

# Seagoe Parish Magazine.

JUNE, 1907.

## THURSDAY, 6th JUNE, 1907. SUNDAY SCHOOL FETE, SALE OF WORK, ATHLETIC SPORTS. PORTADOWN RECREATION GROUNDS.

THE arrangements in connection with our approaching Summer Fete are now complete, and if the weather be propitious we anticipate a great success. The children from the various Sunday Schools will meet in Seagoe Parish Church at 9 a.m. on Thursday, June 6th, and after a short service will march in procession, with banners flying and headed by a band, to the Recreation Grounds. The Tickets for the Sunday School children will be on sale at the various Sunday Schools on Saturday next, June 1st, at 4 o'clock. The price of the Tickets to the children (including 2 Refreshments) will be

Children under 8, 3d. under 14, 6d. over 14, 9d.

The Members of the Bible Classes and Sunday School Teachers will be admitted at 9d each. These Tickets admit to the Fete, Bazaar, and Evening Sports.

The charge for admission to the Bazaar for outsiders will be 6d.

Admission to the Athletic Sports, 3d, or Grand Stand, 6d.

The Yellow Tickets which the children receive will be exchanged at the Church on Thursday morning for Blue Tickets. No Sunday School Child will be admitted to the Grounds unless they have the Blue Ticket.

In marching from the Church to the Grounds it is specially requested that all keep to the ranks. Admission may be refused to those who disregard this rule.

N.B.—It is specially requested that all those who have Goods for the Sale of Work will forward them early to Mr. Wolsey Atkinson, Eden Villa.

### THE CONFIRMATION.



THE Lord Bishop has altered the date for Confirmation to Friday, July 5th. The Classes for Confirmation Candidates are now being held each week. A large number of young people are being prepared for that solemn rite, and a fair number of those more advanced in years are also coming forward. A few of those in our Sunday Schools who are over 14, and have not yet been confirmed, are still holding back. Will they not join us? We ask the Parents to see that they come without delay.

Remember Confirmation, or the Laying on of Hands, is clearly taught us in Scripture, and has been practised in the Church from the time of the Apostles to the present day, See Acts viii., 1-16; Acts xix., 1-6; and Heb. vi., 2, where Laying on of Hands is mentioned by the inspired writer to the Hebrews as one of the foundation principles of the Christian Faith.

### Baptisms.

"One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism."

- May 4th—Henry, son of James and Mary Boyce.  
" " William John, son of Samuel and Louisa Fox.  
" " Norah Myrtle, daughter of Thomas and Frances Hoy.  
" 29th—Ion Henry Dundas, son of Francis Alexander and Georgina Elizabeth Megarry.

### Burials.

"In the midst of Life we are in Death."

- May 11th—Ethel Fryar, Seagoe, aged 19 years.  
" 12th—Joseph Hewitt, Belfast, aged 57 years.

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We record with much regret the death of Ethel Fryar, who passed to her Eternal Rest on May 9th, after a long and painful illness. The sadness of her early death was greatly increased by the death of her younger sister only a month before. Ethel Fryar had been a most useful member of the Choir,



and was greatly beloved by all who knew her. Some beautiful wreaths were sent by her fellow-workers. We offer our deepest sympathy to Mr and Mrs Fryar in their double affliction. "The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away, blessed be the Name of the Lord."

### OFFERTORIES FOR MAY.

"Give, and it shall be given unto you."

	Morning.			Evening.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
May 5—5th S. after Easter	1	9	6	0	13	10
	0	6	2			
" 9—Ascension Day				0	5	4
" 12—S. after Ascension	1	2	1	0	12	5
" 19—Whitsunday	0	7	4			
" "—"	2	13	3	0	12	0
" 26—Trinity Sunday	0	19	7	0	14	0
" "—"	0	3	1			
" "—"				0	11	0
Wednesdays						
Total	£7	1	0	£3	8	7

### QUESTIONS FOR TEACHERS.

In order to encourage a careful study of the Sunday School Lessons by the Teachers a Prize is offered to the Superintendent or Teacher who sends in to the Rector the best answers to the following questions. Answers must be sent in not later than June 20th.

1. Prove from the Book of Judges that Sun-worship prevailed in Canaan?
2. Explain "Out of Ephraim was there a root of them against Amalek." (Judges v. 14.)
3. What is the meaning of the expression "Communion of Saints" in the Creed?
4. In what three miracles did our Lord use special outward means for healing the sick?
5. Mention some occasions on which our Lord showed special favour to the Samaritans?
6. What are the distinguishing characteristics of St. Mark's Gospel, and give examples of them from the two passages in our calendar for June?

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### PRESENTATIONS TO THE REV. J. TAYLOR.

On Tuesday evening, May 20th, a large gathering of the Parishioners assembled in Seagoe Parochial Schoolhouse with the object of presenting Mr. Taylor with a token expressive of the high esteem in which he was held while Curate of Seagoe. After a hearty tea, marked by much geniality and friendship, the chair was taken by the Rector, who, in his opening remarks, referred to the object which had brought them together, viz. their desire to mark their appreciation of the services rendered by Mr. Taylor to the Parish during his two years' tenure of the curacy. The Chairman expressed his own personal sense of loss at Mr. Taylor's departure who had always done his work so thoroughly while in Seagoe, and he wished him much success and blessing in his new sphere of

labour in Belfast. The Chairman then called on Mrs. Atkinson to make the Presentation of a Gold Watch and Chain. Mr. Taylor, in replying, said how sorry he was to leave Seagoe, where he had spent such a happy time and made so many friends. He thanked the Rector and all the Parishioners for the kind way in which they had received his efforts. Mr. Wolsey Atkinson (Hon. Sec. and Treas. of the Select Vestry) also spoke and warmly praised Mr. Taylor's work in Seagoe. Mr. Wilson Irwin also said a few words expressive of his regret at Mr. Taylor's departure from the Parish and wished him much success in Belfast. A presentation was then made by Miss Walker on behalf of the children attending Seagoe morning Sunday School. It consisted of a Pocket Communion Service of solid silver. Mr. Leonard Twinem, Superintendent of the School, spoke in high praise of the excellent work Mr. Taylor had done for the school. The children were present in large numbers. A short programme followed in which the following joined:—Miss Armstrong, Messrs. T. H. Wilson and D. Murray, Miss A. Walker and Miss Rachel England. Captain Atack also added a few appropriate words. The meeting concluded with the Doxology. The Blessing was pronounced by Mr. Taylor.

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### SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTES.

Our Sunday Lessons this month are very interesting and important. On the Sunday mornings of June we study passages in the Book of Judges concerning Israel's transgressions and the famous Judges—Othniel the brave, Ehud, Barak the superstitious, Shamgar the heroic, and last but not least, the wonderful prophetess and Judge, Deborah. The Triumph Song of Deborah (Judges 5), is one of the finest passages in the Old Testament. The character and work of Gideon will also come into our Lesson for July 7th. He was gentle and unassuming, but could be stern when necessary. He was not an idolator, but scarcely rose to a true conception of the worship due to God.

In the Afternoon the Study portions deal with Miracles of our Lord. The Story of the Ten Lepers—The Man born Blind—The Raising of Lazarus—Blind Bartimæus—The Stricken Fig-tree—The two Swords and Malchus. In the Text portions we finish Romans xii. and begin Ephesians vi., a beautiful chapter, which tells us about Duty and Armour.

We hope the Teachers are careful in their teaching of the Catechism. This month we do the latter portion of the Creed with the Scripture Proofs and the chief things that we learn from the Creed. The Hymns for this month have been specially chosen because of the approaching Confirmation (July 5th), "Thine for ever" is the Confirmation Hymn, and "O Jesu I have promised" is a splendid Hymn for our young Christian soldiers to know by heart.



# QUESTIONS ON THE LESSONS.

## JUNE 2nd

MORNING—Judges ii.—1. What does Bochim mean? 2. How old was Joshua? 3. Name some false gods? 4. Who were the Judges? 5. How did God punish Israel?

AFTERNOON—S. Luke xvii., 11.—1. What was leprosy? 2. What did the lepers say? 3. When were they cleansed? 4. How many returned to thank the Saviour? 5. Describe the coming of the Kingdom?

## JUNE 9th

MORNING—Judges iii.—1. Who were the nations that were left to prove Israel? 2. What false gods did Israel serve? 3. Who delivered Israel? 4. Who was Chushan? 5. What do you know about Ehud? 6. What did Shamgar do?

AFTERNOON—S. John ix.—1. Why was this man born blind? 2. Who is the Light of the World? 3. How did Jesus cure him of blindness? 4. Why did the Pharisees object? 5. When Jesus found the man what did He ask him?

## JUNE 16th

MORNING—Judges iv.—1. To whom was Israel sold? 2. Who was the wife of Lapidoth? 3. Who was Barak? 4. What do you know of Jael? 5. Describe the death of Sisera?

AFTERNOON—S. John xi., 1-46.—1. What do we know of Mary the sister of Lazarus? 2. What did Jesus say when he heard that Lazarus was dead? 3. Who was Didymus? 4. Who said, "The Master is come and calleth for thee?" 5. Describe the raising of Lazarus?

## JUNE 23rd

MORNING—Judges v.—This is a difficult chapter. It is divided into three parts, vv. 3-12, 12-23, 23-30. We recommend the Teacher to explain the names of places and point them out on the map, to speak about village life (vv. 7, 8), and to draw lessons from the sin of Meroz (v. 23)—pure inaction. Also refer to v. 31.

AFTERNOON—S. Mark x., 35-52.—1. What was the request of James and John? 2. How did Jesus reply? 3. What did the Son of Man come to do? 4. What was the cry of Bartimæus? 5. What proves his perseverance and zeal? 6. What did Jesus say had made him whole?

## JUNE 30th

MORNING—Judges vi., 1-20.—1. Why were the dens made? 2. Why are grasshoppers mentioned (v. 5)? 3. Who said "The Lord is with thee, thou mighty man of valour?" 4. Why did Gideon think he could not save Israel? 5. What was Gideon's present to the Angel?

AFTERNOON—S. Mark xi., 12-24.—1. Why did Jesus condemn the fig-tree? 2. How did Jesus cleanse the Temple? 3. What was the Temple to

be used for only? 4. Why did the Scribes seek to destroy Him? 5. What can remove mountains? 6. When we pray what must we do?

## JULY 7th

MORNING—Judges vi., 21-40.—1. What happened to Gideon's offering? 2. What does Jehovah-Shalom mean? 3. What did Gideon's ten men do? 4. Who got the name of Jerubbaal? 5. Relate the story of Gideon's fleece?

AFTERNOON—S. Luke xxii., 31-51.—1. What did Satan desire to do with Simon? 2. What was the signal for Peter's denial? 3. What prophecy of Isaiah's does our Lord refer to? 4. Describe our Lord's agony in the garden? 5. How did Judas betray Christ? 6. What happened to the High Priest's servant?

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## ITEMS.

We hear that several of our Seagoe Boys intend to compete in the "Go-as-you-Please" race, from Belfast to Lurgan, this month. We hope they will turn up amongst the winners.

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The Rev. Oswald W. Scott, Rector of Gilford, preached in the Parish Church on the evening of Trinity Sunday. His text was "God is Love."

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We recommend our readers who are interested in the current life of the Church of Ireland, to become subscribers to the "Church of Ireland Gazette," 1d. weekly. It is on Sale at Mr. Waugh's. Several poems from the talented pen of Miss Armstrong have recently appeared in its columns.

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Captain Gaskell paid the Parish a flying visit during the month, and spoke and sang at our Church Army Social in Edenderry Hall on a recent Saturday. Captain Sargent, C.A., at present working in St. Luke's, Belfast, was also with us on a Saturday evening, and spoke some earnest words.

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The Parochial Schools are in a flourishing condition. We have seldom seen the playing-grounds look so well in their leafy surroundings. The Rev. J. H. Mervyn, Diocesan Inspector of Education, will conduct his Annual Examination of the Schools in the near future.

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Mr Alfred Murray, T.C.D., has been recently assisting the Rector in his weekly instruction of the Children attending the Parish Day Schools.

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We are glad to hear that the Rev. J. Taylor is already winning golden opinions in his new sphere of work in Belfast.



The following names were accidentally omitted from the list of Quarterly Church Attendances last month:—Missed only two services—Rachel Flannigan, Sarah A. Forsythe; Missed only three services—James Bradshaw.

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A kind friend, who desires to remain anonymous, has sent the Rector a cheque for three guineas to purchase a Box Harmonium for the Open-air Mission Work in the Parish.

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Largely-attended Meetings have been held in various centres throughout the Parish by Captain Attack. We expect a flying visit from Captain M'Kendry, one of the Church Army Headquarters Staff sometime in August.

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During the month some very interesting Lantern Meetings were held through the Parish. Two sets of slides were shown, one illustrating scripture subjects, the other being a set of fine temperance slides representing scenes in the life of J. B. Gough, the eminent temperance advocate. Mr. Ernest Holland acted most efficiently as lanternist, and the addresses were given by Captain Attack.

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We hope our readers are looking through the advertisement columns of our Magazine. If they do they will read of something to their advantage. Look up our Advertisers' Alphabet.

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### WEDNESDAYS EVENINGS.

The Rector will give addresses on the following subjects on the Wednesday evenings in June—

June 5th—"The History of Confirmation."

"12th—"Church Music."

"19th—"The Gospel of St. John."

"26th—"The Service of Holy Baptism."

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### OLD SEAGOE NOTES.

Entering Seagoe Church by the West door one sees a tablet to the memory of the Rev. George Blacker, among whose many labours were efforts to have a new Church built for the increasing need of the Parish. Six years before his death there is record of his beginning the provision for the great work, but he had passed away four years ere the foundation stone of the present Church was laid.

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Plain and inornate as the Old Church was, still it was devoted to the worship of God through many centuries, and no doubt it was an affliction to many to turn away from the place where their forefathers worshipped and around which their bodies were laid to rest. We recall the poet Gray's lines—

"Each in his narrow cell for ever laid  
"The rude forefathers of the hamlet sleep."

When it became necessary to build a new Church it is much to be regretted that there should have been any breach with the hallowed associations of so many generations. But the change was unavoidable. Interment within the walls of the Old Church had always been reserved as the privilege of a few. The next thing most sought after by the people of Seagoe was to lay the bodies of their dear ones as near as possible to the lichen walls of the old building. The result of this had been that not only was the Church hemmed round with graves, but the frequent burials had raised mounds of earth against the southern wall, and even still more against the western gable. In fact the level of the earth outside the Church had been raised several feet above that of the floor of the Church. To have built the new and larger Church required, on the old site would have meant the covering up of a large number of graves. Consequently a new site had to be found.

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By the grant of Lady Olivia Sparrow, as guardian of her son Robert Acheson St. John Bernard Sparrow, a site was obtained in the adjoining townland of Seagoe Upper, about 40 perches distant. By Order of Council, dated June 21st, 1814, the change of site was legally authorised. Some days earlier, on June 1st, 1814, the foundation stone of the New Church was laid, and as soon as the building was completed the service was transferred to it, and the Old Parish Church of Seagoe was finally deserted. Besides the records and registries, the font and bell were placed in the New Church.

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The ancient communion plate also preserves the memory of the Old House of God. This consists of a paten and two chalices of solid silver. The paten is inscribed "In usum Parochiae de Sego, 1699." It was provided by an act of vestry which may still be read in the ancient records and cost £6 10s. The two chalices were presented during the incumbency of the Rev. Richd. Buckby, and one of them at least at his own expense. This one has the inscription—"Ex dono Richd. Buckby, Vicr. de Sego in usum Parochiae de Sego, 1769." (The gift of Richard Buckby, Vicar of Sego for the use of the Parish of Sego, 1769). On the other chalice, which is of the same pattern, there is simply "Segoe Parish, 1791." It is interesting in these inscriptions to note the addition of the letter "e" to the name Sego, which took place between the years 1769 and 1791. The "a" in the first syllable began to be inserted about 1820.

(We hope to continue the notes relating to the Old Church next month).