

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

JULY, 1922.

THE CONFIRMATION.

The Lord Bishop (the Right Rev. C. T. P. Grierson, D.D.), held a Confirmation in the Parish Church on Friday, June 23rd, at 3.30 p.m. A large number were present. The Rector and the Rev. H. O. Draper, Curate, assisted at the Service. The Boys were at the North side of the Nave, and the Girls on the South side. The opening Hymn was "Stand up, stand up for Jesus." The Bishop gave two addresses, one before and one after the Confirmation. He spoke very solemnly on the gift of the Spirit in Confirmation, and impressed upon the candidates the threefold duty of private Prayer morning and evening, of daily study of the Bible, and of regular attendance at Holy Communion. The Bishop Confirmed seated in his chair at the Chancel steps, two candidates being Confirmed at a time. Immediately after the administration of the Rite, while all knelt, the Hymn "Thine for Ever" was sung. The concluding Hymn was "Oft in danger, oft in Woe." The following is a list of those Confirmed:—

BOYS.

Arthur Allen, Robert Allen, Albert Best, John Best, Robert Brown, Hugh Costello, William Elliott, William Fox, James Hall, William Robt. Hamill, Joseph Hill, Joseph Hynes, Samuel Jennett, George Johnston, Henry Maxwell, William M'Clements, Robert M'Cormick, Singleton C. M'Donald, William M'Donald, Thomas M'Loughlin, William M'Murray, James Rea, John Rea, Hugh Roney, Jas. Augustus Wallace, John Acheson Wallace, William Watson, David Webb, William White.—Total, 29.

GIRLS.

Florence Allen, Maude Elizabeth Abraham, Edna Best, Floribel Best, Mabelina Best, Sarah Coulter, Tarson; Sarah Coulter, Ballymacrandle; Ellen Cox, Susan Crossley, Jane England, Norah Forsythe, Violet Gladys Fox, Elizabeth Gracey, Elizabeth Gracey, Margaret Gracey, Rachel Adelaide Gracey, Caroline Guy, Sarah Hamill, Norah Hoy, Anne Johnston, Mary Johnston, Anne Kilpatrick, Rachel Frances Lavery, Sarah Mary Livingstone, Elizabeth Magee, Letitia Magee, Sarah Magee, Elizabeth Mayes, Ethel M'Clelland, Elizabeth M'Cormick, Esther Elizabeth M'Greevy, Ella M'Loughlin, Margaret Moffatt, Ruby Maria Moffatt, Elizabeth Morton, Elizabeth Neill, Edith Richardson, Margaret Lilian Sands, Mary Sherman, Elizabeth Patton, Anne Porter, Georgina Porter, Henrietta Porter, Sarah Porter, Minnie Preston, Georgina Watters, Amelia Webb, Ethel Webb, Margaret Webb, Mary Webb, Matilda Webb, Elizabeth White, Mary Eleanor White, Elizabeth Wilson—Total, 54. Full Total, 83.

A large number of those who were Confirmed attended Holy Communion in the Parish Church on Sunday, June 25th.

The Sunday School Excursion.

The Excursion on Thursday, June 15th, was held in glorious "Seagoe" weather. Bright hot sun, blue sky, green grass, fragrant hedgerows, all combined to make the day's outing a splendid success. Mr. Maginnis had kindly lent us a beautiful field from which we had fine

views of the surrounding country and of the Mourne range in the distance. The Superintendents, Teachers and children assembled in their hundreds at the Church at 1.30 when a short service was held. The Lévagherey Flute Band and the Seagoe Scouts Bugle Band provided stirring music. At the field a stall well provided with all kinds of good things had been erected near the entrance gates and was well patronised through the day. At 4.30 Tea and buns were distributed to the children. Races and Games of all kinds were indulged in. Some of our refugee friends from Southern Ireland were present and were heartily welcomed among us. At 8.30 the tapping of the drums reminded us that the home-going must begin. Many of the excursionists marched with the bands back to Seagoe Church, where all separated after hearty cheers given for the King. Before leaving the field the Rector thanked Mr. and Mrs. Maginnis for so kindly giving us the use of his field. It was generally felt that Seagoe never had spent a pleasanter day.

Memorial Services.

On Sunday, July 2nd, Memorial Services will be held in the Parish Church at 11.30, 3.30 and 7. The Service at 3.30 will be in the Churchyard, and the address will be given by the Rev. F. J. Halahan, M.C., Rector of Drumcree. Wreaths will be placed at the War Memorial Pillars and Gates. The Collections at all the Services will be on behalf of the County Armagh Protestant Orphan Society.

Anniversary Service.

An Anniversary Service will (D.V.) be held in Seagoe Church on Sunday, July 9th, at 7 p.m. The members of the various Lodges have been invited to attend. The Collection will be on behalf of the Enniskillen Orphan Fund.

Mothers' Union.

This useful organization has made good progress in the Parish during the past month. Two new branches have come into being in Carne and Drumgor. Mrs. Draper, of Carne House, is Local Secretary in Carne, and Mrs. James Gracey and Mrs. M'Cullough in Drumgor. Two afternoon Socials were organised, one in each place, and stirring addresses on "Mothers' Work and Duty" were kindly given by Mrs. Mceran, of Portadown. New members were enrolled at Carne.

Miss Collen, Central Secretary, most kindly arranged for an evening's enjoyment for the Edenderry Branch, and Mrs. Hamilton Robb threw open her beautiful house and grounds to the Mothers on Tuesday, June 6th. A sumptuous tea followed by music and games provided a most enjoyable evening. Before the company separated the Rector proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to Mrs. Robb and to Miss Collen for their kindness and hospitality.

The next meeting of the Carne Branch will be held on Tuesday, July 18th, and of the Drumgor Branch on Tuesday, July 25th. Miss Collen has kindly invited the Edenderry Mothers to spend their monthly meeting at Killycomain House on Tuesday, July 4th, at 7.30.

Seagoe School Garden.

The Agricultural Inspector under the Board of Education, Mr. E. G. Ingold, inspected the Boys' Rural Science Class in Seagoe School on June 21st, and made the following entry in the Book:—"Examined Senior Class for grant in Rural Science. Very good work has been done, and pupils are much interested in their work.—E. G. Ingold, Inspector."

Seagoe School is one of 16 Schools in Northern Ireland where Rural Science is taught. The Boys have a school garden and most useful work is done. The above report speaks for itself.

Prize Essay.

Margaret Gracey, of Balteagh (aged 15 years) has been awarded the Prize (a Church Service) for the following Essay on "The Scripture Proof of Confirmation" (see last month's Magazine):

THE SCRIPTURE PROOFS OF CONFIRMATION.

This is a subject which creates much interest, to find Confirmation referred to in so many different forms in our Bible. When our Lord was on earth, the rite adopted was termed "The Laying on of Hands."

In the Old Testament the great Spiritual gift which is received in Confirmation is referred to often. In the 9th Chapter of Genesis we read how God blessed Noah before the Flood. In the 14th Chapter of Genesis we are told how Melchizedek blessed Abraham, and in the 22nd Chapter of Genesis that Abraham was blessed again by God. Genesis Chapter 27 refers to the wonderful story of how Isaac when on his death-bed called for his son Esau in order to give him a blessing, but Esau while out seeking venison for his father was deceived by his brother Jacob, who received the Holy Ghost in Esau's name. The laying on of hands was the form Isaac adopted. This form of receiving the Blessing was adhered to by our forefathers from generation to generation, till we come to the time when the great Apostles Peter and John were on earth.

In the 8th Chapter of the Acts of the Apostles we read that Peter and John came to Confirm by the imposition of hands and a large number received the Holy Ghost. In the 19th Chapter of the Acts we find that Paul administered unto certain disciples, laying hands on them that they might receive the Holy Ghost. Also in Hebrews 6 Confirmation is referred to.

The young people of to-day are given every opportunity of receiving this Blessing. Services of Confirmation are rendered in our Churches at intervals of three years, and all young people who have been Baptized and come to years of discretion are brought before the Bishop to receive the gift of the Spirit in much the same manner as that in which our forefathers received it from the Apostles. When we realise the justification of the Scripture proofs of Confirmation we as Christians must owe a debt of gratitude for the Spiritual gift still offered us, which only needs our acceptance.

ITEMS.

Mr. Hardcastle's Organ Recital last month provided us with a musical treat.

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The Choir had a most enjoyable Charabanc Excursion to Bangor last Saturday.

Sincere regret has been expressed at the sudden death of Mr. William Lynass, of Carne, who was much respected in the Parish.

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The Annual Report is in preparation, and will shortly be published.

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The weather has of late been very cold and stormy, but the crops seem to be good.

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Seagoe Bell was tolled at the hour of Sir Henry Wilson's funeral.

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Reference was made both at Morning and Evening Prayer on Sunday, June 25th, to the tragic death of Sir H. Wilson, a true friend of Ulster.

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If you know of any vacant houses in the Parish suitable for Southern refugees please inform the Rector without delay.

Parish Register for June.

Baptisms.

The following were Baptized in Seagoe Parish Church on June 3rd, 1922—

Best—Roberta May, daughter of William David and Sarah Anne Best, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Margaret Pentland, Sarah Anne Best.

Grey—Charlotte Edna, daughter of Robert John and Elizabeth Grey, of Derrymacash, Parish of Ardmore.

Sponsors—Charlotte Grey, Elizabeth Grey.

Partridge—Martha, daughter of Benjamin and Olivia Partridge, of Kernan.

Sponsors—Margaret Partridge, Olivia Partridge.

Simpson—James, son of George and Susanna Jane Simpson, of Lylo.

Sponsors—George Simpson, Susanna Jane Simpson.

Porter—Amy Isabel, daughter of John and Jeannie Porter, of Lower Seagoe.

Sponsors—Florence Sergeant, Jeannie Porter.

Glassey—William John, son of William John and Rosina Glassey, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Martha Glassey, Rosina Glassey.

Ruddell—Joseph Robert, son of Joseph and Mary Jane Ruddell, of Kernan.

Sponsors—Dinah M'Case, Mary Jane Ruddell.

Finney—Jean, daughter of James and Ellen Finney, of Portadown.

Sponsors—Margaret Shanks, Ellen Finney.

Marriage.

Livingstone and Raymond—June 5th, 1922, by the Rev. F. J. Halahan, M.A., M.C., Rector of Drumcree, William James Livingstone, of Killycomain, to Sarah Raymond, of Portadown.

Burial.

Lynass—June 18th, 1922, William Lynass, of Carne, aged 47 years.

WITH THE "NINTH" IN FRANCE.

By Lieut.-Col. S. W. BLACKER, D.S.O.

(Continued from June Magazine.)

Wednesday, May 24th, 2 p.m.—Have just been notified Havre port closed, leave stopped until further orders. Raining quite heavily now. Thursday, May 25th, 1916 3.30 p.m.—Satisfactory relief, but late. Did not get in here till past midnight. No casualties, so we had the only 1 the whole week. Fear you will have the wet we had yesterday; it rained all p.m., but cleared up about 9 p.m. for the Relief. Imagine how I have been employed since lunch? Picking gooseberries, with Berry, for a tart this evening. A poozy late slack morning. No, there was no mining in our bit of the line. Berry turned up to-day very chirpy and full of Dublin yarns. Fergie came to the line yesterday p.m. to see us. He was also in excellent form. Shuter—D.S.O.—from 1st R. Ir. Fusiliers, gets Hickman's place; a capital fellow, but I'm sorry it's not Hessay. Bull is confident that he will get 1st Battalion, but their Adjutant, who was here just now, thinks not. A cloudy day, but nice and warm. Men had a late morning and are bathing; no working parties to-day or to-night, thank goodness. I believe after the 6 days of the 12th, the Brigade go back behind Hedeuville for a fortnight. I'm rather sorry to let strangers into our bit of line, as they always upset things, and give our little ruses away, not knowing the place. But a change back will be pleasant. Red T. is next door teaching our cook, M'Neill.

How to make Pastry for the Gooseberry Tart.

Old Scott has gone back to his field camp. He has got very large and lethargic, but he's a good natured old thing. Friday, May 26th.—I have to go over and see young Dickson, about 7 miles from here, this p.m. A very wet night has turned into a fine, but cold, day. Smyth here this morning. He says we go back about 6 miles to Varennes, on Tuesday, for a fortnight. The gooseberry tart was excellent, and there was enough left to have cold the next day for lunch. Peacock, who commanded the raiding party in the 9th Inniskillings, has got the D.S.O., and the Officers the M.C., and well they've deserved it. Our "Times" has taken to coming three days late now, which keeps us backward in news. I hear the Bosche has had a success Verdun way. In the line the nights were hot and one's breeches irksome to a degree, but since we came out the nights have been very cool. Another small draft of 12 came from the Base yesterday; all but 3 were men who had been in hospital, and had left at various times, one with appendicitis and 3 or 4 with Hun spots. I am getting ventilation holes drilled in this tin hut; there's no ventilation and one's head gets fearfully hot. Smyth says he's going to Paris for 4 days. Gillespie, from Levaghery, came in to-day's draft. Holt just turned up: 10 p.m.—Went over to the hospital and saw young Dickson. He's going on well, and is quite wonderful, so cheery, though suffering. They have not located the bullet, and are to move him early next week to a Base hospital. Holt came in just as I was starting, and rode back some way with me—very cheery; he is still with X Corps, but no one's child. Some of his

men are digging some way behind us. I had not heard of M'Farland's exploit at Havre. Curiously enough he rejoined to-day, and I will see him to-morrow and congratulate him on his conduct. Of course, nights are disturbed generally in the line, but I always manage to get my share of sleep, sufficient to keep fit. Yes, do ask the Bishop to stay. I can imagine how the agricultural community, always rootedly Conservative, would object to the new time arrangement. The evidence before the Commission is astounding. Birrell's was revelation of ineptitude, and Wimborne a revelation. Saturday, May 27th.—Leader has imposed on a lot of people, I believe. He's awful. Sunday, May 28th.—Smy. just rung me up to say he's off to-morrow. He's got a billet in O. Office, with the Naval Division, whatever that may mean. I am very sorry we are losing him, but I always felt it had to come, and of course, it means advancement for him. A lovely day, but not oppressively hot. There is

A Guelder Rose in full bloom here

in the waste of the garden, with a rose coloured peony underneath it. The effect is very pleasant to the eye. They are putting heavy stuff over at the Battery now just behind us. Just off to Church Parade. 3 p.m.—They have been firing all day at about 5 minute intervals, and they got one direct hit on a gun emplacement, but apparently no one was there; the gun seems to be disabled. It's a lovely day, but sitting out in the garden is impossible, as fragments of shell are coming in at odd times. I am trying to persuade the Padre to go away on leave while we are back. He is not looking well, though he will not acknowledge anything being wrong. He has got thin.

I think he is doing too much.

The place we go to is quite a nice little village. It's where Bde. H.Q. was when I came on leave. I wonder who will succeed Smy? I can't think Charlie would recommend C.S., but he's a curious fellow. The Vanstan case still hangs on. The papers are now being handed to and fro, to be made out in triplicate, to be initialled by V., to know whether recommended for training purposes at home, etc., etc., and so it goes on and will go on, I suppose. Smy. just been over to say good-bye; very broke at going, and I am very very sorry. Another link with the early war days gone. He has been with us 18 months. Charlie trying to get a man called Evans from the Manchester Regt. I believe Smy. sore at going to Q., but he's more likely to get promotion, and he won't be in the firing line, so Mrs. S. will be pleased. Monday, May 29.—I am going over to see some operations of the 109th Bde. about 7 miles from here, and shall be back late. Pratt returned yesterday with Bob Maxwell. They managed to get a car at Amiens, so got off the worst of the railway journey. P in immense form, full of stories. Lovely summer day, threatens to be very warm. P saw Powell at the 'Rag,' and had a talk with Frank Hall, who is doing intelligence at the W.O. Spy Department. P brought a "Westminster" of Saturday evening, so we are well up to date. The French seem all right at Varen-

dun. 3 p.m.—Got back after an interesting morning. Very hot, looks like thunder. I believe we leave here at 11 a.m. We visited Varennes on our way back, and the billets seem comfy and good. The 11th Skins, who are there, say it is most restful. Hussy is home on leave, and poor Leitrim home sick. I met Shuter, such a fine fellow, and had a long chat with him. He was kind enough to say he had heard on all sides the 9th were splendid. We hope to play 1st Battalion at football next Saturday. Also arranging for Follies and cinema show to pay us a visit. Shuter told me Willie Stronge had been promoted Corps C.R.A.

Saw Fergie, a bright bird, quite chirpy

over the move, though he hates shifting from his present quarters. We have made about £50 in the Canteen which we have run here. Quite good. 9.30 p.m.—Late this p.m. order came cancelling our move back, and we stay on here; I think only a few days. Cannot quite understand why. I suppose some inscrutable decree of the Round Table! Fergie had begun to shift his stores; rather a nuisance, and upsetting, but *La guerre comme à La guerre*. Up to this the Huns have left this place alone, thank goodness, during this sojourn here, but the working parties were irksome, and we were all looking forward to peace behind. However, it's only postponed, I believe. Evening turned out wet after a great heat during the day. Wonder what Lloyd George will be able to do? Exclusion of 6 counties seems to be the best basis. He is a great persuader, and negotiations may succeed, but I'm not sanguine. A man called Simpson has succeeded Wheatley—a great Artillerist. I haven't met him. Was an Instructor of Gunnery at home for some years. Keep socks till you have collected 500 pairs—will be best, as you have sent off one lot, which will do grandly to go on with. Tuesday, May 30th, 2.30 p.m.—Heavy rain all night, but fine to-day, cloudy and cooler. Have to go now to Bde. H.Q. to try and find out things. 6 more men just come in, 4 of whom were with us before. 10 p.m.—As far as I can gather from Bde. Office we go back to Barennes on June 1st. Had a long chat with old Bernard, who goes in to our bit of the line to-night, and gave him various bits of information. He is rather an old dear. Padre went fishing, accompanied by Pratt and Bery, with a May fly—result, 1 rise! Day turned out fine and warmer. Hope it will be fine again now. Everything very 'lifty' but drying. Wednesday, May 31st, 3.30 p.m.—Am dining to-night with Withy-Combe, rather a bore. Couldn't well refuse. Man in 'C' Coy. just been wounded slightly in ankle, on a working party. No orders yet about the move, but I fancy we shall go to-morrow, and not be so crowded as I thought, as we shall spread over 3 villages after all. I don't know how we shall get on without Rivy. We miss him already, and he has only gone 2 days. He always looked after our welfare and prevented Bns being trampled upon. 10.30 p.m.—This place, Mesnil, has been true to its traditions. About 4 p.m. they began to put heavy stuff into the village—14 casualties. Young Gibson got a scratch on the forehead. M'Keown, who was killed, was in the last Draft Fulton dying, Lurgan man. Though they put in nearly 20 shells only one did the damage.

Cruel luck our last day here.

We move at 9.30 a.m., well back. Detailed orders only came in at 7.30 p.m., and then we had to get out our orders, and in the middle they sent for Cather to the Bde office, over some complicated return. Rather harrying evening. As this strafe was on I didn't, of course, go and dine with Withy-Combe. Have sent off 5 wagon-loads of kit from here this evening, and much still remains to be moved. Leave is on again, and was only stopped for a few hours. Thursday, June 1st, 4 p.m.—Got in here—Varennes, about 1 p.m. Small huts, absolutely without any equipment; luckily I have my bed and chair, and the day is lovely. Water scarce. Cooking arrangements primitive; rather crowded. Pratt, Padre, Cather and I in a small hut—no tables or chairs. A regular return to camp life, which will be healthy, though not so comfortable as billets. 16 casualties yesterday altogether. Padre went to see the wounded to-day. Very hot on the march. Men felt their packs, which they hadn't carried for so long. Fergie, and indeed everyone, working hard. We shall soon have the place comfortable, I believe. The huts are roofed with sacking which I fear will not keep out the rain. Road very congested with all sorts of troops moving in relief. Saw Bull en route, grousing at his accommodation, which seems very similar to ours, in a neighbouring village. Young Gibson is all right, though his head is still bound up. Friday, June 2nd.—Charlie came and wandered about and kept me for two hours. Cannot find a Bde. Major. I suggested George Bruce; says if he has to take one from the Div. he will take him. They have found me a nice billet in the village, a little way off, but if rain comes on this camp will be very bad. Hooper is now moving my kit. The billet is

Owned by a dear old Woman.

Such a nice tidy kitchen garden. Berry has just got orders to attend a course in the X Corps, preparatory to appointment as D.A.D.M.S. I fear he will not return to us. I's awfully sorry he's going, but he's done splendid as Reg. M.O. in the trenches, and has earned a cushy job. Mrs. B will be pleased. My kit has grown fearfully. Hooper suggests I have 3 fat packages besides bed and chair. Awful excitement because we dug sanitary arrangements in an old woman's orchard, which happened to be grazing ground. You might think from the fuss that the Huns had broken through. 9.30 p.m.—Here I am cosily settled in my new abode. Great comfort to get back to a table. One is curiously lost without this article of furniture. Stronge is getting restless again. I'm sure he wants to go to the R.F.C. It is very peaceable here; a little off the main street, and the window looking away from it on to a nice tidy garden. Very pleasant to have some privacy again. This training is going to be rather strenuous. They want us to work on Sundays, but I'm jibbing. We are practising the attack from trenches—a flood of literature on the subject to be assimilated; all the Generals with different ideas. On the march here yesterday I met a bus load of Gunners—Tilney, Stirling, and others, going towards the line. I don't know what for. Shall try and get over to see 1st Battalion to-morrow.

(To be continued.)