

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

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The Confirmation.



HE Confirmation was held in the Parish Church by the Right Rev. J. B. Crozier, D.D., Lord Bishop of Down and Connor and Dromore, on Sunday evening, June 26th, at 7 o'clock. The Candidates assembled in the Parochial School, at 6-15, and were received there by the Clergy of the Parish. They were then conducted to the place reserved for them in the Church, the boys occupying the pews on the Pulpit side, and the girls those on the Lectern side. The girls were almost, without exception, attired in white, and wore small caps. Each Candidate had a Prayer Book and Hymnal and also a card of admission to Confirmation. A large crowd of worshippers was present, for whose accommodation forms and chairs had to be placed in the aisles. The Service began with the Hymn 335, "The Church's one foundation;" and during the singing of it, the Bishop, Clergy, and Churchwardens entered in procession by the North Door. The Churchwardens (Mr. Chas. Collins and Mr. Thos. Reid) walked first, followed by the Rev. W. R. Crichton, curate, the Lord Bishop, and the Rector, who acted as Bishop's Chaplain. The Preface to the order of Confirmation was read by the Rector, then the Bishop speaking from the Chancel steps gave a short address to the Candidates who stood before him, the Congregation remaining seated. He based his remarks on Deut. xxvi. 17, 18. He also examined the Candidates in certain portions of the Church Catechism, and then formally, to the girls first and then to the boys, put the solemn Confirmation Question, the Candidates audibly and reverently answering "I do." The beautiful Confirmation Hymn (376), "Thine for ever, God of Love," was sung by the whole congregation kneeling, and then followed the laying on of hands, a most reverent and impressive ceremony. The Hymn, 594, "Stand up, stand up for Jesus," followed, and the Bishop standing at the Chancel steps gave a second address very simple, but very earnest and helpful, exhorting the Candidates to pray regularly, to study daily the sacred Scriptures, and never to neglect Public Worship and attendance at Holy Communion. After the Bishop's address, the closing Collects were said, and the Confirmation Hymn, 377, "Soldiers of Christ arise," was heartily sung. During the singing of the Hymn the Offertory was made, and the alms presented by the Bishop. While all knelt, the Bishop pronounced the Benediction, and during the singing of Hymn 378, "Oft in danger, oft in woe," the Bishop and Clergy left the Church.

LIST OF CONFIRMED.

The following received the Rite of Confirmation and have thereby been admitted to the full privileges of membership in the Church. The names are arranged in alphabetical order:—Robert John Best, Samuel Best, David Boyce, Thomas Henry Boyce, George Cartmill, Samuel Clayton, Robert John Cordy, Thomas Henry Dickson, David Ellis, James Henry England, Thomas England, Thomas Flannigan, David Frazer, Frederick Freeburn, David Gates, William Gillespie, Jacob Gilpin, George Gracey, George Graham, Leonard Haire, Robert Hardy, Herbert Hewitt, Moses Hewitt, Norman Sydney Holmes, Hugh Killow, Albert Lindsay, James Livingston, Robert Livingston, Samuel James Magee, Richard Maxwell, Thomas John McCormick, William John McNally, David McNeill, Joseph Parkes, Gilbert Price, William Quail, Richard Robinson, Thomas Ruddell, George Simpson, James Henry Stevenson, Abraham Sturgeon, Thomas Richard Sturgeon, Edward Thompson, William John Thompson, Samuel Rainey, James Shepherd, Thomas Smith, William Telford, James Terry, William John Wilson.

Jemima Allen, Mary Allen, Edith Anderson, Mary Emma Anderson, Ellen Best, Helena Jane Best, Mary Black, Maria Bleakley, Sarah Bleakley, Sophia Bradshaw, Martha Courtney, Elizabeth Cummins, Sarah Dawson, Minnie Dickson, Sarah Dickson, Alice Maria Donaldson, Sarah Ellis, Mary England, Rachel Flannigan, Margaret Jane Freeburn, Rachel Gates, Mary Gillespie, Letitia Gilpin, Charlotte Green, Martha Gregston, Florence Mary Hall, Hannah Harte, Margaret Lewie, Anne Jane Lindsay, Susanna Jane Livingston, Isabella Magee, Anne Major, Elizabeth Marshall, Elizabeth Maxwell, Margaret Emma Maxwell, Mary Anne McCormick, Annie McKerr, Adeline McLoughlin, Florence Jane M'Loughlin, Sarah Anne McNulty, Margaret Jane Milligan, Louisa Montgomery, Adelaide Mary Murray, Ethel Preston, Margaret Roney, Sarah Emily Rainey, Sarah Margaret Reid, Elizabeth Reid, Theresa Ramsey, Anne Russell, Christina Reid, Frances Thompson, Elizabeth Turner, Isabella Vaughan, Ellen Maria Watson, Sarah Webb, Jane Anna Webb, Anne White.

Men and Boys—50.

Girls—58.

Total Confirmed—108.

Offertories for June.

	Morning.	Evening.
June 5th—2nd S. aft. Trinity	£1 13 5	0 10 6
„ 12th.—3rd S. aft. „	2 17 0	0 18 0
„ 19th.—4th S. aft. „	1 1 8	0 11 6
„ 26th.—5th S. aft. „	1 3 10	1 16 9
Wednesdays		0 9 7
Total,	£6 15 11	£4 6 4

Sunday School Excursion.

The Excursion this year to Warrenpoint was very successful. That all-important factor, the weather, was in our favour. It was a glorious, cloudless June day. A short service was held in the Parish Church before starting at 8 o'clock. The Procession to the station looked very nice. The girls in their light summer dresses and the boys in their neat caps, snow-white collars, and trim suits made a splendid turn-out, and the faithful Teachers along the line of procession kept a careful eye over their youthful charge. The Ballyhannon Band headed the troops as they marched to the station, and their martial music kept all in step. Half-way to the station the men in Bright's Foundry gave us a hearty greeting as they lined up to watch us pass. Edenderry turned out even to the smallest baby-in-arms. The train journey to Warrenpoint was made in good time, and Jones's Field was reached about 11 o'clock. St. Mark's Excursion was in the field before us, and it seemed as if all Portadown had moved to Warrenpoint. Tea was soon ready, and the large round buns began rapidly to disappear down hungry Seagoe throats. Unfortunately, the supply of cups ran short, and there was a delay in getting the refreshment for St. Mark's party, but Seagoe drank its tea and eat its buns quickly, and so made way for the others. Warrenpoint is an ideal place for an Excursion. The mountains, the sea, the gardens, the baths, the trams, and the motors provide endless variety for young and old. The day passed quickly, and at 5 o'clock all were gathering to the field for a further draught of refreshing tea and another assault on the inexhaustible bun-baskets. The old hands were again hard at work, and everyone agreed that George Calvert and John Montgomery had put just the right amount of tea and sugar and milk into the boilers. They know exactly what suits the taste of the Seagoe people. After tea another hour was spent in lingering round the toy shops, and at 7-30 the "specials" began to leave for Portadown. The Band played the excursionists up to the Church, and amidst hearty cheers for King George the Fifth, Seagoe Excursion for 1910 came to an end. Unpleasant rumours were afloat that the Excursionists had been stoned, but they were unfounded, and the whole proceedings passed off without a hitch, and everyone returned home delighted with their day at the shore.

July brings many temptations to strong drink. We hope our young fellows will resist all invitations or temptations to take it. Let the Watchword for July be "No Surrender to the Drink Foe."

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A Special Prize has been awarded to Thomas Dickson, of Drumgor, for his Church Attendance Card for the quarter ending March 31st.

Baptisms.

- "I will make an everlasting covenant with them."
 June 4th.—Herbert Harrison, son of John and Anne Coulter.
 " " Frances Jane, daughter of Joseph Leatham and Kathleen Watson.
 " " Norman Cecil, son of David and Sarah Jane Guy.
 " " Thomas James, son of Joseph and Jane Eliza Fletcher.
 " " Alice, daughter of John and Margaretta Dickson.

Marriage.

"God, our Home."

- June 29th.—Joseph Keelips, Portadown, to Florence Isabella Kirby, Edenderry.

Burials.

"Death is swallowed up in Victory."

- June 14th.—John Anderson, Drumgor, aged 70.
 „ 23rd.—John Whaley, Edenderry, aged 41.

The Day Schools.

At the recent Examination in Religious Knowledge held by the Rev. J. H. Mervyn, M.A., Diocesan Inspector, the following results were obtained:—

Seagoe School—Course IV., First Certificate—Margaret Irwin (Full marks). Second Certificates—Charles Killow, Mabel Reid, Margaret Magee. Passed—Theresa Ramsey, Margaret Costello.

Course I. Certificates—Sarah Martin, Thomas Hewitt. Passed—Henry Ellis, Olive Blakely, W. Coulter. Scripture only—Commended, Sarah Irwin. In the Junior Division 81 passed out of 110 examined.

Hacknahay School—Course II, Second Grade Certificate—Elizabeth England (Full marks), Adelaide McMurray, Ellen England, Mary Flavell. Third Grade Certificates—Albert McMurray, Sarah Thompson, Rachel McKnight.

Scripture only—Commended, Hannah McMurray, Helen Calvert. Passed—Netta Spence.

John Stoops, Sam Magee, and John Patton have been awarded Silver Medals in Seagoe School for not having missed a day at School during the past twelve months.

Holidays.—Seagoe School broke up for the Holidays on Friday, June 24th, and will resume work on Monday, August 8th. Hacknahay School broke up on Thursday, June 30th, and resumes work on Tuesday, August 2nd. We hope the children will have very pleasant holidays. Both schools have worked hard and done well during the past session. At the break-up the children gave hearty Cheers for their Teachers and wished them a happy holiday.

Items.

The congregation in Seagoe Church at the Confirmation on Sunday evening numbered 680 persons.

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Major Blacker and Mrs. Blacker have returned to Carrickblacker after a holiday in England.

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The Bishop during his visit was the guest of Major and Mrs Blacker.

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We congratulate the Rev. John Taylor on his election to the position of President of the Belfast Junior Clerical Society.

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The Garden Fête at Moyallon on Tuesday, June 28th, was a very pleasant and successful function. It realised about £120. Unfortunately the weather was not favourable, but the proceeds will help materially to reduce the debt on the Cripples' Institute in Belfast.

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The Rector has concluded his delivery of the Donnellan Lectures in Dublin University. The last lecture of the course was delivered on Sunday, June 19th.

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Some excellent snap-shots of Seagoe excursion were taken by Mr. Jeffers, of High Street, Portadown. We believe they have had a large sale as postcards. We congratulate Mr. Jeffers on his enterprise.

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Mr. Bertram Holland, who recently left Seagoe for Toronto, Canada, has written a long and interesting letter to the Rector. He has got a very good engineering position, and attends the services at St. James' Cathedral every Sunday. He desires to be remembered to the members of Edenderry Men's Class.

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The Lord Bishop has given a donation of £5 to Hacknahay Day School.

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Measles has been very prevalent in the Parish for the past fortnight, but it is fortunately of a light type. Parents should be very careful as the after-effects of measles are often serious. Quiet, warmth, and subdued light, form the best treatment.

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The Associates and Helpers of Seagoe G.F.S. and the Superintendents of the Parish Sunday Schools had a pleasant evening at the Rectory last month.

Holy Communion.

Those who have been confirmed will attend the celebration of Holy Communion on Sunday, July 3rd, either at 8 o'clock in the morning as many have arranged to do or at the Celebration which follows Morning Prayer. We earnestly invite the Parents and Godparents of these young people to join with them in partaking of Holy Communion. Some of those who were confirmed three years ago have not yet fulfilled the purpose of their Confirmation by becoming Communicants, and we also invite them to come forward and to show that God's grace has not been bestowed upon them in vain.

Each candidate who was confirmed last Sunday received a little pamphlet on the subject of Confirmation and Holy Communion.

Anniversary Service.

On Sunday, July 10th, Sermons will be preached both morning and evening on behalf of the Orphan Society. In the Morning the Collection will be in aid of the Co. Armagh Protestant Orphan Society and in the Evening at 7 o'clock the Collection will be in aid of the Enniskillen Orphan Fund and the Armagh Protestant Orphan Society.

The Evening Service will take the form of a Special Anniversary Service, and we hope to have with us representatives from the Orange Lodges in the Portadown and Lurgan Districts. Special seats will be reserved for the Brethren.

Nature Notes for July.

There is such a profusion of growth in July that it becomes hard to know what to look at first. The great Wayside Plantain grows everywhere along our roadsides. Its coarse leaves and long spike of flowers are easily distinguished. Thistles are numerous and very varied. Strange to say, they belong to the same family as the Marigold and Daisy, each blossom really consisting of many blossoms. They are called compound or composite flowers. The Knapweed or Hardhead is very common in Seagoe district. It has a thistle-like flower very compact. Its stem is as tough as wire, and its dull purple bloom is set in a hard black cup. Plenty of Ox-eye or Moon Daisies are now in bloom, especially along the railway banks. The Meadow-Sweet, with its foamy flowers and strong almond-like perfume, grows freely in the hedgerows.

The Fruit Season now begins. Fruit is a useful diet, but is not very digestible unless when cooked. Strawberries are rich in alkaline salts, and neutralise the acid in the blood, but they are unwholesome when taken in large quantities. In Bird life the chief interest this month consists in observing the habits of the newly-fledged offspring, their feeding, attempts at flight, changes in plumage, etc.

Old Seagoe Notes.

Ordnance Survey of Seagoe 1835—The notes made by the Ordnance Survey Officials in 1835 when they were making the first complete survey of Ireland are very interesting. They have never been printed, and can only be seen in the Royal Irish Academy Library in Dublin. The following are some extracts relating to Seagoe and the neighbourhood:—The name of the Royal Engineer who was engaged in the survey of Seagoe and Portadown was J. C. McIlroy, and his officer was Lieutenant Bennett, R.E. Mr. McIlroy says—During the Summer months the meadows along the Bann are covered with numbers of Black Cattle. The Quays near the Bridge have a perceptible air of business about them, especially that on the Edenderry side of the Bridge. There are twelve houses in Edenderry. The width of the Bann at the Bridge is 360 feet. [The river was narrow above the Bridge beet, but widened out almost to the size of a small lake just below it.] The first Bank established in Portadown was a branch of the Ulster Bank. It was opened in 1836 in Edenderry where Lutton's factory now stands. The townland of Edenderry according to Mr. McIlroy was in 1836 owned by a Miss Hogshaw, of Lisburn. The Presbyterian Meeting House was built in 1822; the Minister was the Rev. W. Dowling. Previous to its erection the Presbyterians worshipped in Vinecash, outside Portadown.

Hacknahay School was built in 1827. On Sept. 22nd, 1837, Mr. McIlroy visited it, and found Mr. George Edbrooke, a member of the Established Church, teacher. Religious instruction, he notes, was given to the children each day, and on Wednesdays and Fridays by the Rev. Simon Foote. There were present at the School on the above date 75 children—35 boys and 25 girls under 10 years of age, and 10 boys and 5 girls over 10 and under 15. Anne Burrell was Mistress of Carrick Female School, beyond the present Levaghery School. The School was attended by 59 girls, and the Teacher was paid by Mrs. Blacker, of Carrickblacker.

Reid Booth was the Master of Balteagh School, but Lord Mandeville's "moral" agent would not permit Mr. McIlroy to enter the School.

A Curious Inscription—The following lines were inscribed on the old Bell in Lurgan Church tower (1836):—

"I to the Church the living call,
And to the grave do summon all."

John Ruddell, fecit 1794.

The inscription on Seagoe Church Bell before the present one was, "Parish of Seagoe, A.D. 1781."

An Old Map of Seagoe in 1760—A very interesting Map of the Co. Armagh was made for the Primate by a Frenchman, Jean Rocque, in 1760. It is on a large scale, and gives many interesting details about Seagoe. Portadown scarcely existed then, and there were no houses in Edenderry. Bridge Street did not exist. The road over the bridge ran up to Quarry's Turns, and on to Killycomaine and Lurgan. The old Horse Block is

marked in Seagoe Graveyard. Only portion of the present Rectory had been built. An old lane, the pavement of which can still be traced near the upper gate of Eden Villa, ran down towards the Bann. The map explains the origin of the "Devil's Elbow" turns on the Carne Road. Originally there was a square piece of ground like a pound green in the middle of the road, and the road went round both sides of it. When the road at one side was closed it left the present curious angle at the other side. Church lane ran in a straight line to where the Seagoe Railway Crossing now is, and on to Derryvore. There was a curious oblong piece of ground in the middle of the road at Killycomaine Cross Roads, the roads running at each side of it. Traces of it may still be seen. There was a well in the Rectory grounds, usually called "The Lady's Well," which was possibly one of the ancient sacred wells. It has long since been filled up. Altogether the map is very interesting, and it may be possible to reproduce it in some future issue of this Magazine.

Portadown in 1835—Before the Linen Industry was started in Portadown the town became important as a centre for the export of grain by the Newry Canal to England.

Imports in 1836—Iron, 250 tons; Coal, 600; Timber, 500; Slates, 200; Flour, 50; Oatmeal, 100. Exports—Wheat, 2,250 tons; Oats, 2,500; Barley, 250. In the same year 90 tons of Pork was sent to Belfast by cart. St. Mark's Church was built in 1826 to seat 500, and cost £1,600. Arthur Williams & Co., Dublin, built the present stone bridge in 1835. The contract price was £8,000, but the actual cost was £9,000. Thomas Gey was Schoolmaster of Portadown Infant School in 1835. The chief newspaper read then by the people was "The Ulster Times." Mr. McIlroy, in his notes, says that "the people of Portadown find great amusement in reading newspapers."

CHURCHWARDENS OF SEAGOE (Continued):—

1711—John Sinclair, of Aghneeyhey.

John Woolsey, of Edenderry.

1712—Patrick Best, of Tanefeglassony.

John Stephenson, of Derriadda.

1713—William Bullock, of Tanefeglassony.

Thomas Pressick, of Breagh.

1714—John Fisher, ye younger, of Kinnego.

John Davison, of Bocomra.

1715—William Richey, of Bocomra.

Christopher Wilson, of Derri-Inver.

Note—The most interesting point in the above list is the way in which the Townlands are spelt. Aghne-eyhey is apparently the original form of Hacknahay.

MEANING OF TOWNLAND NAMES (Continued):—

Derryvore—Daire-mor, the great Oak-wood.

Drumgor—The Ridge of the Goat.

Drumlisnagrilly—The Ridge of the Fort of the Dagger or Short Sword. This townland is the traditional site of the Battle between the Danes and Sept of the O'Neill's in 941.