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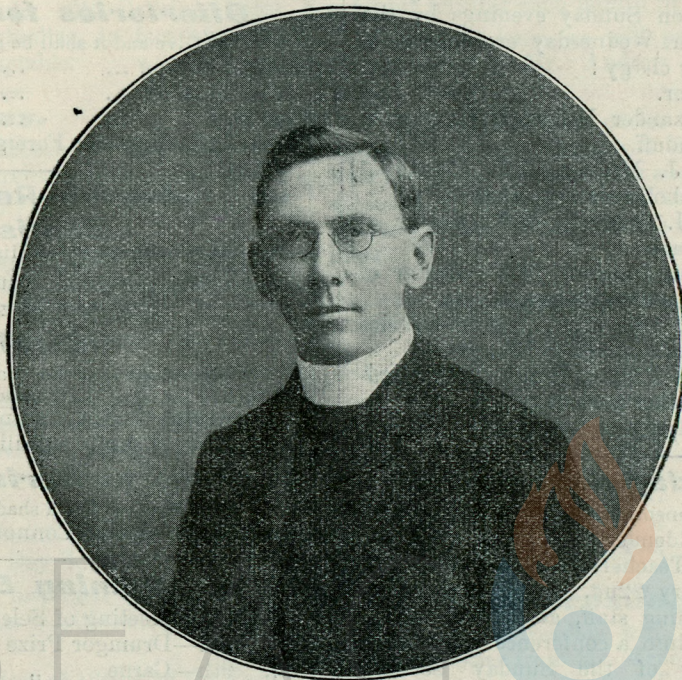


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Rev. W. R. Crichton, M.A.

OUR readers will be glad to possess a speaking likeness of the Rev. W. R. Crichton, M.A., late Curate of Seagoe, and now Curate of Hillsborough. Mr. Crichton was for four years Curate of Seagoe. He was ordained for the curacy, and began his ministry there on October 13th, 1907. He officiated for the last time as Curate of Seagoe on December 17th, 1911. His many friends in Seagoe wish him all prosperity and blessing in his future career. We have to thank Mr. Abernethy, of Belfast, for kind permission to publish this fine photograph in Seagoe Parish Magazine.

The Season of Lent.

The Church sets apart two portions of the year as special Mission Seasons—Advent and Lent. In Advent we are bidden to think of the Second Coming of the Master and to make special preparation for it. In Lent we are reminded of the evil of Sin and the need of Repentance, and the subject of our Lord's conflict with Satan in the Wilderness of the Temptation is brought prominently before us. Lent then is to be a time of self-examination. Its days are to be marked by much prayer and heart-searching meditation. We must avail ourselves of the many means of Grace which God offers us. The daily

study of His Word will be very helpful to those who earnestly seek to know His Will. Private prayer, a constant approach to His footstool, will deepen our sense of His Presence with us. Worship in the House of Prayer with all His people will impart to us the power that comes from mutual intercession and fellowship in spiritual things. Attendance at Holy Communion, the faithful fulfilment of our Lord's command, "This do in remembrance of Me," will prove a most precious help in the strengthening and refreshing of our souls, if we come to that Feast trusting not in our own righteousness but in His manifold and great mercies. Such are some of the

chief means of grace which God has given to us. If any have been hitherto neglecting them or using them carelessly, they are invited now to think more seriously and earnestly about them.

During Lent, which begins on February 21st (Ash Wednesday), special addresses will be given in the Parish Church on Sunday evenings by the Parish Clergy, and on Wednesday evenings at 8 o'clock by the following clergy :

- Feb. 21st—The Rector.
 „ 28th—Rev. Alexander Miller, M.A., Rector of Clonduff.
 March 6th—Rev. A. J. Murray, B.A., Curate of St. Nicholas Church, Belfast.
 „ 13th—Rev. F. J. Hackett, M.A., Rector of Kildollagh.
 „ 27th—Rev. Bedell Stanford, M.A., Rector of Holy Trinity, Belfast.

On Ash Wednesday, Feb. 21st, Divine Service will be held in the Parish Church as follows :—

- 11-30 a.m.—Morning Prayer, Litany, and Communion Service.
 8 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon.

Our Sunday Schools.

Messrs. J. H. Stevenson and S. R. Chambers, Superintendents of Edenderry Sunday Schools, kindly entertained the Teachers of these Schools to tea on Monday, January 22nd. There was a full attendance of the teaching staff, and after tea the meeting resolved itself into a conference on how to improve the efficiency of the Sunday Schools. Almost every one present joined in the discussion, and valuable suggestions were made. It was quite evident that the Teachers were fully alive to their responsibilities. The points which received chief consideration were—The visiting of absent children, the finances of the School, and the discipline of the School. On each point decisions were arrived at, which we believe still further promote the efficiency of the School. It is hoped to hold similar meetings in connection with the other Schools.

Edenderry Prize Distribution.

On Thursday evening, January 25th, the Annual Distribution of Prizes for Edenderry Sunday Schools took place in the Parochial Hall. There was a very large attendance of the children. Proceedings commenced with a hymn and prayer, after which the Rector spoke on the work of the Sunday School. He then called on the Rev. G. Bloomer to say a few words. Mr. Bloomer received a very enthusiastic welcome from the children on this his first visit to Edenderry. The prizes were then distributed to the winners by Mrs. Stothers amid great applause. Bibles and Church Services were in great demand this year, but a great many also received story books. Special prizes were awarded to five children who had attended all the services in Church and the classes in Sunday School without missing a Sunday during the year. After the books had been handed to the

children, a series of lantern views of domestic animals was shown, and created much interest and amusement. Before the meeting came to a close Mr. Bloomer kindly gave a recitation which delighted all the young folk present.

Offertories for January.

“ Give and it shall be given unto you.”

Sunday morning	£7 2 4
„ evening	3 2 0
Week days	0 19 3
Special Collections for Foreign Missions	4 12 2

Parish Register.

Baptism.

“ He hath remembered His Covenant for ever.”

January 6th—Eveline Maud, daughter of David Hugh and Elizabeth Adair.

Marriage.

“ Blessed are they that fear the Lord and walk in His ways.”

January 19th—David Totten, Portadown, to Sarah Chambers, Killycomaine.

Burial.

“ My days are like a shadow that declineth.”

January 20th Sarah Connor, Killycomaine, aged 73.

Coming Events.

- Feb. 5th—Meeting of Select Vestry.
 „ 8th—Drumgor Prize Distribution.
 „ 9th—Carne „ „
 „ 12th—Levaghery „ „
 „ 13th—Men's Bible Class Social in Edenderry Parochial Hall, at 7-30.
 „ 20th—Shrove Tuesday. Girls' Bible Class Social at 7-30.
 „ 21st—Ash Wednesday. Services in Parish Church at 11-30 and 8.
 „ 23rd—Band of Hope, 7-30, Edenderry Hall.
 „ 21th—Special Lent Service. Preacher, Rev. A. Miller, M.A.
 „ 29th—Lecture in Edenderry Hall by Mr. Bagnells, of the Jews' Society.
 March 9th—Jumble Sale, Edenderry.

Lecture by Canon Lett.

The Rev. Canon Lett, Rector of Loughbrickland, and Vice-President for Ulster of the Royal Society of Antiquaries, has kindly consented to deliver a Public Lecture in Edenderry Parochial Hall, on Thursday, March 28th, on “ The Natural History of Seagoe and its neighbourhood.” Canon Lett is a very distinguished student of Natural Science, and in this Lecture will give his hearers many most interesting particulars concerning the Botany and Geology of the district. We may add that Canon Lett was for many years Rector of Ardmore, and during his residence in the neighbourhood made a special study of its natural features. Further particulars regarding the Lecture will appear in our next issue.

Jumble Sale.

A Jumble Sale will be held in Edenderry Parochial Hall, on Saturday, March 9th. A circular will be sent round giving particulars. Will all our kind friends who helped at last year's very successful sale remember the date—March 9th—and gather together anything suitable for the Sale. Old clothing, boots, hats, furniture, vases, umbrellas, in fact anything and everything will be acceptable.

Items.

Seagoe Sunday School teachers should read carefully the articles in the current number of the Sunday School Magazine. They are very useful and interesting.

The new Church Attendance Cards, with the pretty red, blue and yellow seals, are creating much interest in the Sunday Schools. An Edenderry boy was heard recently saying in a half whisper, "Go on the Reds."

Seagoe children who win a gold seal for 13 reds will certainly achieve a great success. It means that they will have attended every Church Service and every meeting of their Sunday School class during the quarter.

We hear rumours of a Beehive Bazaar or Sale of Work on behalf of Seagoe Day Schools.

Mr. Hobart, architect, inspected Seagoe Church recently with a view to its ventilation on modern scientific lines.

There has been a good deal of illness in the Parish lately. The scarlatina epidemic is still prevailing though of a mild type. We regret to announce the serious illness of Mrs. Albin, one of our oldest and most respected parishioners.

We congratulate Miss Gracey, daughter of our People's Churchwarden, Mr. Robert Gracey, on her recovery after a serious illness. Miss Gracey is a most valued Parish helper, and has for long acted as a teacher of the senior girls in Drumgor Sunday School.

Protestant Orphan Cards should be returned at once, also cards for C.M.S. and S.A.M.S.

The Rev. G. Bloomer has received a handsome and valuable present of Theological Books from the members of the Willowfield (Belfast) Literary and Debating Society of which he was a member. The Rector was present by invitation at the Social on Friday, January 26th, when the presentation was made.

The floods in the Bann this winter have been abnormal. A new lake—Lough Seagoe—has made its appearance. It is about half a mile wide and a mile in length.

Several structural improvements have recently been made in Seagoe Day School. The insertion of a new roof window has let a flood of light in on the junior schoolroom.

The Bishop of the Diocese purposes holding a Confirmation in Lurgan Parish Church on March 16th, at 3.30.

The January issue of the Magazine was insufficient to meet the demand. All copies were sold off in a day or two after publication. See that you get your number each month in good time.

In our next issue we will publish photos of our Churchwardens—Mr. Andrew Costello and Mr. Robert Gracey.

A very appreciative notice of "Seagoe Publications" recently appeared in the "Portadown News." A great deal of any success which they have achieved is due we are bound to say, to the skill and courtesy of Mr. Young and his staff in the "News" office.

Hymns for February.

"We praise Thee, O God."

Feb. 4th—M.—	318,	454,	192,	591.	
	E.—	219,	273,	352,	215
„ 11th—M.—	228,	514,	541,	467.	
	E.—	205,	337,	376,	226
„ 18th—M.—	225,	339,	322,	463.	
	E.—	479,	381,	32,	308
„ 25th—M.—	478,	218,	399,	30.	
	E.—	17,	400,	33,	336, 319

An Interesting Letter.

Many of our readers will be interested in the following letter from Mr. Ernest Holland, who has been touring in the far Nor'West of Canada:—

Box 295, Swift Current, Canada,
December 20th, 1911.

Dear Mr. Archer,

Your ever welcome letter to hand, and glad to know you are well and things are doing well in Seagoe.

I am simply ashamed of myself for not writing you long before this. I had a long letter written for you a few weeks ago, but somehow or other I lost it when down skating one night.

I suppose you were surprised to hear of me coming to this country. I'll just tell you all about my whereabouts. I got tired living in the City, and was beginning to feel a little run down in health, so I decided to make a change. Left New York on June 3rd, the 4th I spent at Niagara Falls. I won't, in fact I could not describe the beauties of the Falls. I took a trip underneath the great Horseshoe Falls, went down with a party of eight. Of course we were all clothed in rubber coats and boots. It was a great sight to see I forgot to say that I had a very funny feeling when I first stood under my own flag once more. I expected to meet my brother on this side of the bridge, but did not meet him until I was at the station bound for Hamilton, so we both started for Hamilton, where I spent the night with him. In the morning we took the boat to Toronto, across Lake Ontario. It was a very nice trip; we spent the

day in Toronto, and I left him about nine o'clock. He went back to Hamilton, so I was left all on my own, and very lonely. At 10-20 I took the train for the West, with the intention of stopping at Calgary, but I only stopped there one night, and started off again for Vancouver. It is a nice little city. I stopped one day and started for Victoria by boat. I must say it was the nicest trip I had in my life. I stopped a night in Victoria, and went on to a little town called Sidney, about 20 miles west of Victoria. There I stayed two days. I might say that on Friday, June 2nd I was swimming in the Atlantic Ocean, and the next Friday I was swimming in the Pacific. I didn't want to stay out so far away from home, so I started east again. The Rocky Mountains are certainly a sight worth seeing. I was simply charmed with them. They were all covered with snow, and it was very cold going through them.

Well, on my way back I stepped off in this town, and the first day I succeeded in getting a job in the Canadian Pacific Railway ticket office as freight clerk; was in it about five weeks when I was promoted to night agent. Then I had to sell tickets for all over the country; sold a good few to Belfast and Liverpool. Well, I stayed at that for about two months, and got tired of the night work; there was too much worry attached to it. I left there one Saturday morning and started in the office of the largest coal dealers in the town, to do their book-keeping. First, I must say, the company consists of some of the richest men in town, the Mayor himself is in it. Next year they are going to open up a coal mine in Alberta, so I see where there is a good future for me if I only stay at it.

I am glad to say that I have been attending church regularly since I came here.

I am living in a boarding house, all full of young men, just two blocks from my works, and am quite comfortable.

We have had some very cold weather here, some days it was 40 degrees below zero. I had my ears frozen, and it is a sore thing. Lots of skating here, and we have got a big ice rink.

Sorry to hear Mr. Crichton is leaving you, but hope he will do well.

Best wishes to the Bible Class.

Hope this will find you and all quite well, it leaves me tip top.

I remain, Yours sincerely,
E. HOLLAND.

Old Seagoe Notes.

List of Churchwardens (Continued).

- 1755—Mr. James Toulerton.
Mr. John Medcalf, of Lower Segoe.
1756—Arthur Dines, of Lisnaminty.
John Greenaway, of Upper Segoe.
1757—George Dixon, of Derryvore.
James Balmer, of Ballyhannon.
1758—George Dixon, of Derryvore.
Dynes Gilpin, of Baltiere.

- 1759—Mr. Thomas Gilpin, the younger.
Mr. George Joyce.
1760—John Smyth.
James Morrow.
1761—Robert Black, of Ballymuckrannol.
Leonard Calvert, of Breagh.
1762—Mr. James Fforde.
Mr. Wm. Overend.
1763—Francis Emmerson.
William Robinson.
1764—George Medcalf.
James Quary.
1765—Thomas Watson.
James Dixon.

Repairs to Seagoe Church, 1765.—In the Registers for 1765 the following entries occur:—

April 9th—To repairing the Rige (ridge) Boards and shingling ye Church, £5 0s 0d.

It is agreed that the thirty shillings in the hands of Wm. Robinson, late Churchwarden, be paid into the hands of Mr. Thos. Newel for flooring the new Isle immediately.

To Matts for the Communion Rails and the Font, £0 5s 5d.

To repairing ye Pulpit Cushion, £1 0s 0d.

Price of a Pew in Old Seagoe in 1765.—The following occurs in the Registers:—It was confirmed this day that Leonard Calvert is entitled to and the Lawful Possessor of the upper Seat on the Right Hand in the New Isle lately purchased of William Mathers for Nine Pounds Two Shillings.

Census of Seagoe, 1861.—The Parish of Seagoe originally included several townlands which now form part of the Parish of Shankill or Lurgan, and also some townlands which are now included in the Parish of Knocknamuckley. The following figures, which relate to the Parish of Seagoe before it was reduced in size, are of interest. The total population according to the Census was as follows: In 1841, 11,094; in 1851, 10,508, and in 1861, 11,357.

[The reduction in 1851 was no doubt due to the fatal year of the potato famine, 1847.]

According to the Census of 1861, out of the 11,357 inhabitants, 3269 could read and write, 3046 could read only, 5042 could neither read nor write.

[This means that nearly half the people of the Parish were without any education so recently as 50 years ago.]

The Religious Denominations were as follows in 1861;—

Church of Ireland	...	...	5204
Roman Catholics	...	...	3188
Methodists	...	...	1581
Presbyterians	...	...	1318
Others	...	...	66

The area of the Parish was 9745 acres, and the Poor Law valuation £11,266.

The gross value of the living of Seagoe in 1864 was £998 18s. 5d. Curates' incomes £130. The nett value after all deductions was £674 6s. 0d.

The Glebe lands consisted of 499 acres, valued at £900 per annum.