

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

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The Confirmation.

THE LORD BISHOP of the Diocese (The Right Rev. Charles F. D'Arcy, D.D.), held a Confirmation in Seagoe Parish Church, on Sunday, July 6th, at 7 p.m. The Church was crowded, and many were unable to gain admission. The Candidates assembled in the School at 6 o'clock, and walked in procession to the Church, where places were reserved for them in the nave. Shortened Evening Prayer was said and then the Confirmation Service was held. The preface was read by the Rector, after which the Bishop gave a short address to the Candidates. The question was then put and all answered clearly and distinctly the solemn pledge, "I do." The Confirmation then took place, the Boys being first Confirmed. After the rite had been administered the Bishop gave a second address, based on the words "Called"—"Chosen"—"Faithful." He reminded them of the solemn nature of the Service, and of the promised gift of the Holy Ghost. He also referred to the fact, which no doubt they would always remember, that it was Victory Day (Peace Thanksgiving Day) on which they had been Confirmed. We did not yet understand the greatness of the Victory which had been won, but we recalled with pride the memory of those from this and other parishes who had died that we might live. The Hymn, 376, "Thine for Ever," was sung kneeling. Each of those who were Confirmed received a little book—"Preparation for Holy Communion." Special Celebrations of Holy Communion for those who were Confirmed were held in the Parish Church, on Sunday, July 20th, at 8 and 11-30. Those who attended received their Confirmation Cards, signed by the Lord Bishop.

The following were Confirmed—

Males.—Bertie Beckett, Thomas Best, James Costello, William John Costello, Robert Henry Coulter, Thomas Coulter, James Currie, Walter Stewart Currie, Richard Norman Dickson, William Forde, Ralph Gaskin, William Alfred Gracey, David Gordon, Samuel Johnston, Richard William Lavery, Herbert Isaiah Livingstone, Thomas Major, Frederick Robinson M'Donald, James M'Donald, Charles M'Loughlin, William Joseph M'Nally, William James M'Nulty, John Pickering, James Porter, Thomas Porter, David Rainey, John Canada Reid, Robert Richardson, David William Simpson, George Edward Simpson, Edward Webb.

Females.—Charlotte Allen, Elizabeth Allen, Georgina Allen, Margaret Isabella Best, Sarah Boyce, Selina Bradshaw, Mary Coulter, Millicent Coulter, Anne Cox, Jane Currie, Lucy Anne Dawson, Louisa England, Anne Elizabeth Freeburn, Anne Gates, Margaret Glassey, Margaret Bell Gracey, Mary Jane Hughes, Sarah Hughes, Mary Jane Hynes,

Elizabeth Lewie, Emily Magee, Eva Magee, Eva Elizabeth Magee, Louisa Mayes, Matilda Mayes, Agnes McClements, Christina McCrory, Anne McDonald, Anne M'Loughlin, Eveline McMurray, Sarah Moffatt, Eva Neill, Jane Winifred Patton, Gladys Elizabeth Reid, Gertrude Reid, Margaret Elizabeth Rowland, Phoebe Rowland, Ellen Pentland, Sarah Miriam Pentland, Margaret Thompson, Mary Thompson, Eveline Webb, Alice Wilson, Margaret Wilson, Mary Wilson, Georgina Best, Eva Webb

Seagoe Day School.

The debt remaining on Seagoe School from the building of the new class room has been paid off, out of the balances from the Soldiers' Reception, and from the Sunday School Excursion Stall. Some further improvements in the Seagoe School are contemplated in the near future.

Edenderry Penny-a-Week Fund.

This Fund is being well supported, and is accomplishing a good work. The upkeep and efficiency of the Hall depend upon its success.

A sum of £15 has already been lodged in the Bank as a result of the diligent work of the collectors. Edenderry Sunday School is now attended by larger numbers than ever before. It is difficult sometimes to find room for all who attend.

The Peace Celebrations.

On Sunday morning, July 6th, the Services in the Parish Church had special reference to the Thanksgiving for Peace. The Form of Service used was that authorised by the Archbishop of Canterbury. The Doxology and the National Anthem were sung at the beginning of the Service. There were also special Psalms, Lessons, Exhortations, and a Special Epistle and Gospel. A Union Jack was flown from the church tower. The sermon was preached by the Rector from the text—"He maketh wars to cease in all the world."

July 19th was the day appointed for the Public Peace Celebrations. Portadown was profusely decorated with flags of all colours. Arches spanned the streets, bands paraded, and the whole community was in a state of wholehearted rejoicing. The Town Council had given a good lead and the people followed their example. Seagoe School Children met at the school at 1-30, and marched to the Saunderson Statue, when a great procession was formed, which marched to the Show Grounds. A substantial repast of tea and buns was provided, and at 4-30 the general public was admitted, and sports were held in which the children competed. A return homewards was made about seven o'clock. The Demobilised Soldiers were entertained to lunch in the Town Hall at 12, and then they formed up and marched to the Show Grounds. Altogether Portadown did very well, and the town authorities are to be congratulated on their

successful efforts. A United Praise Service was held in the Show Grounds on Sunday, July 20th, at 3 and was very largely attended. The decorations in Seagoe Parish were very pretty. A profusion of flags was everywhere displayed. Arches spanned Bridge Street and Goban Street. Railway Street was very bright. The Red Row surpassed itself. The Kaiser was burned in effigy in Edenderry, and the smoke of his burning could be smelt miles away. Throughout the country parts of the parish farmhouses and cottages all displayed flags. Two cottages at Seagoe Turns were specially bright with bunting.

A true spirit of rejoicing has filled all hearts. It rests with all of us, in the days to come to make a right use of the great Victory which God has so mercifully bestowed upon us.

ITEMS.

The number of Marriages recently in Seagoe Church constitutes a record for the Parish.

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Seagoe School closed for the Holidays on Wednesday, June 25th, and will (p.v.) re-open on Tuesday, August 5th.

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The Rev. H. G. de L. Singleton, M.A., Curate of Seagoe, was admitted to Priest's Orders at an Ordination held in St. Mary's Church, Belfast, on Trinity Sunday, June 15th.

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Mr Robert M·Mullen, son of Mrs. M·Mullen, of Drumgor, is on a visit from Toronto with his wife and child. Mr M·Mullen has a flourishing Bakery business in Toronto. He crossed on the S.S. "Canada." His many friends will be glad to see him after an absence of 16 years from the Parish.

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Mrs. Allen, of Edenderry, passed away at an advanced age on July 3rd. She was one of our oldest Parishioners. Up to the very end she retained her brightness and good humour. Her sweet smile and cheerful spirit will be a glad memory to her children, her grandchildren, and her great grandchildren. With her aged husband, Mr Arthur Allen, and all her relatives, we express sincere sympathy.

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A Scheme of Prizes is being arranged for Seagoe Day School, which will be awarded at the Christmas break-up.

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Seagoe Parish was kindly permitted by Colonel Blacker to have a Stall at Carrickblacker on July 12th. The gross sum of £36 was taken. On July 14th, Mrs. Thompson, of Scarva House, also kindly gave permission to the stallholders to sell their surplus stock there, and a further gross sum of £37 was cleared. Expenses have to be deducted from these totals. The stall committee are to be congratulated on their enterprise. It was Mr. Thomas England who suggested the happy idea of having the stall.

The very sudden death of Mr. Robert M·Knight, of Knock, has caused much grief to his many friends. For many years he had been a very faithful and diligent worker at Carrick Blacker. On the morning of his death he had just begun work, and was found lying dead in the stables. On July 12th, at the Carrick Blacker Demonstration, Colonel Blacker referred to his long and faithful service. His Funeral was attended by a large number of members of the Orange Order, over 112 being present. The Rev. Canon Archer and the Rev. G. H. Daunt officiated.

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Mr. Thomas H. Wilson, Organist of Seagoe, has taken his first holiday for forty years.

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Scotland has invaded Seagoe. We welcome once again to the Parish all our old friends from the Land o' Cakes.

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The prolonged drought is affecting the Potato and Fruit Crops.

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On Sunday Evening, August 10th, a Collection for the Enniskillen Orphan Fund will be made in Seagoe Church.

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On Sunday evening, June 29th, the Bann Lily Lodge of the British Order of Ancient Free Gardeners attended Service in the Parish Church. The Order is a well managed and carefully organised Benefit Society, and has a strong membership. The Secretary is Mr. William Walker, of 51 Jervis Street, Portadown.

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We acknowledge with many thanks the receipt of £1 from Mr. David W. Walker, of Belfast (late of Seagoe), towards providing Prizes at Christmas for the pupils in Seagoe Day School. We would be glad to receive some further subscriptions towards the same object.

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Seagoe Girls' Bible Class has formed itself into a Visiting Committee, with the result that its numbers have doubled in a few weeks.

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The following children in Seagoe Day School obtained Certificates at the recent Examination in Religious Knowledge. by the Rev. J. Gordon, Diocesan Inspector. **Certificate and Full Marks.**—Amy Holmes, Isabella Best, Sarah Hamill, Rebecca Craig, Willie White, Willie M·Clements and Lily Sweeney. **Certificate**—Floribel Best, Sydney Walker, Winnie Holmes, Joseph Hynes, Edna Best, Norman Walker, May Thompson, Hugh Costello, Georgina Porter. In Junior Division the Answering was excellent and the Repetition was very nicely done. In Course II the Answering on the Old Testament was fair. In Course III (Senior) the Answering on Scripture Repetition and Formularies was very good.

Presentation to Mr. W. R. Atkinson

It was felt by many that the occasion of Mr. Wolsey Atkinson's retirement from the offices of Hon. Sec. and Hon. Treasurer of Seagoe Vestry should not be allowed to pass without some recognition of the splendid work he has done for Seagoe Parish.

The members of the Vestry and some of the parishioners formed a committee for the purpose, and on Friday evening, July 25th, a deputation proceeded to Eden Villa, and presented him with an arm-chair. Mr. Atkinson is regaining strength, but has been ordered by his medical attendant to refrain from active exercise at present. We hope he will soon be quite restored to health.

PARISH REGISTER for JULY, 1919.**Baptism.**

Hickland—On July 5th, 1919, William John, son of John and Lucinda Hickland, of Breagh.

Sponsors—Rachel McKnight, Lucinda Hickland.

Marriage.

Caddell and Shanks—On July 16th, 1919, Albert Caddell, late 9th R. Irish Fus., B.E.F., 1915-1919, Prisoner of War, of Edenderry, to Mary Shanks, of Kernan.

Burials.

McKnight—July 11th, 1919, Robert McKnight, of Knock, aged 65 years. Interred at Knocknamuckley.

England—July 12th, 1919, Thomas England, of Belfast, aged 18 years.

Lutton—July 18th, 1919, Isabella Lutton, of Lower Seagoe, aged 50 years

The 'Twelfth' at Carrick Blacker.

This year for the first time for many years Anniversary Celebrations were held at Carrick Blacker. As the Procession wended its way along Carrick Blacker Road an Aeroplane circled overhead at a low altitude, and the aviator waved his hand in welcome. Some riding horses in the Procession, heavily mantled in Orange and Blue, added greatly to the interest of the Procession. The Banners were as bright as ever, and the Drummers put more energy than ever into the Drumsticks. Many in the long line of Processionists had served throughout the war, and several soldiers in uniform wore their sashes. The figure of Colonel Saunderson, in the centre of the town, was effectively arrayed in an orange sash. The splendid field at Carrick Blacker was crowded with people, who enjoyed to the full the fine weather and the fresh country air. Seagoe had a nicely arranged stall under a fine oak tree, and it was well patronised. A feature of the day was the presentation to Portadown Orange Lodge by Lt.-Col. Blacker of the War Flag of the 9th Batt. Royal Irish Fusiliers. It is Red,

Green and Blue, and has painted on it the name and title of the Battalion. We noticed some holes in it which had been mended, but we could not find out if they had been due to shrapnel at the front. If there are any similar historic flags connected with the Battalion we would put in a claim to them on behalf of Seagoe Church, which was so closely identified with the war. A meeting was held in the afternoon, at which interesting speeches were made. Lt.-Col. Allen, M.P. for North Armagh, was present, and looked well after his strenuous years at the front. The impression left on one's mind by the size and enthusiasm of the Celebrations this year is that Ulster is still as ever true to her motto—"We will not have Home Rule."

The Soldiers' Reception.

[The following letter from Colonel Blacker, D.S.O. was read at the recent Soldiers' Reception in Seagoe School, but was crowded out of our last issue.]

CATCOMBE,

MINCHINHAMPTON.

GLOS'.

June 9, 1919.

Dear Canon Archer,

I much regret that, owing to my absence from home, I shall be unable to be with you on the 12th.

I am delighted to think that Seagoe should take the lead in giving a welcome to those who have been spared to return to the Parish from the band of gallant fellows who so nobly answered to the call of duty.

The names of all who went should ever be kept in grateful remembrance.

So many of those who will be present served under me that it is a source of special regret to me that I shall not be with you to share in their welcome home to the parish, but a long-standing promise to attend the first re-union of my old Regiment, since 1914, in London—a promise I could not break—absolutely precludes my attending on the 12th.

My thoughts will be with you that evening, and I hope you will let all present know how much I regret my inability to attend, and how cordially I do really welcome them home.

Wishing them all a very pleasant evening,

Yours very sincerely,

STEWART W. BLACKER.

OLD SEAGOE NOTES.

Seagoe in the days of King James 1st, 1611—[The following Extracts from the Patent Rolls of James 1st have not hitherto been published. They provide an interesting glimpse into the past history of the Parish.] Patent Rolls of James 1st—page 165, National Library of Ireland, May 30th, 1611—Grant from the King to James Matchett, clerk, Armagh Co. In O'Nealan Bar. The small

proportion of Kerhanan—Bochomorogh [Kilocke], Lisanusky, Sygoballiotragh, Tassan, Kerhanan, Dromon-Igoun, Lisdriminy, Crossevickcholly, Clonedroll, Taunagh-Iglassan, Kern, Ballinecorrowe, Taunagh-Icarrabid, Balto-Ieagh, Dromgore and Moyrevertie, 1 balliboe each; containing in all 1000*a* the balliboe of Ballyoughtragh-Igowne, containing 60*a* is excepted from the grant. The premises are created the Manor of Kerhanan, with 300*a* in demesne and court baron—Total rent, £5 6s 8d. To hold for ever as of the Castle of Dublin, in common soccage.

Grant from King to Wm. Powell of Castleparke within the honour of Tutbery, in Stafford Co. In O'Nealan Bar. The great proportion of Ballyworran, Balligonaghie, 1 bal. Aghnaha 1½ bal. Knocknamocally, Ballynonaghie, Ballyvicramill, Dromon, Dromonlisnagrellagh, Ballybreagh, Ballyhauaghan, Ballygaragan, Kilmuckvolmall, Lanaghery, otherwise Lenagher, Edenidery, Carricke, Balliworran, Kilmemoriertagh, Mehain, Clonagh, 1 bal. each; in all 2000*a*, the balliboes of Drumgoose and Cornalecky, containing 120*a* are excepted from this grant. The premises are erected into the Manor of Ballyworran with 600*a* in demesne and a court baron—Total rent, £10 13s 4d. Eng. To hold for ever as of the Castle of Dublin in common soccage, 25th May, 8th

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Every undertaker of 1500 acres is to build a castle or stone house of 30-ft. in length, 24 in breadth, and 30 feet high beside the battlements. Every undertaker of 1000 acres is to build a castle or stone house of 24-ft square and 30 feet high beside the battlements; and every undertaker of 500 acres is to build a strong bawn of lime and stone.

[Some explanations of the above are needed. The Townland names are not spelt in the modern way, but many of them are easily identified. Sygoballiotragh is Lower Seagoe, Crossvickcholly is Crossmeahiley. A Balliboe means literally the grazing for one cow or cow-land. In the grant to Wm. Powell, some of the names in the original Patent have been here omitted. Agnaha is Hacknahay, Breagh is Ballybreagh, Kilmuckvollmall is Killicomaine. The letter "a" after the figures stands for acres. It will be noticed that Portadown is not mentioned, for the good reason that it did not then exist.]

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Notes on Old Edenderry Eighty Years ago.—Mr. Thomas Dawson, of Corcraine House, Portadown, now in his 91st year, has kindly supplied us with the following notes on Edenderry, as he knew it eighty years ago.

The Meadow Well In olden days the well that supplied Edenderry with water, and good water too, was called the Meadow well, and people said that at one time in its history it had been regarded as a Holy Well. It was situated on the roadside, nearly oppo-

site the end of James Street. In 1835 it was an open well, and is so marked on the Ordnance Survey Map of that year. It was at a later date partially enclosed, and two steps led down to it. Its exact site is at present to be seen in the stone wall where the filled-in opening is quite plain. It is now many years since it was closed up.

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The First School in Edenderry, 1830—Eighty years ago there was only one school in Edenderry. It was taught by Ezekiel Cherry. There was no National Board in those days, but Ezekiel Cherry gave good instruction, as far as his knowledge went, in the "Three R.s." He held his school first in the room over the doorway at 51 Bridge Street, but then moved to the house next to the First Presbyterian Meeting House. Mr. Dawson attended the school and remembers the sting of Mr. Cherry's cane.

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Edenderry Toll-Bar and Gates—The Toll-Bar in the old coaching days was situated across Bridge Street, where Goban Street now branches off. Every vehicle passing had to pay toll. Paddy Goligher's public-house was situated just beside the gates, and he did a big trade with thirsty travellers. Opposite Paddy Goligher's house was a Blacksmith's Shop, where the coach horses and others had their shoes repaired.

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Edenderry House and the Green Island—One of the oldest residences in Edenderry is "Edenderry House," now occupied by Mr. Hamilton Robb. Its gardens sloped down in front towards the Green Island, for in old days the present Stone Bridge had not been built, and the River Bann flowed near where the Post Office is. The present Bridge was built on dry ground, and a straight channel was cut under it for the river to flow in. It is quite easy to trace the straight channel still. A spit of land was allowed to remain for many years marking the place where the old channel had joined the new, near the present bathhouse. A row of tall poplar trees grew along Bridge Street opposite the present Post-office.

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Burley Court and King William's Pear-Tree—Opposite Edenderry was the well-known residence, Burley Court, whose gardens ran down to the river on the other side. Burley Court stood near the site of the present Ulster Bank Buildings. In the garden near the then course of the Bann stood a famous old pear-tree, called "King William's Pear-Tree." All the boys of the town, including a boy called Tom Dawson, at various times raided the pear tree. A new shed is being built at present just where the pear tree grew. In the Court beside Mr. Sandford's Shop some of the Burley Court buildings may still be seen, and in one of the lofts still existing the Petty Sessions Courts were held for many years