

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

JUNE, 1922.

Confirmation.

The Lord Bishop of Down and Connor and Dromore will (D.V.) hold a Confirmation in the Parish Church on Friday, June 23rd, at 3.30 p.m.

The Candidates will assemble in Seagoe School at 3 o'clock punctually. Each Candidate will receive a Card of admission to the Confirmation. The Candidates will then proceed from the School to the Church where places will be reserved for them.

Special Celebrations of the Holy Communion for the Candidates and their parents and sponsors will be held in the Parish Church on Sunday, June 25th, at 8 a.m., and after Morning Prayer at 11.30 a.m.

Whitsunday.

Sunday, June 4th, being Whitsunday there will be Celebrations of Holy Communion in the Parish Church at 8 a.m. and after Morning Prayer.

The Collections at Morning and Evening Prayer will be for the upkeep of Seagoe Parochial School. The School Buildings require constant repair and are used both for Sunday and Day Schools.

Sunday School Conference.

A useful Conference of our Sunday School Teachers was held in Seagoe School on Thursday, May 18th. There was a good attendance. The Conference began at 4 and concluded at 9.30. There was an interval for Tea and Recreation from 5.30 to 7.30. Most useful papers were read by the Rev. J. T. Belton, Rev. A. O. Draper, and Mr. S. Rennix. Each paper was well discussed, and at the close of the Conference the subject of Sunday School Organization was considered. During the afternoon the members visited the Rectory garden and grounds.

A Gift to Seagoe.

Miss Macoun, a former parishioner, and who has always taken a deep interest in Seagoe Parish, has sent to Mr. Hugh Stoops, Hon. Treas., a cheque for £100 in fulfilment of a wish expressed by her mother (the late Mrs. Macoun) that that sum should be given to Seagoe Parish. The Select Vestry at their last meeting passed a special vote of thanks to Miss Macoun and decided to place the amount on deposit receipt in the Bank until a final decision was come to as to its disposal. Legacies to Seagoe Parish have in the past been very rare. How many can say "All things come of Thee, and of Thine own have we given Thee."

The Mothers' Union.

The monthly meeting of the Mothers' Union will be held (D.V.) in Edenderry Parochial Hall on Tuesday, June 6th, at 4 p.m. This is an important meeting and a full attendance of the members is requested. New members will also be enrolled. A meeting of the Mothers' Union was held in Carne Church Hall on Wednesday, May 31st, at 4 p.m., for the purpose of forming a branch of the Union in that district of the Parish. The Branch will meet on the last Tuesday of each month.

Sunday School Excursion.

The Annual Sunday School Excursion will take place (D.V.) on Thursday, June 15th. It will be held in a field at Breagh, kindly lent by Mr. T. E. Maginnis. The field is beautifully situated and is an ideal place for an Excursion. The children will meet in the Parish Church at 2 p.m. The price of the Tickets and other particulars will be duly announced.

G.M.S. Boxes.

1921—1922.

Total Collection £12 15s 6d

Edenderry—£1 5s 8d.—Mrs. C. Magee, 2s 5½d; Mr. W. Tedford, 1s 6d; Thos. Metcalf, 6s 7½d; Mrs. H. Stoops, 3s; Mrs. Flannigan, 1s 4½d; Mrs. Ellis, 6d; Mrs. T. Dawson, 6s 11d; Misses Atkinson, 3s 3½d.

Drumgor—£1 8s 2d.—Mrs. Hopps, 2s 6½d; Miss L. Gracey, 8s 10½d; Mrs. S. Best, 3s; Miss M. Gracey, 2s 6d; Miss H. E. Martin, 9s 3d; Mrs. W. Gracey, 2s.

Seagoe—£2 18s 2d.—Miss I. Best, 5s 4½d; Miss M. Ruddell, 6s 10d; Mrs. Ramsey, 2s 6d; Mrs. Rennix, 11s 2d; Miss L. M'Donald, 4s 1d; Seagoe Girls' Bible Class, 8s 11½d; Seagoe Afternoon Sunday School, 9s 2½d; Seagoe Morning Sunday School, 10s 0½d.

Carne—14s 8d.—Mrs. Price, 2s 6d; Mrs. Murray, 3s 8d; Mrs. Martin, 2s; Miss Lavery, 2s; Mrs. G. Simpson, 1s; Mrs. Caddell, 2s; Mrs. A. Costelloe, 1s 6d.

Hacknahay—£6 8s 9½d.—Mrs. Bradshaw, 3s 11½d; Miss R. Black, 4s 7d; Miss M. England, 5s 6d; Miss M. M'Cor-mick, 2s 8½d; Mrs. Livingstone, 2s 6½d; Mrs. Quinn, 4s 9d; Mrs. Neill, 2s 5d; Mrs. T. Neill, 2s 7½d; Mrs. H. Neill, 5s 8d; Miss Abraham, 9s 6d; Miss S. Maginnes, 7s 3d; Miss J. Currie, 3s 11d; Miss Rodgers, 6d; Miss G. Best, 6s; Miss E. M. Rowland, 3s 9d; Mrs. Craig, 2s; Mr. S. Jennett, 7s 6d; Mr. W. J. Calvert, 3s; Mrs. N. England, 6s 7½d; Miss Rebecca Calvert, £2 4s.

Parish Register for May.

Baptisms.

Wilson—May 6th, 1922, Harold, son of Ralph and Anne Wilson, of Portadown.

Sponsors—Isabella M'Mahon, Anne Wilson.

Porter—May 17th, 1922, Susan Ellen, daughter of Robert John and Margaret Porter, of Lower Seagoe.

Sponsors—Mary Eliabeth Ruddell, Margaret Porter.

Marriage.

Jennett and Reid—May 12th, 1922, William Jennett, of Ballynaghy, Parish of Knocknamuckley, to Evelyn Reid, of Edenderry.

Burials.

Russell—May 4th, Thomas Russell, of Belfast, aged 60 years.

Best—May 28th, Samuel James Best, of Lurgan, aged 14 years.

Lecture by Rev. A. O. Draper, B.A.

The Rev. A. O. Draper, B.A., has kindly arranged to deliver a Public Lecture on "How we got our Bible" in Drumgor Church Hall on Tuesday, June 27th, at 8 p.m. The subject is a very interesting one. The proceeds will be given to Drumgor Sunday School Fund. Tickets 1s each are now on sale.

Seagoe Day School.

The Annual Inspection in Religious Knowledge was held in Seagoe School on Monday, May 15th, by the Rev John Gordon, M.A., Rector of Hilltown. A large number of children received Certificates. The Inspector reported as follows—"The Examination in this School was very satisfactory, the Answering and Repetition in all the Divisions being very good."

The Weekly Envelopes.

Next month we hope to publish a Barometer designed by Mr. James Twinem showing at a glance the subscriptions to the Sustentation Fund from the various Districts.

The answers to the three Questions asked in the Magazine last month are as follows—

Answers to Questions.

1. Acts viii. 17, Acts xix. 6, Heb. vi. 1 and 2.
2. In Article vi. of the Thirty Nine Articles the following reference is made to the Apocrypha—"These Books the Church doth read for example of life and instruction of manners; but yet doth it not apply them to establish any doctrine."
3. The Church was marked out into Dioceses, Tithes were imposed, and the independence of the Church of Ireland was usurped by the Pope.

We offer a new Prayer Book and Hymnal for the best short Essay on "The Scripture Proofs of Confirmation" to be sent with name and address of the writer to the Rector before June 25th, 1922. The essay is not to exceed 500 words in length.

The "Specials."

A large number of our men, young and old, have joined the "Specials," and are doing a splendid and difficult work. We owe a great debt to them. Tact, judgment and great courage are needed at this serious crisis. Night and day they are ceaseless in their vigilance.

Organ Recital.

Mr. G. Hardcastle, Organist of Gifford Parish Church, will give a short Organ Recital in the Parish Church on (to-morrow) Sunday evening, June 4th, after Evening Prayer.

The Programme arranged for Mr. Hardcastle's Organ Recital in Seagoe Church on Sunday, June 4th, after Evening Prayer is as follows—

- Pastorale in A, by Alex. Guilmant.
- Rondo-Caprice, by Dudley Buck.
- Aria, by Joseph Holbrooke.
- Concerto in F., by Handel.

ITEMS.

Seagoe Choir attended the Lurgan Choral Festival in Shankill Parish Church on Saturday last.

Several refugee families from the South have come into the Parish. Show these poor people all the sympathy you can.

A great Girl Guides' Rally for the whole County of Armagh takes place at Seagoe this Saturday afternoon, June 3rd. Seagoe Guides will take part.

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New branches of the Mothers' Union are being started in Carne, Seagoe, Drumgor, and Hacknahay. Mothers join up.

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The Rev. J. Long, M.A., Sec. of the Bible Society, will (D.V.) preach in Seagoe Church on Sunday, June 18th, morning and evening. At the Evening Service he will specially address the Confirmation Candidates.

Seagoe Prize-Winners.

Exhibitors from Seagoe did remarkably well at the Portadown Show held last Thursday. In fact it was a case of Seagoe first and all the rest nowhere. They shone especially in the Home Industries Department. In Plain Sewing Miss Gertie Montgomery was easily first with a beautiful piece of work. Miss Edna Watson, a pupil of Seagoe School, got First for the best Laundered Tray Cloth. Miss Isabella Best, of Seagoe School, got First prize for a very neat piece of Needlework. Miss Lily Gracey and Alfred M'Laughlin, of Balteagh N.S., got First and Second respectively in Drawing. Miss Nellie Montgomery carried off First Prize for a beautiful Walnut Cake, and a Second Prize for Preserved Plums.

In the Driving Competitions Mr. David Murray carried off several good Prizes. He also won First Prize with his great Pony at the Belfast Show. Mr. John Hoy, another Parishioner, got First Prize in open competition for his Jersey cow. He also won the Clarendo Cup. Mr. W. J. M'Dowell, of Levaghery, won a Silver Cup for the best 3 year old Heifer. Miss Maggie Reid had exhibits by several of her pupils from Balteagh School which secured Prizes. The Atkinson Memorial Perpetual Challenge Cup given in memory of the late Mr. W. R. Atkinson was won by Mr. W. C. Lutton.

We congratulate all these Prize winners on their success, and Mr. and Mrs. Rennix are to be congratulated on the Prizes secured by the Pupils of Seagoe School.

Old Seagoe Notes.

After 107 Years.—Interesting Records Found in Thatched Roof.—While repairing the roof of a house in Knocknamuckley there was discovered concealed in the thatch a book containing "part of the rules and regulations of the Boyne Club, commonly called Orangemen" (No. 388), which met at Ballyhannon (near Portadown) in 1815.

The book is in a good state of preservation, and the minutes of the club are very neatly and accurately recorded. The secretary was evidently a remarkably good penman, for the lettering in the title page is so perfect, the lines so attractively displayed and evenly spaced that at first sight it looks to be the work of a modern letterpress printer. The same taste and neatness is apparent in the keeping of the accounts, the items of income and expenditure being set out and balanced in a manner that would do credit to an accountant.

The officers of the Lodge at that time were—W.M., Robert Craigie; D.M., Thomas Joice; secretary, John Montgomery; treasurer, James Purdy. Committee—Daniel Monrow, Pierce Summeral, John Pentland, John Harrison, and Cross Twinem.

WITH THE "NINTH" IN FRANCE.

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

1916.

[Colonel Blacker's letters this month cover a most interesting period during May, 1916. The variable weather of a French Spring is noted. Raids into the enemy's lines are frequent and usually successful. A typical day's work of the O.C. is given us, and shows what a constant strain war imposes on the officers. Some local names of officers and men are introduced. We begin to realise the preparations for the great advance of July 1st.]

(Continued from May Magazine).

Friday, May 12th.—They've just sent a wire cancelling table of reliefs sent us yesterday based on 6 days reliefs, which means 8 days, or a move somewhere, I suppose I would sooner stay on here for a bit, anyway, and then go back for a rest. **Saturday, May 13th.**—Such a wet day. We don't go in to the line till Monday or Tuesday, and then for 8 days and then back for a fortnight, I think. Pratt and Padre tried fishing yesterday, but caught nothing, as Whizz-Bangs were coming near them, and they left off after an hour. They are going to give us 14 Officers over Estab., which means another 9. Had tea with How. By. yesterday. Geoffrey White is a Brigadier now, and Malcolm Peake C.R.A. 29th Div. vice old Stockdale, who has been sent home. I always thought he was too slow. Have got my chair up here and am most comfy. The soil here is like C.B. and gets 'lifty' after rain and takes some drying. Sir R. Chalmers was Gov. of Ceylon, and was weak, I hear. Socks will be welcome.

Hope They Sack the Sinn Feiners

from Gov. employ. We are not working on the Elephant R.E. and 107th Bde. We are to have daylight saving out here. Do wish they would do away with the Irish time. Walked over to Brigade Office; with infinite care got Gen. to agree to cancel our working party for to-night, of 150. The weather is too dreadful, pouring rain, and no work could be done. Still uncertain whether we go in Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday. Col. Kentish just sent me an account of the raid carried out by 1st R.I.F. in daylight. Highly successful. They killed 1 Officer and 12 Germans, counted them, and got a few prisoners. A train load of ammunition has just broken down on the line here, and we have to turn out a party to unload it. Lucky I got the working party cancelled. **Sunday, May 14th.**—Rain stopped, but still dull and cold. The old train managed to get on last night without unloading. Had another bath this morning, and am getting all the men a second bath before they go into the line. Expect we're getting your bad weather now. No doubt every one who's been out since the beginning wants a complete change home for some months. No more Hun spot cases. Hollywood has returned; no other new Officers so far. No, never heard a word against the Indian Troops. There might have been a few isolated cases, but I doubt any general disaffection. We come out to Mesnil each time, but when we come out for 14 days will go

further behind H—e. The only badly wounded last Sunday was

Hall, who comes from Tyrone.

L/Corpl Huston, from Armagh, was wounded on a fatigue party, the same night, but before the strafe. Have not heard how Sergeant Pollock is going on, but I fear he will not come back to us. Don't know yet when we go in. Have been reading Dillon's speech—a lot of impassioned rot! A— has been put out of bounds for all below rank of Maj-Gen! **Monday, May 15th.**—A wild wet day from 12 midnight; now cleared and blowing. We go in to-morrow (Tuesday). **Wednesday, May 16th.**—Such a lovely sunny day after the downpour yesterday. We go in this evening and stay in, I expect, for 8 days. A violent strafe broke out about 12.30 a.m. this morning, a little N. of us, of which the tail end just missed our sector. It lasted an hour, and our guns round here were active and made night hideous. I suppose a raid, but don't know any details. Pratt and Bob Maxwell went off on leave at 6 a.m. this morning. Am taking my bath in this time, as water is plentiful there, and we are in for so long. I find we can buy lemons here. **Wednesday, May 17th.**—Another lovely day, and so hot. Relief went off all right. Such a perfect night and a full moon, not cold; one could sit outside. The Elephant may be ready in a week; I doubt it. Padre has taken Pratt's bed in the cellar. 50 of the Pioneers and 2 Officers are doing work in the line. We have to feed one of them. Allen (16th) fell from his horse yesterday and is suffering from shock! Another Pioneer Officer fell off his horse and has since died. Had a very hot walk round this morning. The Trenches very airless. The 12th did a lot of work while they were in. There was an aeroplane over us last night. Don't know whose. Bosche captive balloon up to-day observing. The cellar is delightfully cool to-day, but everyone coming into the line comes here so there's never any peace or privacy, which is trying. We are busy deepening all Trenches in the village, as during a strafe it is impossible to move about, until they are deep. I think I told you there is a beautiful spring of water here, which is a great boon. Water at M— has to be carted about 2 miles, and then isn't much. This cellar is to be turned into a Regtl. Aid Post or dressing station when we clear out to the Elephant. **Thursday, May 18th.**—Old Ensor suddenly appeared yesterday. I am very glad. Such a hot day.

Simply Roasting and Airless in the Trenches.

We had a disturbed night, as we had a secret test of our communications with the Artillery at 2 a.m.—rockets, telephone, signalling and by runner. It worked out all right. The morning was very foggy so neither rockets or signalling were visible. After that was over I visited the marsh Posts with the Padre, and returned to bed at about 5.30. Slept till 7.30 a.m. Tin hats very hot. A fairly peaceful day; they burst some shrapnel over the village in the p.m., and M.G.'s are active as usual to-night. Probable that we shall not go back for rest for a bit yet. **Friday,**

May 19th, 9.30 a.m.—They turned a M.G. on our wiring party last night and hit that nice boy, Dickson, a Sub in 'C' Coy. He was hit high up in the chest, and the bullet is still in. He was in considerable pain. We got him away in the motor ambulance, about 1.30 a.m. and the Padre, like a brick, went with him, and has not yet returned. Another roasting day; they are putting Whizz-Bangs over the new Elephant to try and stop working parties, I suppose. A good many Trench mortars into the Battalion on our right. Just off round the line. Our Gunner Officer for this 24 hours came out as a Bombar-dier in 'J.' Rapid promotion **12.30 p.m.**—Just back and rather warm, but the cellar is beautifully cool. 'D' Coy have just got into their new dug-out mess; very nice. We started it when we were here in Feb., and when we came in last month it was still much in the same state. However, we got on to it and now it's done it is very satisfactory. Very deep and safe. Centre Coy 'C' also have a good one, but the right Coy has a bad one and it's hard to improve it. However, the accommoda-tion is greatly improved, which is as well, as we are a good deal stronger in Officers now. Padre returned at 7 p.m.—not a very good account of Dickson. They have taken him into a good hospital, about 10 miles from here, and we are to hear to-morrow what they think of him. He suffered a good deal, I fear. Three oil cans landed just now in Right Coy. No damage. Papers still very erratic. No "Times" since Tuesday. **Saturday, May 20th, 10 a.m.**—Another gorgeous day. Am just going to have a bath. Went round last night all the outlying posts and a good bit of the line.

It was a Heavenly Night.

Fairly quiet except for M.G. fire. J. J. had a narrow escape from the oil can (trench mortar). It landed close to where he was in the Trench, and he had just time to skip before it exploded, and only got covered with mud. I saw him about an hour afterwards. He was quite im-perturbable—great fellow. Menaul did some useful work last night, and got within a few yards of a Bosche working party. Padre is going over to see Dickson to-day. He is running a mess. We're getting a grand lot of work done, and all in the cool after Stand Down in the morn-ing, about 3.30 to 7.30, and again 5.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. leaving the hot part of the day for resting. We downed a Bosche 'plane this afternoon with our 'planes. I didn't see it. **Sunday, May 21st.**—Another lovely day, with a shade more breeze. Dickson is going on well, but they haven't located the bullet, and will send him, when fit to move, to a base for X-rays. My day at present is:—A little office work after breakfast, and then out round the line; back to lunch. Coy Commanders' conference at 2.30, which lasts till 4 p.m.; then post in (post leave at 3 p.m.), and then tea, and round the line again till dinner, after which heavy correspondence in and has to be attend-ed to. Then I wander out again and see what work is being done and needed, and sometimes an early trek round after daylight. A quiet night except for M.G. fire. Menaul had an escape on Patrol last night; bumped into a small covering party of Bosches, who fired at about 5 yards, but missed, and

Menaul Was Able to Get Away,

pursued by rifle and grenade fire. He was out on a spe-

cial reconnoitring job and had only 1 man with him. He was so close to the German line he had to skip as fast as he could. **2 p.m.**—Had a very hot walk round the whole line from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Everything peaceful, except occasional sniping, and a few H.E. shells on the front line. We've had grand weather this time, and a lot of good work has been done. **Monday, May 22nd.**—Another glorious day, the hottest we've had. Last night was very warm. Padre accompanied me out to the Marsh Posts about midnight, the pleasantest time really in the 24 hours, and warm even then. The gloves look very good; they arrived last night and shall be tested at once. A draft of 25 turned up about 1 a.m. this morning. It's extraordinary how men melt away. Each Coy can only muster about 100 Privates, out of a strength of 250, for the Trenches. **2 p.m.**—It's a fair roaster to-day. In-spected the Elephant this a.m. Should be ready by our next tour. I see by Programme of Reliefs we only go out for 6 days, i.e., we return to 6 day reliefs. **Tuesday, May 23rd.**—Slight rain yesterday 5-7 p.m. Fine again, and warm to-day. Menaul had a scrap with a Bosche patrol last night; he was lying in wait and 8 passed below him at foot of a bank, and he gave them 16 gren-ades. Unfortunately he couldn't lift the bodies as the bank was 20 feet high, and very steep, and the Bosche turned on a hot fire. He got back without a scratch to his patrol. Just been all round the line. Atkinson and I watched a M.G. place about 400 yards away, and saw a German Officer observing their Artillery fire. As each shell burst he popped up his head for a second. It was a quieter night, though a certain amount of M.G. fire. We've never had such a good tour in the line; never im-peded by the weather, and done such a lot of good work. I'm quite sorry to leave; it has been very interesting, and one is getting to know a lot about this bit. **2 p.m.**—The Gen. (Griffiths) came in about 1 p.m. Passing through he told us to convey his

Appreciation to Menaul and his Scouts,

for the good work they had done. We have been very lucky—2 scraps this tour, and a good deal of shelling and M.G. fire, and no casualties, except young Dickson, who is still going on well. **10 p.m.**—Both Mahaffy's let-ter and Elliott's I thought excellent. I visited the Marsh Posts, that are accessible by daylight, after tea. It was lovely down by the river (Ancre). This certainly is a pretty spot. I have thoroughly enjoyed this tour, and I think everyone has. Inspected the cemetery. Padre has taken it in hand and got it very nice. Had a look at the cows, who are looking well, come on a lot since they got on the grass. We go out to-morrow night. Am quite sorry to leave. We have deepened and improved the trenches enormously. **Wednesday, May 24th, 2 p.m.**—A very noisy night with M.G. fire, and a certain amount of Artillery on both sides all the morning. Warm, heavy a.m., has now turned to rain; expect it will clear before Relief. Atkinson got his coat torn with a small splinter of a shell that burst near him this morning. They find the Bosche can read our messages in Ft. line with a sensi-tive instrument, so everything has to be sent by hand, or in cypher, which is laborious.

(To be continued.)