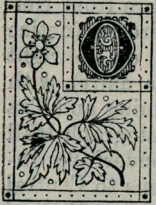


# Seagoe Parish Magazine.

AUGUST, 1907.

## THE CONFIRMATION.



On Saturday, July 6th, a Confirmation was held in Seagoe Parish Church by the Right Rev. C. F. Darcy, D.D., Lord Bishop of Clogher, who took the place of the Lord Bishop of Down and Connor and Dromore, who was unable to attend through serious illness. There was a large attendance of candidates who met in the Parochial Schools before the service, but we should like to have seen a fuller attendance of the parents and friends of those who were to be confirmed. Morning Prayer was said by the Rector, and the lesson was read by the Rev. J. Taylor, whom we were glad to have with us for the service.

Immediately after Morning prayer the Confirmation service began. The Lord Bishop spoke a few earnest words to the candidates, impressing upon them the importance of Confirmation and the duty of a whole-hearted devotion to the service of Christ. The Bishop then asked all to stand while he put to them the solemn question of the service. All audibly answered "I do." The Bishop then retired within the Chancel rails, and as the candidates came forward and reverently knelt, he laid his hand on the head of each, offering up at the same time the beautiful prayer for the gift of the Holy Spirit. After all had been confirmed the Bishop gave a most practical and spiritual address emphasising the four-fold duties of prayer, Bible Study, Public Worship, and attendance at Holy Communion. The hymn "Thine for Ever" was sung at the close of the Bishop's address, and the service concluded with the Benediction. Seventy-nine candidates were confirmed.

The following is a list of names:—John J. Forsythe, Thomas M'Crory, William Flannigan, William Benjamin Walker, John Dawson, Herbert Johnston Robb, Nicholas England, George Gilpin, John Robert Reid, Joseph William Magee, Bertram Holland, Joseph Samuel Murray, Thomas Frederick Reid, James Gracey, James Bradshaw, Charles Montgomery, Herbert Mayne Murray, William Robert M'Laughlin, Isaiah Shanks, Thomas Best, Samuel Best, Joseph Wilson, John Twinem, James Porter, James Holmes, Edward Richardson, David Thompson, Thomas George Hopps, Samuel James Gillespie, Isaac Atkinson Watson, William Stothers, Alfred Victor Richardson.—Total, 32 males.

Margaret Robinson, Letitia Magee, Maude Dickson, Anne Smith, Amelia Reid, Ellen Hart, Margaret Martin, Winifred Elizabeth Coulter, Sarah Jane Archer, Frances Jane M'Nally, Mary M'Nally, Mary Frances Atkinson, Anne M'Kerr, Sarah Jane Gillespie, Rebecca Livingston, Margaret Jane Livingston, Susan M'Nally, Margaret Anne Hawthorne, Mary Isabella Livingston, Elizabeth Gates, Anne Best, Mary Shanks, Miriam Holmes,

Elizabeth Porter, Amelia Jane M'Cormick, Ellen White, Frances Edith Livingston, Sarah Louisa Gilpin, Jane Eliza Hughes, Jane Reid, Mary Killow, Hannagh Malcolmson, Eliza Jane Anderson, Margaret Archer, Margaret Magowan, Caroline Cordy, Sarah Jane Gilpin, Sarah Anne Dickson, Judith M'Neill, Mary Jane Fleming, Margaret Jane Allen, Caroline Shanks, Gertrude Harriett Montgomery, Eliza Jane Martin, Sarah Jane Quaile, Mary Lewie, Frances Sarah Hardy.—Total, 47 females.

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## RULES OF LIFE.

It is most important that those who have been confirmed should observe the four following rules:—

- 1.—To pray regularly morning and evening.
- 2.—To read the Bible every day.
- 3.—To attend the Parish Church every Sunday, morning and evening, and also to be present at service on Wednesday evening.
- 4.—To attend Holy Communion at least once a month.

You will find these four simple rules a great help in leading a faithful Christian life.

We were glad to see a good many of those who were confirmed at the celebrations of the Holy Communion on Sunday, July 7th, but several who had promised to be present were not in their places. We hope that all who have been confirmed will become regular communicants.

The Rector has received the Confirmation Cards signed by the Lord Bishop of Clogher, and they will be handed to the candidates at an early date. Those who have already attended Communion will have it entered on their cards. We would recommend all who receive the cards to get them framed at once. They form a handsome record of your Confirmation.

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## OFFERTORIES.

"The Lord loveth a cheerful giver."

	Morning.			Evening.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
June 30—5th S. after Trinity	1	5	6	1	1	8
July 7—6th S. "	0	3	3			
	1	1	0	4	0	0
	0	8	6			
" 14—7th S. "	0	17	0	0	11	2
" 21—8th S. "	0	1	2			
	1	10	6	0	10	4
" 28—9th S. "	1	5	4	0	11	10
Week days	0	2	6			
<b>Total</b>	<b>£6</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>£6</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>

**Baptisms.**

"Baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost."

- July 6th—William John, son of Thomas and Mary Jane Major.  
 " " Violet, daughter of William and Rosina Sturgeon.  
 " " Georgina Graham, daughter of Samuel and Margaret Porter.  
 " " Edmund Wolsey, son of Edmund and Sarah Grimason.

**Marriage.**

"The B'essing of the Lord it maketh rich."

August 2nd--John Abraham, Tamnifiglasson, to Anna Best, Balteagh.

**Burials.**

"All Souls are Mine."

July 19th—John McKerr, Drumgor, aged 16 years.  
 " 25th—Margaret Fox, Edenderry, aged 72 years.

**Death of the Bishop.**

We regret to record the death of Bishop Welland, who for the past 15 years has presided over this Diocese. The Bishop had been unwell, but the end came quite suddenly on Monday evening, July 29th. The Church has made great progress in the Diocese under the late Bishop. He was much interested in Church extension and a large number of new churches have been erected in Belfast during his episcopate. The most important monument of his labours is the fine Cathedral of St Anne in Belfast. It forms a most useful centre for Christian work in that great city. The late Bishop was much interested in Seagoe Parish, and it is only a month ago since the Rector received a letter from him concerning a memorial to the late Dean Dawson, heartily approving of it and enclosing a subscription.

**EXCURSION TO DUBLIN.**

The tickets are now on sale for the Seagoe Bible Class excursion to Dublin and the Exhibition on Saturday, August 24th. The tickets, including admission to the Exhibition, will be 2s 9d each to members of the Bible Classes, and 4s to others. The official Time Table will be published in the "Portadown News" of August 17th and 24th.

**A VISIT TO THE EXHIBITION.**

Dublin is full of interesting sights but just now the Exhibition occupies the attention of everyone. It is really a splendid Exhibition representing a marvellous variety of things from all parts of the world. To begin with, the buildings are very fine and extend over a great area. They are all painted white and in the

sun the glistening domes and towers make up quite an oriental scene. We have only just space to name a few of the most interesting features of this World-show. You enter at Ballsbridge (1d fare from Nelson's Pillar) by a wide hall and staircase (notice interesting model of Field of Waterloo), on the right is a large Concert Hall (concerts twice daily), with great organ. Just here are the chief Dining and Tea Rooms. Further on the right a Cinematograph Hall (3d admission). The Pictures are wonderfully interesting. Walk through Flower Gardens to Central Building for exhibits of Printing, Furnishing, Musical Instruments, etc. Out again into the beautiful grounds to hear the band of the King's Lifeguards. On the left a large Collection of Paintings by famous Painters. At the back of the Picture Gallery enter the Machinery Hall. It is impossible to describe all that is to be seen here, Engines of all kinds, newspapers being printed, manufacture of sweets (the children will like this), electrical fittings of all kinds. Cross the gardens for the Gas exhibits, methods of Lighting and Cooking, then visit the Canadian House, really an exhibition in itself, containing Phanoramic views of Canadian life, extraordinary Butter exhibit frozen, representing a Canadian farm, all made of butter. The wealth of Canada in timber and minerals is well illustrated by the exhibits. Next see the French Section representing French Art and Industries which will be shown you by French attendants. The Irish Industrial section next claims attention and in connection with it there are some fine exhibits from China, Japan, Italy, (sculpture), and other countries. Besides all this there are many other interesting and amusing things. The Somali Native Village, the Water Chute, Helter-Skelter, Switchback Railway, Indian Jugglers, etc, etc. We would recommend those who wish to see all these and many other sights to get their ticket at once. Tickets on sale at Mrs Metcalfe's, Mr Moneypenny's, or at Mr T. J. Montgomery's, High Street.

Be sure you get one of the Seagoe Tickets they are marked with an "S" on the back.

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**CHURCH ARMY MISSION.**

A special two-day Mission will be held in the Parish on Saturday, August 10th, and Sunday, August 11th. Captain M'Kendry, Headquarters Staff, London, will conduct the Mission, assisted by Captain Atask. Bills have been issued with list of services and subjects. We notice that Captain M'Kendry will speak on "The Belfast Strike" at one of his meetings. Just one alteration will be made in the list of services, the open-air service on Sunday evening at 7 will not be held, but all will meet in the Parish Church at that hour for evening prayer. We hope all our workers will attend these services, bringing others with them. We want to reach the Non-Church goers.

**QUESTIONS FOR TEACHERS.**

(A Volume of the Cambridge Bible with notes will be given to the Superintendent or Teacher who sends in the best set of answers to these questions to the Rector before August 25th.)

1. What Parables are found in the Old Testament?
2. Write out in their proper order the names of the Judges of Israel?
3. Explain the expression "Panoply of God" in Hymn 377?
4. What do you consider to be the best Temperance Text in the Bible?
5. "Treasure hid in a field."—To what ancient custom does this refer?
6. Why do the Commandments in the Catechism differ slightly from those in Exodus chap. xx.?

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL QUESTIONS.**

N.B.—The Teacher in each Lesson should try to get the Central Thought and group others round it.

**August 11th.**

MORNING—Gaal's conspiracy—Judges ix,22—40.

1. Why did God send the evil spirit?
2. How did the men of Shechem show their joy?
3. Who was the father of Shechem?
4. Why is "the Shadow of the Mountains" mentioned here?

AFTERNOON—Temperance Lesson—1 Sam. xvii. 32-54. The story of David and Goliath—Goliath a Giant—Enemy of God's people—David a youth—Trusted in God—Defeated and slew giant—Goliath represents Intemperance—Strong, Noisy, Sinful—David represents Bands of Hope—Young, Trustful, Victorious—Teach Children a Temperance Text and verse 4 of Hymn 608.

**AUGUST 18th.**

MORNING—Abimelech's Death—Judges ix. 40-57.

1. Why did Abimelech sow the city with Salt?
2. Where did the Men of Shechem hide? How did Abimelech destroy the Tower?
4. What caused the death of Abimelech?

AFTERNOON—Treasure—St. Matt. xiii., 44-58. 1. What does "Kingdom of Heaven" mean? 2. Where was the Treasure hidden? 3. What does the goodly pearl represent? 4. Why is the Kingdom of Heaven like an householder? 5. Who were the brethren of our Lord.

**August 25th.**

MORNING—Philistine's Oppression—Judges x. 1. Who succeeded Abimelech? 2. What do you know of Jair? 3. Why was God angry with Israel? 4. How did Israel repent?

AFTERNOON—Forgiveness—St. Matt. xviii., 21-35. 1. How often should we forgive? 2. How did the King punish the servant? 3. How much did the

second servant owe? 4. Who were the "tormentors?"

**September 1st.**

MORNING—Jephthah's covenant—Judges xi. 1-28.

- I.—Where did Jephthah escape to?
2. Why did the elders of Gilead send for him?
3. What reason did the King of Ammon give for attacking Jephthah?
4. Why did Jephthah mention Balak?

AFTERNOON.—Our Neighbour—St. Luke x. 25-37.

1. What question did the Lawyer ask?
2. What did Jesus tell him he should do?
3. Why did he ask Jesus "Who is my neighbour"?
4. How did the Samaritan show his care for the wounded man?

(We would recommend the Teachers of the Senior Classes to read the excellent notes on the Collects appearing from month to month in this "Home Words" Magazine.)

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**OLD SEAGOE NOTES.**

We reach another stage in the history of the Old Church in the year 1874, when under the provision of the Irish Church Act (1869) the ruins and the graveyard were transferred to the guardians of the Union of Lurgan. They have since added to the graveyard an acre of ground, purchased from the late Major Stewart Blacker, and they have completed the enclosure of the graveyard by the erection of a substantial stone wall, except on the inner or Eastern side where can still be seen the old thorn fence, which for hundreds of years formed the only boundary. Quite recently the guardians have done something towards repairing the Lodge, and on the suggestion of the Rector they have cleared away some of the ivy from the ruins and cemented portions of the walls. We hope before long to see a new and neat Lodge built, and the whitewashed walls replaced by brick or cement. If anyone would like to see what can be done in the way of keeping an old graveyard in good order let them pay a visit to Old Shankill Graveyard at Lurgan, which is a credit to all concerned. A small expenditure would make Seagoe Old Graveyard one of the most beautiful, as it is certainly one of the most interesting Irish graveyards.

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**CHURCH ATTENDANCE CARDS,**

The returns for the quarter ending, June 30th, will be published in our next issue. The attendance of the children has been very satisfactory, but there are still some who do not attend the services. If children are taught when young the habit of attending Church it will be a help and strength to them all through life. Parents encourage your children by attending Church with them.

**THE RECENT BAZAAR.**

We had hoped to have been able to publish the full Statement of Bazaar Accounts this month, but fear we must postpone to next month.

Last Thursday, the Winners of the Watch and Donkey Competitions were announced. The Ballot took place in Seagoe School, at 7-30, in the presence of the Members of the Vestry.

The fortunate Winners were:—

Donkey, Ticket No. 162.—Miss Minnie Hamilton.

Gold Watch, Stopped at 6.52 p.m.—Mr John McConnell—Prize value 20s awarded to Mr S. Williamson 6.51 p.m. The winning Ticket for the Donkey was sold by Miss Minnie Atkinson, and for the Watch by Mr Wm. Wilson, of Lisniskey.

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**OUR DAY SCHOOLS.**

The Parochial Day Schools resumed work after the holidays on Wednesday, August 7th. The Rector was present and opened the School with the singing of a hymn and prayer. Improvements are being made in the School and in the Playground. Swings and See-saws are being erected, so that during playhour the children will have plenty of enjoyment.

At the breaking up of the School for the holidays on July 5th, the certificates for good answering in Scripture and Church Formularies were handed by the Rector to the successful pupils, and the Medal given by the Rector to the boy or girl whom the Teachers considered the best in the School was awarded to Thomas Ruddell. The Principal of the School (Mr T. B. Stothers, R.U.I.) having thanked the Rector in the name of the Teachers and children, loud cheers were given and all separated for the holidays.

We hope that the Parents will see that the children attend the Day School with regularity, and that they do not stay away any day unless for some urgent reason. It is also most important that the children be sent to School neat and clean, and that their School Books are kept in good order. The efficiency of our School depends largely on the Parents, and we hope they will do their part.

Miss Margaret Irwin, daughter of Mr Irwin our worthy Station Master, has on the recommendation of Mr Worsley, Inspector under the National Board, been appointed a Monitress in the School.

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**ITEMS.**

The following will represent Seagoe Parish at the Synod which will be held in Belfast to elect the new Bishop:—Messrs. W. R. Atkinson, George Calvert, Thomas Martin, J. H. Stevenson. They are our Parochial Synodsmen.

The Rector has returned from a holiday in the South of England.

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The Rev. D. W. Galway, a native of Seagoe Parish, and at present Curate-Assistant of Port Glasgow, Scotland, preached in the Parish Church on Sunday Evening, August 4th.

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We welcome to the Parish some friends from America, Mr. and Mrs. James McDowell and family of Providence, Rhode Island, U.S.A., who are on a short visit to Mr. Thomas McDowell of Killycomaine.

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Mr. McDowell, in an interview with the Rector, said he gets Seagoe Magazine in Rhode Island every month, and likes it better than any other paper he gets. If any who read this have friends abroad they should purchase an extra copy of the Magazine each month and send it to them. It will let them know how the old Parish is getting on.

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The Rector has had an interesting letter from the Rev. W. T. Gray. The work of St. Andrew's Mission is prospering, and Mr Gray is able now to preach in Japanese.

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A most interesting and useful Conference of Sunday School Teachers was held in Lurgan, on Saturday, June 29th. Seagoe was well represented.

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**TEACHER'S PRIZE.**

The Prize this month has been awarded to Mr. Alfred Murray. The paper sent in by Miss Agnes Guy was very good, and is Highly Commended. Miss Armstrong's Paper is again the best sent in, but as she received the Prize last month she is ineligible to receive it again this quarter.

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**CHURCH ARMY NOTES.**

Captain Gaskell with the Church Army Van is at present holding meetings in Knocknamuckley Parish. We hope to have a visit from him shortly.

175 copies of the Church Army Gazette circulate in Seagoe Parish each month. Do you get a copy of it?

Captain Simmons was here on a holiday last month, and helped at several of our services. He has gone back to his work at Windsor.

Twice lately services have been held in Bocombra Quarry at dinner hour, and the men working there have greatly appreciated them.

Captain Atack leaves for a well-earned holiday next week. He goes to his home in Yorkshire. We wish him a very happy time.