over it. The Corps have been harrying to get a prisoner, so Div. delighted. Prussians, fine well set-up, in good condition, one obviously pleased, others sullen. You would have smiled to have seen me in a tiny dug-out interrogating them, every word of German I ever knew having left me. O.N. came to see me mid-day, very pleased. Am to go to Div. H.Q. to-morrow for 2 days' change. Am sending in Godson's name for M.C.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16th.—"Mont Noir."

Here I am at Div. H.Q. Very comfy chateau on a hill, with a lovely view for miles. They sent a car, and after 10 mile drive got here for lunch. Gen.

and all his staff very affable. Somerset Saunderson has taken Farnham's place. The Relief went off all right, one man in the transport slightly wounded; tin hat saved his life. Was in bed at 2 a.m. Padres goes off on a fortnight's leave to-night. The King did not decorate any of them, alas! but spoke to them all. We are now in a new Corps, the IX. I believe Hamilton Gordon commands. The peace and quiet of this place is very resting, and the change very pleasant. All are very nice about the little show of curs. Shooter, whom I saw this a.m. was delightful. I spoke to D.M. about Shill being made 2nd in Command, so I hope that's all right. The Corps have been harrying the Div. for a prisoner to find out who are opposite to us, and of course all Battalions were being worried about it. Consequently the feeling of relief and thankfulness from the Div. to the C.O.'s is enormous. Am sending Godson's name for M.C. and Corpl. Clements' for D.C.M., and I think I have ensured their being favourably considered here. They have a Div. band here which plays daily. Two anxious nights in succession have given me a head. I'm all right if I get my sleep regular.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17th.

'Pak' has gone home with neurasthenia. Had such a peaceful day. I lay out in the hay in the shade, and listened to the wood pigeons. After a 9 a.m. breakfast I read the "Times" and then went and inspected the 2 offices—'G' branch with Place and Bruce, and then 'Q' with Singleton, and put forward various suggestions and views, which were received in a most friendly spirit. The Gen. went off to the trench line about 9.30 and is only just back. I must say he's more than kind and thoughtful, and insists on my doing exactly what I like, always ready to chat and discuss men and affairs. A heavy shower from 1—3 p.m. Sun come out again now, but everything moist and sticky. So like home. A most comfy bed and a peaceful rest night and day—a lovely view from my window for miles, as far as you can see a constant stream of Verey lights going up and showing the front line; very wonderful effect at night. Appleton, the Asst. Provost Marshal, was bitten to-day by a mad dog, and has gone to Paris for Pasteur treatment. Can't think that leave will not be re-opened till Nov. The Push must finish by end of Sept., and then I fancy leave will be re-opened. I hear the French don't like our going on leave during the Push. Hooper is here with me, and enjoying the change. There is a large bath here! Electric light! Betsy Jane very well, but hates the flies and the heat. Cooler and cloudy to-day, but no rain. Showers yesterday. No sign of our men from the Rifles yet. Am stirring here about it. I see Holt pretty often. Don't think our other H.Q. will be ready for some time. S.F. is improved, and will do as long as fine weather lasts. The new one is so far from our front line, though no further from Bosche line on our left.

(To be continued.)