

# Seagoe Parish Magazine.

JULY, 1907.

## THE CONFIRMATION.



THE Right Rev. Dr. Crozier, Lord Bishop of Ossory, will administer the rite of Confirmation in Seagoe Parish Church on Saturday, July 6th, at 12 o'clock. The Lord Bishop of the Diocese is unable to attend owing to illness. The Confirmation candidates will meet in Seagoe Parochial School at 11-30 a.m. to receive their Cards of Admission. The Parents and Sponsors of those who are to be confirmed are requested to attend the service. An Address will be given to the Candidates by the Lord Bishop. We hope to see a large attendance of the Parishioners at the Service. The front pews in the Church will be reserved for the Candidates. We ask the Prayers of our people on behalf of the persons who are about to be Confirmed.

On Sunday, July 7th, there will be celebrations of the Holy Communion at 8 a.m. and after Morning Prayer, when those who have been confirmed will have an opportunity of partaking of that Holy Feast.

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## THE BAZAAR AND FETE.

Thursday, June 6th, was a red-letter day in the history of Seagoe. We have had such a rainy season that it seemed as if we must lose our reputation for fine weather this year, but although it rained the day before and the day after the Fete, it was fine on that particular day. Crowds of children in holiday attire met at the Parish Church at nine o'clock. A short service, a hymn, and some words of counsel from the Rector, occupied the next few minutes, and then in orderly procession the children from each of the schools with their teachers filed out of the Church and took up their places with their banners, ready for the march. Everything was very bright, and although there were some clouds in the sky, yet the sun shone out now and again upon the bright, happy faces of the children and made everyone feel that we were going to have a really fine day.

The march through Portadown to the fine music of the Ballyworkan Band, created quite a stir in the town. Edenderry turned out in crowds to see the "wee ones," and in the town we passed through a double line of sightseers. The Recreation Grounds were reached about 10-30, and the children at once gave themselves up to the day's amusement, some climbed up the grand stand, other jumped over the stone jumps, others kicked football, while the girls formed rings and played all kinds of games. "Dynes" had the big kettle boiling in good time and soon word went round that the tea and cakes were ready. Everyone said the tea was splendid.

At 12 o'clock the photographer from Mr. Moffett's came and took some fine groups (copies can be had

at Mrs. Metcalf's, Bridge Street, price 2d each). A series of football matches were played, Drumgor coming to the top as the winning team. In the tug-of-war there was a grand fight for first place which went to the boys from Carne, who had been trained by Mr. David Murray. The girls had some most exciting races and skipping competitions, and valuable prizes were awarded in the various events.

The Bazaar opened at 2, and a good trade was done all through the day by the ladies at the heavily laden stalls. The Refreshment Tent was well patronised, and the stall over which Mrs. Porter presided for the sale of sweeties, flowers and temperance drinks, did a roaring trade all through the day. Mrs. Porter went to no end of trouble in preparing her stall and helping on the Sale. When the Sale closed very little was left unsold, and we believe that the amount realised by the Sale and collections will cover the Debt on the Hall and the cost of introducing Gas into the Church. In connection with the Sale two names must be mentioned—Miss Armstong (who has raised over £50 towards the Sale) and Miss Atkinson, who was indefatigable in her efforts to promote its success. But it is almost invidious to mention names where all worked so splendidly.

At about 5 o'clock tea was provided for the children, and then everyone began to think of the Athletic Sports to commence at 6 o'clock. Over 500 paid for admission to the Sports. The races were very well contested and were watched with the keenest interest by the spectators. At the close the prizes were distributed to the successful racers by the Rev. J. E. Archer.

A few strokes on the big drum rallied all the children together, and about 9 o'clock we marched back to Seagoe. The Band played "God Save the King" at the Church gates, hearty cheers were given for all who helped in the day's pleasure and then all separated after a most enjoyable day. We cannot close this notice without recording our warmest thanks to Mr. W. R. Atkinson, our energetic Treasurer, for the very capable way in which he organised the Sale and Sports. The success of the day was chiefly due to his efforts.

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## OFFERTORIES FOR JUNE.

(Four Sundays)

	Morning.			Evening.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
June 2—1st S. after Trinity	0	16	1	0	11	9
	0	4	5			
" 9—2nd S. "	0	17	7	0	12	9
" 16—3rd S. "	0	2	0			
	1	3	3	0	13	4
" 23—4th S. "	1	0	0	0	9	0
Wednesdays				0	7	0
Total	£4	3	4	£2	13	10



### Baptisms.

"One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism."

- June 1—Mary Isabel, daughter of George and Mary Steenson.  
 „ „—Arthur, son of Arthur and Sarah Anne Allen.  
 „ „—Alexander, son of Alexander and Anne Thornton.  
 „ „—Anne, daughter of Alexander and Ellen Kilpatrick.  
 „ „—Margaret Anne, daughter of Henry and Delia Graham  
 „ „—Hugh Atkinson, son of Atkinson and Mary Costello.  
 „ „—Andrew, son of William Alexander and Jane Eliza Clark.  
 „ „—Sarah May, daughter of William Henry and Elizabeth Harrison.  
 „ „—Wolsey, son of James and Sarah Simpson.  
 „ 25—Ellen, daughter of Joseph and Ellen Robinson.  
 „ 27—Sarah, daughter of James and Annie M'Neill

### Marriage.

"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

- May 29—At Lurgan Parish Church, Thomas E. Maginnis, Breagh, to Mary Gilpin, Drumgor.

### Burials.

"Death is swallowed up in Victory."

- June 15—William John Vaughan, Edenderry, aged 40.  
 „ 19—Mary Ellen Cummins, Belfast, aged 19.  
 „ 27—Ellen Robinson, Edenderry, aged .

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### A NATIONAL SIN.

We would solemnly warn all our readers, especially the men, this month against the deadly sin of Strong Drink. When you are tempted to take it will you remember in God's name before you raise the fatal glass to your lips, that God's eye is upon you; think of your innocent children at home, think of the misery and tears and eternal ruin that mark the Drunkard's life.

Let it not be said of any of our young men in the Parish of Seagoe that they entered a Public House this July, nor let any of those who call themselves by the name of Christ in any way countenance indulgence in drink this month. We earnestly appeal to the members of the Men's Bible Classes to use all their influence to suppress the habits of drinking which spell ruin to many a young life. Young men, lead the way, and sign this pledge:—

*I solemnly promise, in God's name, to take no strong drink this July.*

Name.....

### QUESTIONS FOR TEACHERS.

The Prize for the Answers to Questions in last Month's issue has been awarded to Miss Armstrong.

We give a further set this month. Answers to be sent to the Rector before July 20th. A Prize will be awarded for the Teacher who sends in the best paper.

1. What reference does St. Paul make to the Judges, and what difficulty does his statement involve?

2. What were the chief cities of Philistia?

3. Which of our Lord's Apostles made use of Parables in his teaching, and give examples?

4. What is remarkable about our Lord's use of Leaven to illustrate His Kingdom?

5. Give passages from Scripture to prove the statement in the Catechism that Baptism implies 'a death unto sin and a new birth unto righteousness?'

6. Prove from the Bible that Confirmation was practised by the Apostles?

(N.B.—No one can receive a Prize twice in the same quarter, but their names will be printed in order of merit in the result.)

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### OUR DAY SCHOOLS.

The Examination in Religious Knowledge was held on Wednesday, June 5th, by the Rev. J. H. Mervyn, M.A., Assistant Diocesan Inspector. We are glad to say the result was very good. The following children were awarded certificates—Maude Dickson, Thomas Ruddell, Joseph Wilson, Herbert Hewitt, Joshua Caddell, James Johnston, Joseph Donaldson, Louie Montgomery, Ivy Stothers, Bella Magee, and Book Prizes for special excellence have been awarded to Maude Dickson, Thomas Ruddell, Joshua Caddell, James Johnston. The Inspector has issued a most favourable report. The Infant Division also showed the result of most careful training.

We congratulate Mr. Stothers, Miss Baillie, and Mr. Farquhar on the success of their pupils.

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### WEDNESDAY SERVICES.

During the past month a series of addresses were given on special subjects. These will be continued as follows during this month—

July 3rd—"Teaching by Parables."

July 10th—"The Sin of Intemperance."

July 17th—"The Book of Judges."

July 24th—"The Advantages of a Liturgy."

July 31st—"The Duty of Giving."

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### EXCURSION TO DUBLIN.

Seagoe Bible Class Excursion to Dublin will take place on Saturday, August 24th. Tickets to Members of the Classes, 3/9 each (including admission to Exhibition); Outsiders 4/- each (including admission to the Exhibition). This ought to be a splendid excursion, and the tickets are extremely cheap. Further particulars next month.



**SUNDAY SCHOOL QUESTIONS—JULY 14th.**

Morning—Judges viii.—Gideon's stratagem—1. Who was Jerubbaal? 2. By what test was the army reduced? 3. What encouraged Gideon? 4. What were the empty pitchers for? 5. Why did Gideon send messengers to Ephraim?

Evening—S. John xxi. 1-21.—Nets—1. Where did Jesus appear to His disciples? 2. To which of them did He appear? 3. How were they employed? 4. What question did He ask them? 5. What did He tell them to do? 6. What was the result? 7. What question did Jesus ask Peter?

**JULY 21st.**

Morning—Judges viii. 1-17—Zebah and Zalmunna—1. Who were the Kings of Midian? 2. What did Gideon say to the Princes of Succoth? 3. Who was the son of Joash? 4. How did Gideon punish Penuel?

Afternoon—S. Luke iv. 16-32—Parables—1. What is a Parable? 2. What did our Lord do in the synagogue? 3. What lesson did He draw? 4. What was the effect on the people? 5. Where did He withdraw to?

**JULY 28th.**

Morning—Judges viii. 18-35—Closing Acts of Gideon—1. How did Zebah describe the men slain at Tabor? 2. What did Gideon ask Jether to do? 3. What did Gideon do with the earrings? 4. Where was Gideon buried? 5. What happened after his death?

Afternoon—S. Matt. xiii. 3-23—Sowing—1. What was the first Parable? 2. What were the four kinds of soil? 3. Why did our Lord use parables? 4. What was the spiritual application of the Parable?

**AUGUST 4th.**

Morning—Judges ix. 1-21—Jotham's Parable—1. Who was Abimelech? 2. How did he become King? 3. Where did Jotham utter his parable? 4. What did the olive, vine and bramble say? 5. What was the meaning of the Parable?

Afternoon—S. Matt. xiii. 24-46—Tares and Leaven—1. What does the "Kingdom of Heaven" mean? 2.—What was sown amongst the wheat? 3. What was to be done with the tares? 4. What is peculiar about mustard seed? 5. Give the interpretation of the Parable of the Tares?

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**SALE OF WORK.**

Next month we hope to print a full list of the Card Collections. The Blocks for the Donkey and Watch Competition must be returned to Mr. W. R. Atkinson before July 22nd, when the Drawing will take place in Seagoe School at 8 p.m.

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**OLD SEAGOE NOTES.**

In our records of the old Church we have now come to the time when it was no longer used for Divine Service. The new Church had been built on the present site, and it had been duly consecrated and opened for Worship. But although the old

Church was no longer used for Service it remained standing for a few years in fair preservation. The internal fittings were not removed, and it was still used at funerals and for the accommodation of a Sunday School. At the Easter Vestry, March 28th, 1818, the sum of £2 was apportioned 'for the purpose of repairing the roof and windows of the old Church.' But as the necessity of extensive repairs became more pressing, it was at length resolved at the Easter Vestry, 1820, that the fittings of the old Church should be sold by Auction on or before next Whitsuntide. This was so distasteful to the parishioners that at a subsequent Vestry on the 23rd May, 1820, the resolution was rescinded by a majority of the Parishioners present, and the Vestry was adjourned 'until the sentiments of the Lord Bishop (Dr. Saurin) be known concerning the same.'

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On Saturday, October 7th, 1820, the gallery, pews, etc., were sold by auction, and in the same month the timbers of the roof and everything else saleable were disposed of by auction. The proceeds of the two sales amounted to £35 6s. 4d., and after the expenses of pulling down the building, cost of sale, etc., which amounted to £6 8s. 3d., there remained a balance of only £28 18s. 1d. This was applied to the purchase of the present iron entrance gates of the new Church and to the levelling of the ground and planting of the trees which surround it. Some portion of it was also spent in 'the erecting of an additional building to the stable for the purpose of a school house.'

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At the Auction the old pulpit became the property of Charles Mooney, a Roman Catholic and public-house keeper in Edenderry, in whose yard it long lay among the lumber. An aged parishioner, now dead, often saw it there, and in his memory of former days vainly vexed his soul at its desecration.

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**CONGRATULATIONS.**

We offer our heartiest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Maginnis on their recent marriage. Mr. Maginnis occupied the important position of Churchwarden last year, and has in many ways helped us in the Parish. We believe we express the feelings of all our readers in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Maginnis much blessing and prosperity in their new sphere of life.

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**SERMON.**

The Rev. Principal Kingsmill Moore, D.D., will preach in Seagoe Parish Church on Sunday, June 30th, at evening service. The Sermon will be in aid of the Church of Ireland Training College, Dublin. Dr. Moore is one of the most distinguished leaders in educational matters in the Church.



ITEMS.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Gilpin have returned from the States, and are now living at Ballydonaghy.

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George Porter has arrived safely in Queensland Australia.

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A Conference of Church of Ireland Sunday School Teachers will be held in Lurgan Parochial Hall, on Saturday, June 29th, at 8-30. A large number of the Seagoe Teachers will be present.

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Sam Curry was the only competitor from Seagoe in the great 26 mile race to Lurgan. He was well to the front up to Hillsborough, when he had to retire owing to a sprained knee.

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The Bible Classes and Sunday Schools are all increasing in numbers. We need some more Sunday School Teachers.

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Bishop Crozier, who is coming to Seagoe for the Confirmation, was for many years Rector of Holywood, near Belfast.

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Improvements will be made in the School Buildings during the holidays, which will render them most efficient and up-to-date.

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CAPTAIN SIMMONS, C.A.

Our readers will be glad to read the following from Captain Simmons, who did such good work in Seagoe Parish. We wish him much success and blessing in the King's work—

31, Albany Road, Windsor, Berkshire,  
June 18th, 1907

Dear Friends,—On leaving the Training Home I was sent to open up a new station for C.A. work near Hull, in Yorkshire.

I was booked for a three months' stay there, but stopped four, as I liked the people very much.

I then got appointed to the Parish of Holy Trinity, Windsor, where I am at present.

It was truly a change from "the frozen north to the sunny south" as someone humorously put it, though I confess the change was not so noticeable as that.

My duties are many and varied, as I have to work amongst all classes from the aristocracy to the Italian ice cream vendor; for though it is the Royal Borough we have the different grades of society represented.

Our's is the Military Church, and is attended by the officers and men of the Household Cavalry and Brigade of Guards.

The average congregation is about fourteen hundred; which fact in itself conveys a fair idea what the work is like.

There is another C.A. officer working with me in the Parish, and between us we manage to have a Barrack-room and two Mission Services on Sundays, and Three Open-air Meetings weekly.

I think Windsor people, as a whole, are inclined for the gayer side of life, and thus one has to make the services as bright as possible in order to appeal to their nature.

So far we have succeeded in doing so, and have had blessings all along the line.

The experience thus gained through working amongst "all sorts and conditions of men," and women—I met an Irishwoman the other day—is invaluable; and the blessing of being a co-worker with Christ more than compensates for any difficulties encountered.

Yours faithfully,

ALBERT SIMMONS, C.A.

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IMPORTANT.

The Rector will be very glad to give Letters of Recommendation to any who may be intending to leave the Parish for America or the Colonies. Such letters may prove very useful, not only as proof of character, but also in keeping our Church emigrants in touch with the Church in the places to which they go, abroad.

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TO FRIENDS ABROAD.

We know that copies of this Magazine go to all parts of the world, and so we would like to say a few words to those who are separated from us by many thousands of miles. We hope that in the new land to which you have gone you always remember in your prayers God's work in the old Parish at home. We trust that you will not forget to keep the Sabbath day holy. Search out and enquire for the Church in your neighbourhood where the old Prayer Book is used, and when you hear the familiar words they will bring back to you the memory of the worship at home. Try to get to know the clergyman of the Parish and ask him to give you some Christian work to do. If you know of others from Seagoe who live near you bring them also to the Church with you. The Rector would like very much to hear from time to time from those who have gone abroad. Young men in America and Canada should join the nearest branch of St. Andrew's Brotherhood. It is a widespread organisation for men in the American Church, and has branches everywhere.

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Miss Armstrong returns grateful thanks to all in Edenderry who so generously helped her at the recent Sale by contributions of Money and Work; and her special thanks are due to the members of her Bible Class, who so cheerfully subscribed for almost a year, and by so doing, raised over £12.