

# Seagoe Parish Magazine.

JUNE, 1910.

## Confirmation.



THE day of the Confirmation draws near.

On Sunday evening, June 26th, at 7 o'clock, the Service will take place. The number of Candidates will, we believe, exceed 100, and they are attending the preparation classes with great regularity, and are very attentive to those who are instructing them. There are over 50 young people in the Edenderry Class, and the other Classes are also well attended. The Candidates will assemble in Seagoe School on the evening of the Confirmation at 6-15 sharp. Every Candidate must have a Prayer Book and Hymnal, and will receive at the School a card of admission to the Confirmation. The front pews in the Church will be reserved for those who are to be confirmed. We hope the Parents and Sponsors will without exception be present when their children and god-children are being confirmed. The prayers of the people are especially asked on behalf of those who are about to be confirmed. Special celebrations of Holy Communion will be held on Sunday, July 3rd, at 8 a.m., and after Morning Prayer for those who have been confirmed. At these celebrations we hope to see present also the parents and sponsors of the Candidates and all our regular Communicants. A special invitation is also given to those who were confirmed at the last Confirmation on Saturday, July 6th, 1907.

We print here a Prayer before Confirmation issued by the late Dean Dawson, also two verses of a Hymn familiar, we doubt not, to many who were prepared by him for Confirmation.

### PRAYER BEFORE CONFIRMATION.

FOR DAILY USE.

Almighty God and heavenly Father, I give Thee humble thanks for that Thou hast received me in my Baptism into the congregation of Christ's flock; and that Thou hast disposed my heart to renew the solemn promise and vow that was then made in my name. Grant me by Thy Holy Spirit to have a right judgment in all these things. Assist me by Thy Divine grace that I may be able, at Confirmation in sincerity and truth, openly before the Church, to ratify and confirm the promises made for me. Give me a hearty desire evermore to endeavour myself faithfully to observe such things as I shall by my own confession then assent unto. Vouchsafe, O Lord, I beseech Thee, now and ever, to direct, sanctify, and govern both my heart and body in the ways of Thy laws and in the works of Thy commandments, that through Thy mighty aid I may be able to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil, and with a pure heart and mind

to follow Thee, the only God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*"Wilt thou not from this time cry unto me, My Father, Thou art the guide of my youth!"—JER. iii. 4.*

Oh speak these few short words, "I do,"  
With heart resolv'd, with purpose true,  
As unto God in heaven:

God hears your voice, confirming now  
That same baptismal pledge and vow  
Which in your name was given.

Come as God's children!—come and claim  
From God in Jesu's holy name

A Father's love and care,  
The Bishop's hand is on you laid,  
The Church's words of power are said  
In faith and praise and prayer,

## The Death of the King.

In no part of the British Empire was the late King's death more sincerely mourned than in loyal Ulster, and especially in Portadown and Seagoe where attachment to the Sovereign and the Empire runs in the very blood of the people. The tragic suddenness of the event made it still more impressive. Although rumours had been current of occasional illness yet everyone regarded the King as the embodiment of strength and activity. Death came to him in the midst of life and the example of his devotion to duty up to his last moment of consciousness should stimulate his people to give themselves more earnestly to their work as citizens, not merely of an earthly kingdom, but of the kingdom of the King of kings. The sympathy of the empire, and of all the civilized states of the world, has been offered to the bereaved Queen Alexandra, to King George, Queen Mary, and all the Royal Family. The solid work of Peace accomplished by King Edward VII. in the course of his short reign is likely to be productive of lasting good in the days to come. It is significant that at his Funeral mention was made for the first time of a great confederation of European States with the object of attaining a Universal Peace. Christian people should pray more earnestly than ever that Peace may rule in the Councils of the nations. We thank God for the noble work of Peace accomplished by King Edward.

## The New King.

King George the Fifth has ascended the Throne. We believe that in the providence of God he will accomplish great things for the Empire and the world. He has travelled much and studied much, but perhaps the thing that appeals most to the nation is the purity and happiness of his home life. King George and Queen Mary shine in their domestic

virtues, and are happiest when enjoying with their young family the delights of an English home. We feel sure that all will join heartily in wishing King George the Fifth and Queen Mary a long and happy reign. God save the King.

### Easter Penny Cards.

We insert here the list of Haeknahay collectors omitted last month:—Miss Wilson, Judith McNeill, Alfred Mc Murray, 1/- each; Marjory Calvert and David J. Mc Murray, 7d each; Mary A. Cooke and David McNeill, 6d each. If there are any children who have not yet returned their card with the amount collected they should do so at once.

### Offertories for May.

"We give Thee but Thine own."

	Morning.	Evening.
May 1st.—5th S. aft. Easter	£1 2 6	0 12 4
Ascension Day	0 6 5	
" 8th.—S. aft. Ascen. Day	1 0 1	0 11 11
" 15th—Whitsunday	2 19 4½	0 11 1
" 22nd—Trinity Sunday	1 9 6½	0 11 3
" 29th—1st S. aft. Trinity	1 0 9	0 10 10
Week-Days		0 13 7
Total,	£7 18 8	£3 1 0

### Baptisms.

"Their Angels do always behold the Face of my Father which is in Heaven."

- May 7th—Dinah Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas George and Mary Ellis Robinson.  
 " " Gertrude, daughter of Samuel James and Mary Loney.  
 " " Ralph, son of Ralph and Anne Wilson.  
 " " Rupert Armar, son of John and Isabel Lindsay.  
 " " Mary Edna, daughter of George and Esther Fletcher.  
 " " Elizabeth, daughter of James and Mary Hall.  
 " " Jessie, daughter of William and Jane Gates.

### Marriages.

"Love is of God."

- May 6th—Henry Magill, Druminakelly, to Edith Miller, Kinnego.  
 " 21st—Joseph Mahaffy, Portadown, to Sarah Brennan, Edenderry.  
 " 23rd—David William Graham, Kernan, to Margaret Holmes, Killycomaine.

### Burials.

"In sure and certain hope."

- May 4th—Margaret Jane Roney, Edenderry, aged 60.  
 " 5th—Charlotte Forde, Edenderry, aged 56.

### Nature Notes.

May and June are the best months in the year for learning about the beautiful world of nature. Nothing can be prettier or more attractive than the wild flowers growing in the fields and along the country roads. Here are the names of some of the flowers now to be seen in blossom along the Seagoe roads—The tall star shaped white flower is the Stitchwort; the small bright blue flower with white centre is Germaner Speedwell; the pink blossom like a small geranium is called the Cranesbill. Its seed is like the head of a bird with a long bill. The bright yellow flower something like Laburnum is Birdsfoot Trefoil. Every boy (and many girls too) know all about birds' nests. In Seagoe School even the infants have been searching for nests. We hope they will never be so unkind as to rob the eggs or injure the young birds. This year there seem to be more Larks singing in our fields than usual. And the Cuckoo can be heard everywhere. The Corncrake likes to utter his harsh note wherever there is a good echo. He thinks then that another Corncrake is answering him.

The Swallows have now made themselves quite at home in their northern clime. A Swallow takes only ten or twelve hours to fly from Africa to Ireland.

There are no less than fifty-five species of birds who migrate to Ireland during the summer months and leave before the winter.

A great many of our people have been watching for the Comet but they have not seen it. Even our leading astronomers seem to have been misled as to its possible brightness. It is really a very insignificant luminary in Northern latitudes. The reason why it is so much talked about is that it was the first comet whose return at a certain date was predicted, Halley, the astronomer, in the year 1682 predicted that the comet would be seen again in 1758, and it did appear up to time on Christmas Day, 1758. It returned in 1835, and now has come again in 1910. It will not return again until 1985.

### Seagoe School Successes.

Seagoe Day School has won some notable successes at the recent Show. In the Exhibition of Needlework, Miss M. Irwin, monitress, carried off First Prize in open competition for the best made Garment, and Third Prize for the best specimen of Sewing.

In the Competition for Sewing, open to all Children under 15 attending Schools in Co. Armagh, Maggie Magee obtained First Prize, and Mabel Reid secured Third Prize. In the same Competition Hannah Dickson and Sarah Irwin also exhibited some fine work.

All the work exhibited by the Seagoe children was done in the Sewing Class at Seagoe Day School. The School and its Teachers (especially Miss Bailey) are to be congratulated on these successes.

### **The Excursion.**

On Thursday, June 16th, the Sunday School Excursion takes place to Warrenpoint. This year we will have a record turn-out for St. Mark's Sunday Schools are joining with us. We wonder will there be anyone left in Portadown that day, certainly half the population will have gone to the shore. We are glad that our friends across the Bann are coming with us. The comradeship and good feeling which has ever existed between the two parishes will be further strengthened by the reunion on the shores of Carlingford Lough. Seago and St. Mark's can join hands around the big stone at Cloughmore. The following arrangements have been made for the Excursion:—

Sunday, June 5th, Children bring Ticket Money.

Sunday, June 12th, Children get Voucher Tickets.

Thursday, June 16th, All meet at Seago Church at 8 a.m.

- „ 8-30—Procession starts.
- „ 9-30—Train leaves.
- „ 10-30—Train reaches Warrenpoint.
- „ 11-30—First refreshment.
- „ 12-30 to 5—Racing, Paddling, Boating, Swimming, Skating, Trammig, Climbing.
- „ 5 sharp.—Second refreshment.
- „ 7-30—Train leaves Warrenpoint.
- „ 8-30—Home.

### **Memorial Service.**

On Friday, May 27th, the day of the King's Funeral a Memorial Service was held in Seago Church at 3-30. The Church was draped for the occasion. There was a large congregation who joined reverently in the solemn Form of Service which had been issued by the Bishop. The Hymns sung were "Nearer my God to Thee," "O God our help in ages past," and "Peace, perfect Peace." At the actual hour of the Funeral, 12-30 to the clock, the bell was tolled with a muffled peal. On each day since the death of the King, the bell had also been tolled.

### **Items.**

The Annual Report will be published shortly.

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The average attendance at Hacknahay School for the month of May was 54.2.

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Jones' field at Warrenpoint has been taken for the Seago Excursion.

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Bring your roller skates to Warrenpoint. A new skating rink has just been opened there.

A copy of the Memorial Service used on the occasion of the Funeral of King Edward is inserted in this month's Magazine as a memento.

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The Choir took part in the Choral Festival at Banbridge on Saturday, May 14th. The members drove over in brakes. The weather was summerlike.

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Carne Sunday School has also through the exertions of Mr David Murray, obtained a new Harmonium which is a great help in the singing.

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Efforts are being made to start a Beekeepers' Association in Portadown so as to encourage this most interesting and profitable industry.

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Seago and Hacknahay Day Schools were examined in Religious Knowledge on Tuesday, May 24th, by the Rev. J. H. Mervyn, Diocesan Inspector. The results were very satisfactory and many received Certificates.

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A new Harmonium has been purchased for the services on Sunday evening in Carbet Hall. The congregation last Sunday evening numbered 60 people.

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Miss Bailey, who teaches the Cookery Class in Seago Day School, has been awarded First Prize in Advanced Cookery in the Technical Institute Classes. We congratulate Miss Bailey on this new distinction which she has gained.

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The Misses Dawson are at present in Dublin with their brother, Dr. Dawson. They are preparing to go out shortly as Missionaries to South America. Their many friends in Seago will wish them God speed in their future work.

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Now that the bathing season is coming on, we would warn youthful swimmers against the dangers of bathing in quarries. The sad fatality at Bocombra, though not a case of drowning, shows the great need of care as to when and where to bathe.

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Much sympathy has been expressed with Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Atkinson on the death of Mrs Atkinson's sister, Mrs Martin in the Seychelles Islands. The body was brought home and the interment took place amid many tokens of mourning in Drumcree Churchyard, on Wednesday, May 25th.

In the case of apparent death from drowning the first thing is to get the water out of the lungs by turning the person on their face, and then to turn them on their back and move the arms up and down so as to force air in and out of the lungs. Many a life has been saved in this way.

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At the Show on Thursday last Seagoe exhibitors distinguished themselves. Miss S. Montgomery obtained First Prize for Embroidery. In the Technical Institute exhibit which was most creditable, Thomas Ruddell's work was excellent. The Mechanical Drawings and accompanying Models were very perfect and displayed exceptional ability. The best advertisement for the Technical School is the work turned out by its pupils, and we congratulate Thos. Ruddell on his good work.

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Hacknahay School has received marked attention recently from the National Board of Education. It has several times received most favourable comments from Mr. H. Worsley, His Majesty's Inspector of Schools. It has also been inspected by the Head Inspector of Schools, and on Thursday last it was visited by Dr. Starkie, the Resident Commissioner of Education, Mr. W. J. Dilworth, the Secretary of the National Board, and Mr. Bonaparte Wyse, a Chief Inspector. It bids fair in a short time to be the largest and most efficient School in the District.

### **Old Seagoe Notes.**

**Fifty Years a Yeoman.**—In the record of Burials for Seagoe Parish we read under date April 30th, 1846, "James Patton, Lisniskey, Burial Service performed by Ven. Archdeacon Saurin. He carried arms as a Yeoman since 1796, having been one of the first 100 men raised in Ireland."

**Sunday School Masters, 1832.**—In the report of the Seagoe Vestry held on April 24th, 1832 (Easter Tuesday) in the Statement of Accounts presented, the following item occurs. Sunday School Masters £22 0s 0d. Apparently at that time it was the custom to pay the Sunday School Teachers. In the same report there is an item of £10 for Coffins. But we must remember in those old days the Select Vestry fulfilled the duties of modern Boards of Guardians.

**A Curious Duty.**—By an Act of Parliament passed in the reign of William IV., Vestries had to appoint overseers of Public Houses and in the Seagoe Records for Tuesday, November 29th, 1836, we read

that the following 20 overseers were appointed:—  
 Revd. Jas. Saurin, Revd. Simon Foot (Curate), Revd. M. West, Revd. Wm. Dowling, P.M.; Revd. — Morgan, P.P.; Revd. — Burns, R.C.C.; Lt. Col. Blacker, Mr. Thos. Joyce, Drumlin, Mr. Joseph Malcomson, Lisnaminty, Mr. T. H. Carleton, Bridge End, Mr. John McKeown, Red Cow, Mr. Joseph Gibson, Tamifiglasson, Mr. Joseph Gaskin, Kilvergan, Mr. James McDonald, Aughaccommon, Mr. John Malcomson, Ballinamoney, Mr. Thos. Cuppage, Silverwood, Mr. Wilson Irwin, Carne, Mr. Wm. Burns, Kinnego, Mr. Saml. Ruddell, Turmaglee, Mr. Jas. Calvert, Drumnacanvey.

**Churchwardens of Seagoe.**—We continue the publication of the long list of Churchwardens of the Parish:—

1706—William Fryer.

John Maston.

1707—Thomas Trotter, of Segoe.

John Patterson, of Kinnego.

1708—Richard Smurphatt.

John Geary.

1709—James Bomer, of Ballihanon.

Patrick Chambers, of Edendery.

1710—Thomas Rodgers, of Drumgask.

Alexander Bell, of Breagh.

**Old Seagoe Belfry.**—In the Vestry Records dated October 16th, 1706, occurs the following entry—  
 It was agreed upon by the Minister, Churchwardens, and Parishioners, that whereas George Hetherington was formerly employed in building a Belfry, which has been found insufficient for the hanging and the ringing of the Bell, and it is supposed that the narrowness of the Belfry was the occasion of the cracking of the Bell, which has put the Parish to a great charge for casting the Bell a second time and deprived them of the use of the Bell for several months. The said George Hetherington being sensible of the great injury and damage which the Parish has sustained by the insufficiency of his work is desirous to make amends by doing the work sufficiently, and do engage that the Belfry shall be both high enough and wide enough so that the new Bell shall not touch either the side or roof of the Belfry in ringing of it, and refers himself entirely to the Minister and Churchwardens and Parishioners for what consideration they shall think fit to give him for his work. But the Parish is to pay for the materials.

Signed, JOHN CAMPBELL, Clerk.

(Here follow the names of the Select Vestry).