

# Seago Parish Magazine.

JULY, 1913.

## The Confirmation.



ON Sunday evening, June 8th, 1913, the Right Rev. C. F. D'Arcy, D.D., Bishop of Down and Connor, and Dromore, held a Confirmation in Seago Parish Church. The Candidates assembled in the Parochial School at 6-15 p.m., and received their cards of admission to the Confirmation. They then proceeded to the Church, and occupied the pews reserved for them. Shortened Evening Prayer was said by the Rev. G. Bloomer, and after the Creed, the Confirmation Service began. The Preface was read by the Rector, and then the Bishop from the Chancel steps spoke a few solemn and searching words to the Candidates who stood before him. He then put to them the Confirmation Question and all audibly answered with the words "I do." The Rite of Confirmation was then administered very impressively by the Bishop, the boys being confirmed first. After the Confirmation the Bishop gave a second address from the Pulpit on the words "Called—Chosen—Faithful," admonishing the young people to be faithful to their high calling in Christ Jesus. The hymn, "Thine for ever God of Love" was sung, all kneeling, and after the concluding collects the very solemn service came to a close. The Church was crowded, and many could not obtain admission. The total number confirmed was Boys 41, Girls 72, being 113 in all. They were all from Seago Parish. Each of those confirmed was presented after the Service with a Book of Preparation for Holy Communion. A large number of those who were confirmed were present at Holy Communion on Sunday, June 15th. We hope that any who were unable to be present then will not fail to come to the Celebration on Sunday, July 6th, after Morning Prayer. Illuminated Confirmation Cards, signed by the Lord Bishop, will be presented in the near future to each person confirmed, the date of first attendance at Holy Communion will be entered on them. The following is a list of those confirmed

### BOYS.

Joseph Allen, John Atkinson, Richard Armstrong, Francis Best, Wm. Jas. Best, Robert Boyce, George Bradshaw, Atkinson Conolly, Robert George Conolly, Wm. John Coulter, Thomas Dickson, Harry Ellis, James Forde, Samuel Fox, Thomas Jas. Gordon, John Grimshaw, Ernest Wm. Hall, Henry Hall, William Hall, Thomas Hewitt, Victor Holland, James McAnally, James McCann, Thomas David McCrory, Wm. Henry McDonald, James McKeown, John McLoughlin, Thomas McNulty, Wm. James Porter, Thomas Reid, Johnston Robinson, Samuel

Roney, Alexander Russell, Samuel Stevenson, Wm. John Turkington, Victor Walker, George Annesley Watson, William Whaley, James Henry White, George Henry Wilson, Robert Henry Wilson.

### GIRLS.

Margaret Adair, Christina Anderson, Margaret Best, Mary Jane Best, Ellen Jane Bickett, Hannah Bella Caddell, Susan Cartmill, Sarah Anne Clayton, Mary Cooke, Sarah Cooke, Christina Cordy, Margaret Costello, Annabella Coulter, Sarah Coulter, Maria Cox, Elizabeth Dawson, Ellen England, Ellen Jane England, Mary Flavell, Emma Jane Forde, Sarah Jane Forde, Sarah Forsythe, Maria Gordon, Mary Anne Gordon, Letitia Gracey, Emma Gregston, Sarah Gregston, Pearl Grimshaw, Mary Cecil Gray, Selina Harrison, Myrtle Sylva Holmes, Agnes Johnston, Emma Jane Lavery, Margaret Lavery, Ellen Lewie, Christina Livingston, Esther Jane Livingston, Georgina Livingston, Caroline Magee, Maria Magee, Sarah Malcomson, Sarah Martin, Jemima Matchett, Mary Jane Milligan, Sarah McCann, Eliza Jane McCormick, Jane McCormick, Mary McCormick, Mary Anne McCrory, Martha McDowell, Margaret McKaig, Ellen Noble, Elizabeth Jane McKerr, Mary McLoughlin, Dinah McNally, Sarah Jane Price, Martha Porter, Margaret Rainey, Anne Reid, Mabel Walker Reid, Ethel Ruddell, Sarah Thompson, Emma Thornton, Sarah Anne Thornton, Margaret Vaughan, Mary Watson, Sarah Watson, Florence Webb, Josephine Webb, Sophia Webb, Agnes Wilson, Margaret Anne Wilson.

## The Excursion to Warrenpoint.

We were favoured again this year with real Seago weather. On Tuesday, June 17th, the sun shone out from an almost cloudless sky, as the happy groups of children assembled in the early morning at the Parish Church. After a short service of Prayer and Praise the Sunday Schools formed in procession and headed by the Edenderry Bagpipe Band, in their Highland Costume, marched to the station. The train left the station at 9.15, and after a quick run, landed us all at the "Point." Quite a stir was created in the town by the stirring strains of the Pipers as we marched round to the Pavilion. Here Mr. John Montgomery, and his band of willing helpers, had tea ready on our arrival. Everyone got refreshments in a very short space of time, and ere long young Seago was wending its way to Rostrevor, Cloughmore, and Carlingford. A sea haze shut out the views of the mountains, and a brisk breeze from the south made the sea somewhat choppy, but everyone was invigorated by the splendid air straight from off the sea. At Cloughmore a party of enthusiastic excursionists were seen joining hands around the Big Stone, and dancing round and round notwithstanding the mist and wind. Those who sailed to Carlingford had a fine time,



though a few began to look a little 'green' when the steamer hove to in the broken water off the harbour. The second refreshment took place at 5, and the keen appetites caused viands to rapidly disappear. The return train left at 7-20 p.m., and made a good run homewards. Great crowds awaited us on our return and escorted us back to Seagoe Church where, after a short speech from the Rector and cheers for the King, a very happy day came to a close. We owe our heartiest thanks to the members of the Excursion Committee, who worked indefatigably to make the Excursion a great success.

### Anniversary Service.

An Anniversary Service will (n.v.) be held in the Parish Church on Sunday evening, July 6th, at 7 p.m. Special places will be reserved for the members of Lodges. The Sermon will be preached by the Rev. J. E. Archer. The offerings will be given to the Enniskillen Orphan Fund.

On Sunday morning, July 6th, the annual appeal will be made on behalf of the Co. Armagh Protestant Orphan Society. Collecting Cards were issued on Sunday, June 29th, to be used during the week following. They are to be handed in at the Church door on the morning of Sunday, July 6th. It is very necessary that a larger sum should be sent in each year to the Orphan Society from this Parish. The Society pays £130 each year to Seagoe Parish for the support of Seagoe Orphans.

Perhaps some Parishioner will send a Donation each year to supplement the Funds. Cheques should be addressed to the Rector.

### SEAGOE DAY SCHOOL.

Building operations will shortly be begun at Seagoe School. The Select Vestry have made arrangements for the building of an additional Class Room of large proportions. The proceeds of the Sale which was held last year will, it is thought, be sufficient to cover the cost. The School has had a very successful session with record attendances, and an excellent spirit of discipline and comradeship is noticeable. Special Classes in Shorthand and Book-keeping will be formed after the holidays.

At the breaking-up on Thursday, June 26th, the Rector was present, and congratulated the teachers and pupils on the continued success of the School. Hearty cheers were given for the Teachers. The Summer Holidays will continue until Tuesday, August 6th. The porches in the Boys' and Girls' Schools have recently been relaid in fancy tiles, a much needed improvement, and one which greatly brightens up the approach to the Schools.

### ITEMS.

A Presentation of a Travelling Bag was made last month to Jack Stoops, by his fellow pupils in Seagoe School on the occasion of his departure for Montreal, Canada.

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Miss Charlotte Allen is on a holiday here from the States.

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Several of our Seagoe people crossed the Atlantic by the "Pretorian," but fortunately none were injured in the railway accident which happened to the train conveying her passengers farther West.

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The Members of the Select Vestry and of the Choir spent evenings at the Rectory last month.

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We congratulate Miss Louie Montgomery on her distinguished success in winning a leading place in the Higher Local Examination in Piano playing, held recently in Belfast.

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Mr Chambers, the Principal of Seagoe School, and Mr. Boyle, are having a holiday in the Isle of Man.

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Hacknahay School broke up for the summer holidays on Friday, June 27th. Special prizes were awarded to Eliza Thompson, and James Best.

### EASTER SUNDAY SCHOOL COLLECTIONS.

We print a list of the sums collected by the Teachers and Children on the Easter Sunday School Collecting Cards. The first amount represents the Teacher's collection and the second that of the class.

Miss Hoy, 2/-; R. T. Montgomery, 1/-—1/6; Miss Guy, 5/-—6d; Mrs. Porter, 2/-—7d; Miss R. England 1/-—5d; Miss J. England, 1/-—11d; Miss Quaile, 1/9—9d; Miss Montgomery, Seagoe, 0—11d; Miss Porter, 1/9—1d; D. Murray, 1/-—5d; Mrs. T. Martin, 3/-—2/3; Miss MacMullan, 0—7d; T. Hopps, 3/-—8d; Miss Stevenson, 2/2—1/2; Mrs. MacMullan, 3/1; Miss Halliday, 3/-—2/1; Miss Woolsey, 3/-; Miss R. J. Coulter, 3/-—2d; Miss M. Lavery, 1/6—6d; Miss M. Lyness (Mrs. McCune), 3/-—1½d; Miss Reid, 6d—6d; W. J. Caddell, 1/-—7d; H. W. Murray, 0—8d; Miss Armstrong, 10/-—2/2; Miss Preston, 0—1/-; Miss Atkinson, 3/-—2/-; Mrs. Stothers, 4/3—4/2; L. Haire, 0—1/-; C. H. Boyle, 10d—8d; Miss Montgomery, 0—4½d; Miss Dawson, 0—3d.

**Hacknahay**—Miss Grace Best, 8/-—1/-; Miss M. McCormick, 3/-—1/6; Miss Calvert, 4/6—2/6; T. E. Maginnis, 2/-—1/2; Miss S. Templeton, 0—2/4; Miss R. England, 0—6d; Miss J. England, 0—1/6.

**Levaghery**—Miss Monroe, 1/-—1/-; Mrs. Collins, 1/3—1/-; Miss Montgomery, 9d—1/-. Total Teachers, £4 1s 4d; Classes, £2 1s 6d. Total—£6 2s 10d



**Mr. John Young, M.A.**

Mr. John Young, M.A., the esteemed Proprietor and Publisher of the "Portadown News" has, we regret to say, been laid aside with illness for the past two months, but is now, we are glad to say, regaining strength. Mr. Young is a valuable asset to Portadown. The "Portadown News" always maintains a high level of integrity and ability in its management, and reflects in its columns the high principle and character of its Proprietor. The Editor of Seagoe Magazine appreciates the efforts Mr. Young has always made to produce the Magazine punctually and in first-rate style, and its wide circulation is a proof that he has succeeded in his efforts.

**The Annual Report.**

The Annual Report will be issued next week, and should be carefully studied by the Parishioners. The Accounts are arranged in the same order as in last year's Report. On the whole the Report is favourable, although the amount contributed to the Sustentation Fund is still not as large as it might be. If our readers notice any errors in the Report, they should communicate them without delay to the Hon. Sec. and Treas., Mr. W. R. Atkinson, for correction. The Report covers a wide field, and is a good index to the various Parochial activities.

**Hymns for July.**

- 6th.—M.—381, O happy day; 357, My God, and is Thy table spread; 463, There is a green hill; 467 See the good Shepherd. E.—90, O God our Help; 377, Soldiers of Christ! arise; 378, Oft in danger; 379, Onward Christian Soldiers.
- 13th.—M.—208, Look, ye Saints; 137, I lay my sins on Jesus; 520, When my lip confesses; 257, Let us love, and sing, and wonder. E.—161, Lord in this Thy mercy's day; 136, I was a wandering sheep; 97 How sweet the Name; 325, Lord as to Thy dear Cross; 73, Light of the lonely.
- 20th.—M.—476, At Thy feet; 552, O everlasting light; 574, Safe in the Arms of Jesus; 553, O Jesu, Thou art standing. E.—32, O day of rest and gladness; 308, There is no sorrow; 165, Rock of Ages; 335, The Church's one foundation; 226, Three in one.
- 27th.—M.—67, Hark a thrilling voice; 44, Thou God of power; 550, For the beauty of the earth; 77, Great God, what do I see and hear; 38, O Jesu I have promised. E.—216, Come Holy Ghost; 111, Hark the song of Jubilee; 76, Lo! He comes; 485, The day thou gavest; 215, Our blest Redeemer.

New Chant—*Venite*, 220 Responses, 6.

**Improvements to Seagoe Church.**

Several notable improvements will shortly be effected in Seagoe Church. Major Blacker is erecting a Memorial to the late revered Canon Blacker. It will take the form of oak panelling on the east wall of the Chancel. The trustees of the Beresford Fund have given a grant of £40 towards the further improvement of the chancel and the Select Vestry have decided to apply it to the completion of the panelling along the side walls of the chancel, and the painting of the chancel walls. The nave of the church is also to be recoloured in paint or "distemper."

**Baptisms.**

"He took our nature upon Him."

Baptized on Saturday, June 7th, 1913.

**McCann**—William Edward, son of William Edward and Elizabeth McCann, Killicomaine.

*Sponsors*—Marion Duke—Elizabeth McCann.

**Rocke**—William David, son of David Alexander and Letitia Rocke, Portadown.

*Sponsors*—Isabell Wells—Letitia Rocke.

**Cordy**—Eveline, daughter of William James and Margaret Cordy, Portadown.

*Sponsors*—Wm. James Cordy—Margaret Cordy.

**Lyness**—Robert Norman Wellesley, son of Robert and Mary Jane Lyness, Legacurry.

*Sponsors*—Isabell Wells—Mary Jane Lyness.

**Hoy**—Anna Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas and Frances Hoy, Lylo.

*Sponsors*—Margaret Brown—Frances Hoy.

**Collins**—Josephine, daughter of Joseph and Mary Collins, Upper Seagoe.

*Sponsors*—Mary Jane Collins—Mary Collins.

**Malcomson**—Myrtle Violet, daughter of William and Hannah Malcomson, Edenderry.

*Sponsors*—Margaret Brown—Hannah Malcomson.

**Coulter**—Samuel, son of John and Annie Coulter, Edenderry.

*Sponsors*—John Coulter—Annie Coulter.

Baptized on Wednesday, July 2nd, 1913.

**Camblin**—Gilbert, son of Thomas James and Jemima Camblin.

*Sponsors*—Thomas Jas. Camblin—Jemima Camblin.

Privately Baptized, July 4th, 1913.

**Robinson**—Margaret, daughter of Joseph and Mary Robinson, Tamnificarbet.

**Burial.**

"Absent from the body, present with the Lord."

**Russell**—June 18th—William George Russell, Aldergrove, Killead, Co. Antrim, accidentally drowned, aged 17.



**Offertories for June.**

“What shall I render unto the Lord?”

Sunday—Mornings	...	£7 10 3
Evenings	...	3 11 11
Week days	...	0 8 4
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Total,	...	£11 10 6

On June 15th, £2 0s 0d (included in above total) was specially contributed for the Diocesan Board of Education.

**Correction.**

In the List of C.M.S. Box Collections in May issue, Mr. W. J. Calvert should have been credited with 2/7, and Miss Calvert with £1 5s 7d.

**Old Seagoe Notes.**

**The Manor of Kernan in 1618.**—The following interesting note on the formation of the Manor of Kernan in the year 1618-19, is found in Harris’s Hibernica, and Captain Pynnar’s Survey of Ulster, which are contained in Coote’s Survey of Armagh, published in the year 1803 :—

Plantation of 1000 acres. Sir Oliver St. John Kut, hath a thousand acres called Kernan. Upon this there are two bawnes of timber, and moated about, and made very strong. There is in each of these an English house of cage work and two English families dwelling in them; there is near to one of these bawnes five houses being inhabited with English families; the rest are dispersedly upon the land three or four families together.

I find planted and estated on this land, of British tenants 5 Freeholders, having 120 acres le piece, 8 Lessees for years, 2 having 120 acres le piece, 3 having 100 acres le piece, 2 having 60 acres le piece, 1 having 40 acres le piece, and four Cottagers, each of these have a tenement and a garden plott with Commons for their Cattle. Total 17 families who with their under tenants are able to make 30 men with arms and 13 of these have taken the oath of Supremacy.

[It would be interesting and not perhaps very difficult from the above particulars, to trace out the present representatives of these first English settlers in the district of Kernan Traces of the “moated bawnes” existed in a field of Mr. Ephraim Collins, until recently and are marked on several Ordnance Survey Maps.]

**Prices of Provisions in Seagoe 1796-1803.**—

The average Price of Provisions and of Agricultural Commodities for the seven years 1796 to 1803 is of interest. They bear in some respects a remarkable contrast to present day prices.—A Plough cost £2 5s 6d, a Spade 6/-, young Pigs sold at half-a-guinea each. Pork varied with the price of Potatoes on which the pigs were chiefly fed, Potatoes 2d per stone, Oatmeal 9/- per cwt, Beef 4d per lb., new milk 1½ per quart, Buttermilk ½d per pottle. Labour was paid 10d to 13d per day the year round.

The above prices are taken from Coote’s Survey of Armagh, 1803.

**The First House in Portadown 1618.**—Many

of our readers will be interested to read what the first house built in Portadown was like. Here is a description taken from Coote’s “Armagh” and dated 1618—William Powell was the first Patentee, Mr. Obbyns hath obtained 2,000 acres called Ballynevoran upon this there is built a bawne of sodds, with a palazado upon it of boards, ditched about. Within this there is a good fair house of brick and lyme, himself dwelling thereon, near to this he hath built four houses inhabited with English families. These twenty tenants with their under tenants are able to make forty-six men with arms.

**An Interesting Map of Co. Armagh in 1778.**

A Map of Co. Armagh made from actual Survey was presented to the Grand Jury in the year 1778 by Messrs. William and Conyngham McCrea. It took 3 years to make. This Map (and also Roque’s Map of Armagh) was hanging in the Grand Jury Room at Armagh in 1803, but only one copy of it was in existence. Perhaps some of our readers would make enquiries about this Map which was regarded as very accurate. Does it still exist? It would be an interesting record of the past. The above facts are taken from Coote’s “Survey of Armagh.”

**A Visitation of Seagoe Parish in 1663.**—An

interesting Visitation of Seagoe Parish is to be seen in Marsh’s Library, Dublin, dated 1663. The name Seagoe is spelt “Seigo.” The church is stated as being then “repayred” (in good repair), and it is added that there is a “convenient Glebe.” Glebe in such documents refers to the Rectory lands rather than to the Rectory house. The name of the Vicar in 1663 was the Rev. John Jones, M.A. He was Vicar as late as 1673. The Curate in 1673 was the Rev. Richard Cross, and the Archdeacon and Rector was the Rev. Patrick Sheridan, who was Rector also of Donaghcloney. The Rector of Seagoe in 1665 was the Rev. Francis Marsh.