

Seagoe Parish Magazine



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1815-1915.**

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SERVICES.

HOLY COMMUNION.

1st Sunday, after Morning Prayer; 3rd Sunday at 8 a.m., and on the Chief Festivals.

HOLY BAPTISM.

1st Saturday of Month at 3 p.m. and during any Service in the Parish Church, if notice be given. Two Sponsors at least are required and they must be confirmed members of the Church. Churchings are held at each Baptism. Mothers are expected to bring a thankoffering. (See Book of Common Prayer)

MORNING PRAYER.

Sundays and Chief Festivals at 11-30 a.m.

EVENING PRAYER.

Sundays at 7 p.m.; and at Tammficarbet at same hour.

Classes and Schools

ADULT CLASSES.

Sunday at 10 a.m.

For Men—Recreation Rooms, Edenderry and Seagoe Orange Hall.

For Women—Anchor Cafe Edenderry, & Seagoe School.

Week-night Bible Classes for Men are held during Winter in Carbet, Drumgor, Hacknahay.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

10 a.m.—Edenderry Parochial Hall & Seagoe School.

3 p.m.—Seagoe, Edenderry Parochial Hall, Levaghery, Hacknahay, Carne.

3-30 p.m.—Drumgor.

DAY SCHOOLS.

Seagoe. 9-30 a.m.—PRIN.—Mr. S. R. Chambers, Hacknahay, 9-45—Miss B. C. Chambers

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# Seagoe Parish Magazine.

JANUARY, 1915.

## A Happy New Year to all our Readers!

### "For King and Country!"

#### FOURTH LIST OF NAMES.

A List of the Names of Residents in the Parish of Seagoe, or attached thereto, who have answered to the call of King and Country, and have Volunteered to serve anywhere, at home or abroad, during the War.

Frank Anderson (Motor Section) R.I.F.  
David Bright, Sergt.-Major, 1st Canadians  
Jos. Chapman, R.I.F.  
William Clayton, "  
James Henry England, R.I.R.  
Fforde Hall, A.S.C.

David Gracey, H.L.I.  
Bertram Holland, 1st Canadians  
Richard M'Nally, L.-Corp. R.I.F.  
Alfred Richardson, 1st Canadians  
Robert Rowland, A.S.C.  
William Edward Webb, R.I.F.

First Three Lists ..

One Hundred and Fifty-Seven Names.

Fourth List ..

Twelve Names.

TOTAL—169 NAMES.

#### The New Cover.

**W**ITH this number Seagoe Magazine enters upon its tenth year of existence. In accordance with our custom we present our Readers this month with a newly-designed cover. The photograph represents the present Parish Church appearing between the east and west gables of the old Church. The present Church was being erected exactly 100 years ago. The foundation stone was laid in 1814, and the building was consecrated and opened for Public Worship in 1816. The photograph, therefore, by linking together the old Church and the present Church is especially appropriate to the centenary year. It was taken from a point in the new ground just added to the graveyard, and from which a new and interesting view of the north side of Old Seagoe Church can be obtained.

#### Our Seagoe Wounded.

**Harry Kane**, James' Street, was home for a brief furlough. He received two wounds during the shelling by Monitors of the Belgian Coast. A shell from a German shore gun burst on the deck wounding 8 of the crew of H.M.S. Rinaldo. The fight took place on a Sunday. Harry Kane expects now to join H.M.S. Cordelia, one of the new Destroyers of Destroyers which can attain a speed of 40 knots an hour. His brother, James Kane, is at the front with the Fusiliers.

**Private W. Russell**, of Foundry Street, returned last Tuesday to Head-quarters at Armagh, prior to returning to the front. He received three wounds in the fighting at Armentieres in France, one of the bullets penetrated the hip bone, and he was lame for a time, but has recovered under Dr. Dougan's care, and says "he could now play a game of football!" He is a hardy fighter, having gone through the Boer Campaign, for which he wears a medal, with clasps. He hopes soon again to be in the trenches.

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**Private Robert Calleson**, of Joseph Street, is rapidly recovering from his wounds. He has got an extension of leave. He was wounded in the fighting around Ypres, where the Irish Guards, in which he was serving, had a rough time.

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**Private John Milligan**, of Century Street was wounded by a shell in the side during the fighting near Ypres. He has made a good recovery from his wound, and is hoping shortly to return to France.

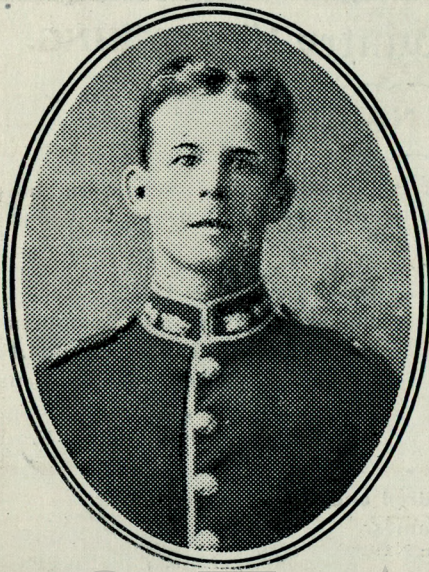
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**Private John Gibson**, of Century Street, is returning home shortly. He was severely wounded, and has been for some time in hospital at Boulogne, and in England. We are glad to hear he is rapidly recovering. His portrait appeared in the "Evening Telegraph" recently. He has just returned home bringing with him the piece of shrapnel which wounded him.



**KILLED IN ACTION.**

**Cordner**—November 9, in France, Private Thomas Cordner, 11254 A Coy, 87th Royal Irish Fusiliers, British Expeditionary Force, aged 19 years.



We regret to record the death of Private Thomas Cordner, stepson of Mr. Joseph McCrory, of Foundry Street, the first man to fall among those who have gone from Seagoe Parish to take part in the great war. Private Cordner's death occurred under very heroic circumstances in trying to save a comrade's life. The events which led to his death on the battlefield are best described in the words of one who saw it happening. Private Edward Burns, R.I.F., of Jackson's Row, Portadown, in a letter says—"You ask me to let you know how poor Thomas Cordner met his death. Well it was in trying to save W. Hanvey. After Hanvey got wounded Thomas went out to try to bring him into the trenches, when he also met the same fate. Both died shortly after. He was my best chum. He and I used to lie awake at night and talk how we would spend Christmas in Portadown. Little did he think he was so near his end."

Through the kind permission of the Proprietors of the "Evening Telegraph" we are enabled to publish a portrait of Private Cordner, taken at Shorncliffe Camp shortly before he left for the front.

Private Cordner's character was exemplary in respect. He "did not know the taste of drink," and was absolutely sober in his habits. He was most popular with his comrades, and his affection for his home may be gathered from the portions of his letters which we publish. On several occasions previous to his death he had risked his life to save wounded comrades. He fell on the eve of his 19th birthday.

We print some touching extracts from letters re-

ceived from PRIVATE THOMAS CORDNER, before he met his death on the field of battle.

DEAR MOTHER—"Just a few lines in answer to your kind and welcome letter. C. says she would like me home for a bit of value. She will be a good bit bigger when I go home. You are putting yourself about sending me so many things, but I would give you anything for a piece of home-made bread. I think it is years since I got a piece. Tell Christine and Aubrey and the white-haired boy that I hope they will be big boys and girls when I get home. I have your piece of hair and your purse still, and when I look at it, it makes me think of home."

Writing early in August from Shorncliffe, he says—"Just a few lines in answer to your loving letter. Glad to hear you are not too bad. We came back to Shorncliffe this morning from Minster to mobilize. We expect to be in touch with the enemy on the 14th of this month, but, mother, I will go out with a good heart. We are in one of the divisions that go out first. I am sending you these photos and prayer-book. You can do what you wish with them, but if ever I have the luck to come home I would like to get some of them. I send the children my best love. I would like to hear from you before I go out. From your loving son, to mother, till death.

**Seagoe Soldiers' Helpers.**

Work contributed by the Seagoe Branch of the Women's Emergency Corps, between October 16th and December 31st, 1914—

- 88 pairs Socks.
- 25 Shirts.
- 1 pair Pyjamas.
- 11 Body Belts.
- 2 Kit Bags.
- 14 Mufflers.
- 5 Helmets.
- 2 full Kit Bags
- 1 pair Bed Socks
- 9 pairs Mits
- 1 pair Cuffs
- 8 Petticoats (for Belgians)

Lint, Cigarettes, Boracic Ointment, per. of Potash.

At a first glance this reads very good, and we wish to thank all who have helped so well; but when one thinks of the numbers of women and girls in Seagoe who might work, and up to the present have not done so, there is great room for improvement. On the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month a meeting is held in Seagoe School at 4 o'clock, when wool is sold at cost price, and directions given as to the making of the various articles. We hope to see many new faces at our next meeting on Wednesday, the 16th.

Those unable to attend can always obtain wool at Eden Villa.

The sum of £2 18s 3d was sent to H.R.H. Princess Mary's Christmas Box Fund, from the Children of Seagoe Parish.



## Seagoe in the Trenches.

**Lance-Corporal Nat Dawkins**, formerly a member of the R.I.C., Edenderry, and for some time a valued member of the teaching staff in Edenderry afternoon Sunday School, writes from France to say he is in the best of health, and in good fighting form —“I am now,” he says, attached to the Leinster Regiment, and I can tell you I have been in some hot places, but am thankful to say I have escaped all right. Remember me to all.”

**Private John Girvan, R.I.F.**, of Tarson, writes from the Trenches, under date December 27th, 1914 —“I was glad to get the socks. It is very wet now in the trenches, and a change of socks is very good when your feet are very cold. You will know what it is like when we are covered in mud over the boots. But we are in the best of spirits and trusting in God that victory will crown our work. It is very hard to stand in mud all day, and your feet like ice. We do enjoy a smoke when we come off sentry. We have to be very careful when we are on sentry. The Germans are lying within 300 yards of us, and they keep sniping at us all day and night, if they can see even the top of your head. They attack us at night, and you can see nothing but the blaze of the rifles, and bullets whizzing all roads. Last night my chum was wounded in the shoulder when he was on sentry. I can hear the crack of the rifles while I am writing this letter. God has been very good to me. I had not a cold yet, and my health is very good, though it is raining every day, and we are up to the knees in mud. When you have time write again. It cheers me up.”

**Private W. McNeill**, of Ballymacrandle, writes under date December 10th, 1914 —“We are having it very hard in the trenches. We are standing in water over the tops of our boots. I hope you will have a merry Christmas. I am sorry I can't be with you. Send a few boxes of safety matches. I saw one of my letters in the Seagoe Magazine.

[We are glad to know that the Magazine finds its way into the trenches. Send on your copy to cheer up some of our Seagoe fighting men.]

## Seagoe War Notes.

**Lance-Corporal George Preston**, of Ballinacor, is a prisoner in the Camp at Doeberitz, Berlin.

The death of a Derry soldier at Portadown station from the effects of Alcoholic poisoning is a sad commentary on the evils of strong drink.

The Rector and the Rev. J. Bloomer have paid several visits to the Seagoe men in Victoria Barracks.

**Walter Vaughan** of the Irish Horse has been home from the front for a brief holiday.

A remarkable coincidence—W. Walker, of Seagoe Farm, when at a Picture House lately in Dublin saw, in a film taken at the front, his brother Isaac Walker of the North Irish Horse, distributing letters to the men in the trenches.

Portadown Station presents an unusually animated appearance just now owing to the number of boys in Khaki going to and from the Camps.

On St. Stephen's Day the Children of our Soldiers at the Front were invited to a Christmas Tree and distribution of Toys at the Town Hall.

A letter from the trenches says —“There is plenty of Portadown chaps out here.”

## ITEMS.

The Bible Classes will study the Book of the Acts of the Apostles during 1915.

The new Church Attendance Cards have been issued.

Sunday School Examinations are at present being held in the various Parish Schools.

The special Advent Services were well attended.

The Misses Dawson sent interesting Picture Post Cards at Christmas time to many of their old friends in Seagoe Parish.

The new Heating Apparatus in Seagoe Church is proving very efficient this cold weather.

We have postponed the publication of our “Old Seagoe Notes,” owing to pressure of War news,

All the Parish Almanacs (350) have been sold.

The recent storm did considerable damage to house-roofs in Edenderry.

The Intercession Service in the Parish Church on January 3rd, was largely attended. The collection, which was liberal, was in aid of the Red Cross Society.

The flooded state of the Bann Meadows enables the residents of Seagoe to understand the conditions under which our Soldiers have to carry on the campaign in the low lying and flooded lands along the banks of the Yser.



**DEATH OF MR. YOUNG.**

We record, with sincere regret, the death of Mr. Young, Proprietor of the "Portadown News," and publisher of Seagoe Parish Magazine since its inception ten years ago. Mr. Young was, in a quiet way, a great influence for good in Portadown. His management of the "Portadown News" was always characterised by a broad-minded integrity, which did credit both to his intellectual attainments and to the natural sympathy of his heart. He was always deeply interested in the success of this Magazine, and gave unstintingly of his time and attention to conserve its interests. We offer our sincere sympathy to Mrs and Miss Young in the loss they have sustained.

**PARISH REGISTER FOR DEC.****Baptisms.**

Baptized on December 5th, 1914.

**Russell**—Margaret and Robert John, children of William & Eliza Jane Russell, of Edenderry

*Sponsors*—Susan Chapman, Eliza Jane Russell.

**ADULT BAPTISM.**

December 23rd, 1914.

**Gracey**—David Gracey, Private, Highland Light Infantry, of Balteagh.

**Marriage.**

**Smith and Thornton**—December 25th (Christmas Day), Aaron Smith, of Edenderry, to Sarah Anne Thornton, of Edenderry.

**Burials.**

**Forsythe**—December 9th, 1914, Eveline Forsythe, of Seagoe, aged 16 years.

**Donaldson**—December 12th, Margaret Donaldson, of Edenderry, aged 71 years.

**Coulter**—December 13th, Mary Coulter, of Tarson, aged 79 years.

**Johnston**—December 15th, William Johnston, of Edenderry, aged 66 years.

**Carville**—December 28th, Margaret Carville, of Killicomaine, aged 14 months.

**Lyness**—Mary Lyness, of Drumgor, aged 65 years.

**Deaths.**

**Webb**—November 25th, at South Manchester, U.S.A., Edith Mary Webb, aged 4½ years, daughter of Thomas Webb.

**Graham**—December 19th, at Chester, Pennsylvania, U.S.A., Valentine Graham, late of Edenderry.

**Depot for Seagoe Magazine.**

Mrs. Metcalf, who has since the beginning acted as agent for the sale of the Magazine, has recently moved out of the Parish to a shop in High Street, Portadown. We will very much miss her kind help in circulating the Magazine, but as it is a Parish Magazine we think it is better that the Depot for its sale should be within the Parish. We are glad to say that Mrs. Collins, of 18 Bridge Street, Edenderry, has kindly consented to act as the Local Agent for Sale and Distribution. Mrs. Collins, like her late lamented husband, Mr. Charles Collins, has ever been ready to help on the work of Seagoe Parish.

**Seagoe Day School Attendance.**

The following exceptionally regular attendances by pupils of Seagoe Day School are worthy of notice:—

Ethel Forsythe did not miss a single school day from January 31st, 1910, to December 8th, 1914, a period of almost five years' unbroken attendance.

Out of 212 school days in 1914 the following pupils attended very regularly:—Mary Jane Atkinson, 211; Tom Best and Eva Magee, 209 each; Ethel Forsythe, Lottie Magee and Samuel Magee, 208 each; Edward Crawford, 207; May Best, 203; Tom Rainey, 201; Sarah J. Holland, 200.

**A School Cantata.**

On Thursday Evening, December 17th, a Cantata was performed in Seagoe School by the pupils. Mr. Chambers, Principal, conducted and the Children showed signs of careful training. Miss S. Martin admirably filled the leading part of the old grandmother. Pretty songs were interspersed through the programme and the music and bright dresses of the children added much to the evening's pleasure. There was a very large attendance of the parents and friends of the pupils. A substantial sum was realised towards covering the cost of the furniture for the new Class Rooms.

**Offertories for December.**

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| Week Days       | ... | ... | 3 3 11  |

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The above total includes £2 10s 4d, the offertory on Christmas Day for the Clothing Fund for the poor of the parish.