

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

MARCH, 1906.

CLERGY :

RECTOR—REV. JAMES E. ARCHER, B.D.,
The Rectory, Seagoe.

CURATE—REV. JOHN TAYLOR, B.A.,
Seagoe Villa.

N.B.—The Clergy will feel greatly obliged if the Parishioners will notify to them any cases of illness at the earliest possible moment.

Churchwardens :

MR. JOHN MONTGOMERY, Levaghery.

MR. JOSEPH MURRAY, Ballinary

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ALBIN, MR. JAMES	MONRO, MR. JOSEPH
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We print this month the Address which was prepared for Presentation to our late beloved Rector, the Dean of Dromore, but which owing to his unexpected death was never formally given to him. A pathetic interest also attaches to the Dean's Reply which he had written and signed shortly before his fatal illness. Last week Mr. W. R. Atkinson handed the illuminated Address and the Service of Plate to Miss Wade and the Misses Dawson at their residence in Belfast.

Address and Presentation to the

Very Reverend Abraham Dawson, A.M.,
Dean of Dromore.

VERY REVEREND AND DEAR SIR,

We feel that we cannot allow the occasion of your departure from among us to pass, without giving expression in some tangible form to the sincere regret which your resignation of the Parish of Seagoe has caused us.

When you were appointed Rector of the Parish some twenty-six years ago, you were already known to many of us through your labours in the neighbouring Parish of Knocknamuckley, and the high estimate of your worth then held has been more than sustained during your long residence in this Parish.

You leave behind you a lasting monument of your Christian zeal and energy in our noble Parish Church, restored, enlarged and beautified greatly through your indefatigable efforts.

But not alone did we appreciate your diligence in the discharge of your Parochial duties, we acknowledge also the generous liberality which you ever displayed in helping forward every charitable object that claimed assistance from you. All creeds and classes in the Parish are indebted to you for the kindly interest you took in their temporal as well as in their spiritual welfare. You were ever ready both by word and deed to help those who were in any trouble or affliction.

We rejoice to think that your devotion to duty was recognised not only in this Parish but throughout the whole Diocese, so that at the hands of two successive Bishops you received preferment first to the Archdeaconry of Dromore, and then to the high position of Dean of Dromore.

We cannot refrain from alluding also to the valuable services rendered to the Parish by the members of your family. All Parochial organisations have been strengthened and blessed by their kindly sympathy and unremitting care.

We ask your acceptance of the accompanying Service of Plate as a slight token of the esteem in which you are held by the Parishioners of Seagoe, and we trust that the release which you have sought from the arduous duties of Parochial life may, under Divine Providence, result in an increase of strength.

With our united and fervent prayer that the Peace of God which passeth all understanding, may rest upon you and yours all the days, even to the end of the world.

We remain, dear Mr. Dean,
Your faithful and attached friends,

(Signed on behalf of the Subscribers)

JOHN MONTGOMERY } Churchwardens
JOSEPH MURRAY }
WOLSEY R. ATKINSON, Hon Sec. to
Select Vestry.

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Reply of the Dean of Dromore.

DEAR FRIENDS,

I feel very grateful for this most kind and generous gift, which comes to me as a token of your affection and regret at the close of our long connection, a connection fraught with memories which time is powerless to efface. Called

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of God to the oversight of your Parish, from a loving and close association with the neighbouring Parish of Knocknamuckley, I entered upon the responsibility of a ministry among you in the face of some difficulties, and with much thought and prayer I have passed more than a quarter of a century in your midst, and through all this period God helped me in granting to me your kindly and trustful co-operation, and in disposing the owners of property (in particular my faithful and much-lamented friend, the Baroness von Stieglitz) to assist liberally in furthering our various plans and efforts for your benefit.

In the re-organisation and maintenance of your large Sunday Schools I was greatly indebted to the teachers, and also to the parents of the scholars, who concurred heartily in promoting regularity of attendance.

My intercourse with you all in our vestry and committee meetings, in parochial visitation, in cottage lectures, and in the general care of the sick and whole, carries with it many a fragrant and happy memory for me, and calls for gratitude to the Disposer of all hearts who granted such ready acceptance of my office and ministry of His Word.

Among you, too, it was my happiness to have made a new home, when the connection was broken with the old, a home which grew ever dearer to me, though thrice shadowed by a great sorrow, and often touched with lighter clouds of care. In my joys and sorrows there, you were partakers; and through them your minister learned lessons of deeper sympathy with the gladness and the grief of you all. I trust that our God, for His dear Son's sake, pardoning the infirmity of His servant, will abundantly bless, to His glory and to your welfare, the seed sown in the Church, in the Schools, and in your homes, and that He will grant large efficiency and great faithfulness to all future workers among you. And now, as the shadows lengthen on the path of years, I pray that we may all one day realise together the "joy of harvest." and be made partakers of glory in the everlasting Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus

Christ, when the great Master-Reaper has gathered in His sheaves.

Again I thank you from my heart for this generous token of your lasting affection.

I am, dear Friends,

Yours affectionately,

ABRAHAM DAWSON,

Dean of Dromore.

1, Redhill,
Knock,
Belfast.

October, 1905

OFFERTORIES FOR FEBRUARY.

	Morning			Evening		
	£	s	d	£	s	d
Feb. 4th—5th Sun. af Epiphany	1	0	5	0	12	6
Communion offerings	0	5	7			
„ 11th—Septuagesima	0	16	3	0	8	9
„ 18th—Sexagesima	0	2	9			
„ „ „	1	1	3	0	10	10
„ 25th—Quinquagesima	2	15	6	0	14	3
Total,	£6	1	9	£2	6	4

Our congregations during the past month have been very large, but a glance at the above list of amounts contributed to the collections at our services shows that our people do not give as liberally as they might. Giving is part of worship and our worship cannot be as real as it ought to be, nor can it be as acceptable with God unless we give liberally of our substance. We hope, therefore, that all our people will in future give larger gifts into God's treasury.

Baptisms.

“As many of you as have been baptised into Christ, have put on Christ.”

Feb. 5th—James, son of Arthur and Sarah Ann Allen, Edenderry.

„ 10th—Harrison, son of James Henry and Sarah Magee, Edenderry.

Marriages.

"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

Feb. 6th—Francis Anderson, Drumgor, to Sarah Chambers, Drumgor.

Burials.

"I know that my Redeemer liveth."

Feb. 2nd—Margaret Gibson, Belfast, aged 59.
 „ 6th—James Allen, Edenderry.
 „ 6th—William Woolsey, Belfast, aged 46.
 „ 7th—Jane Magee, Derryadd, aged 78.
 „ 16th—John Montgomery, Portadown, aged 23.
 „ 20th—Joseph Graham, Edenderry.
 „ 25th—Ellen Margaret Hall, Drumnagoon, aged 44.

We record with deep regret the death of Mr. John Montgomery, son of Mr. T. J. Montgomery, of High Street, Portadown. The sad event took place very suddenly on Wednesday morning, February 4th. Mr. Montgomery, though never very robust in health, had only been ailing a few hours, and in fact just before his death seemed to have quite recovered. On the Sunday before his death he taught his Sunday School class in the Parochial Hall and attended service in the Parish Church, and he was present at Holy Communion on the previous Sunday, as was his usual custom. So regular and devout a worshipper and so diligent a worker will be sorely missed from amongst us, but in the spirit of Christian submission we must learn to say "Not my will but Thine be done." The young life cut short on earth is fulfilling some higher task in the nearer Presence of our Father in Heaven. Our deepest sympathy goes out to the bereaved parents and brothers and sisters in their time of mourning. The interment took place in Seagoe graveyard on Friday, February 16th, and was largely attended. The Rev. J. E. Archer, Rector of Seagoe, gave a short address in the Church. Special references were also made to Mr. Montgomery's death on the following Sunday at the services in the Parish Church.

Our Lent Services.

Handbills will be ready on Sunday, March 4th, containing a full list of our Special Lent Services. There will be a service in the Parish Church on each Thursday evening during Lent at 8 o'clock, and special subjects appropriate to the season will be dealt with by the clergy who have been invited to preach. On Sunday mornings the clergy of the Parish will preach on "Helps to the Spiritual Life" (Private Prayer, Public Worship, Bible Study, Holy Communion and Almsgiving). On Sunday evenings the subjects will be "Prevalent National Sins." The special preachers will speak on Intemperance, Indifference, Sunday Desecration, Decline of Parental

Authority, Swearing and the Pursuit of Pleasure.

The sermon on Sunday evening, March 11th, will be preached by the Rev. O. W. Scott, Rector of Gilford. The subject will be The Sin of Indifference. It will be a special sermon to men.

Church Army Mission.

The following are the dates and places at which Captain Gaskell will hold the Mission—

Friday, March 2nd,	Carne Church Hall,	7-30.
Monday „ 12th,	Drumgor „	7-30.
Monday „ 19th,	Lylo	7-30.
Monday „ 26th,	Seagoe School	7-30.
Monday April 2nd,	Edenderry Hall	7-30.
Monday „ 9th,	Hacknahay	7-30.

A special meeting for Church workers in connection with the Mission will be held in Seagoe School on Thursday evening, March 1st, at 7-30, when Captain Gaskell will give an address.

Things to remember—

Pray for the success of the Mission.
 Attend the Services every night.
 Join heartily in the singing.
 Tell your friends about it.
 Bring all you can to it.

Drumgor Soiree.

On February 14th the annual Soiree was held in Drumgor Church Hall. There was a large attendance and the catering was carried out by Mrs. M'Mullan and a willing band of assistants. After a bountiful tea, the tables were cleared away, and the Rector took the chair and introduced an excellent programme, consisting of songs and readings by some friends from Lurgan, selections on the gramophone by Mr. M'Culloch, a dialogue by Messrs. J. Gaskin and G. Rowland, and recitations by F. Parkes. Rev. I. Harte, Rector of Rathfriland, gave a vigorous address, containing some sound advice to the young people present, which was much appreciated. At the close all joined heartily in singing the National Anthem. We would like to have seen more of the older members of the congregation, and hope this defect will be remedied on future occasion.

Public Lecture.

The Rector (Rev. J. E. Archer, B.D.) delivered a lecture on "A Trip to Norway" in Hacknahay School, on Wednesday, February 21st. There was a very large attendance and a series of beautiful views illustrating Norwegian scenery were thrown on the screen. The lecturer described the wonderful diversity of landscape to be seen in that interesting country, where forest, waterfall, glacier and snowfield meet one at every turn. At the close of the lecture a hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer was proposed by Mr. George Calvert and passed by acclamation.

Carne Social Meeting.

A most successful evening took place in Carne Church Hall on February 20th. The hall was crowded in every part, and tea was lavishly dispensed by the ladies of the neighbourhood, attended by willing stewards. After the good things had been disposed of an interesting programme was gone through by clever artistes, some of them making their debut on the occasion. Among them were Messrs. T. H. Wilson, D. Murray, W. Irwin, W. M'Alister, T. H. Hanna, J. Lynas and J. Twinem. The various items were fully appreciated and showed that there is much talent in the Carne neighbourhood which only requires to be brought to the front. Rev. J. Taylor having spoken, the Rector, who was chairman, spoke some encouraging words and the meeting closed with "God save the King." Our heartiest thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. Atkinson Costello for the great trouble they took in connection with the meeting.

Levagbery.

On Shrove Tuesday, February 27th, a Tea Meeting was held in Levagbery Schoolhouse. The residents in the district attended in large numbers and did ample justice to the good things set before them. After tea a most interesting and varied programme was gone through. The following assisted in it—Messrs W. Irwin, J. M'Allister, D. Murray, and R. Allen. Almost every item was encored, and some of the comic pieces caused much merriment. At a late hour all separated after a very pleasant evening. Our hearty thanks are due to Mr. J. Monroe and Mr. J. Montgomery for the successful manner in which they organised the meeting, and to the ladies who kindly assisted at the tables.

Our Day Schools.

Seagoe National School has lately been much improved by a new set of desks, also new maps and pictures. We are also glad to record an improved attendance of children. Two silver medals have been offered by the manager (Rev. J. E. Archer) and will be awarded to the most deserving boy and girl at the midsummer holidays.

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Notes on Old Seagoe.

A great many points of interest in connection with the Parish of Seagoe may be learned from a study of the names of the Townlands. Each name enshrines within it some reference either to the natural features of the district or its old historical associations. We therefore give this month some notes on the names of the Townlands in the Parish.

Edenderry.—This name so familiar to our ears is derived from two Irish words, Eudan or Edan, meaning the forehead, often applied to the brow of a hill, and the word Derry (Irish doire) an oak tree or oak wood. So we gather that the district now mapped out into streets and so thickly covered with houses was once an oak forest which stretched up the brow of the hill to where Eden Villa now stands. It was called Edenderry, the hill-brow of the oak-wood.

Tamnifiglasson.—Tawnach (pronounced tawnagh) signifies in Irish a green field where fresh sweet grass grows, and those who know this townland will agree that this is a good description of it. The full form of the word in Irish is Tawnach-feadha glassan. The word feadha means a wood, and as far as can be ascertained Glassan is a man's surname. So the word Tamnifiglasson means the field of the wood of Glassan—that is the field or grassy district in which grew the wood or forest belonging to a man named Glassan.

Tamnificarbet.—This curious name has partly the same meaning as the last. Tamhnach a field, and feadha a wood. Carbet, more properly Carbait, signifies a chariot. So the whole word Tamnificarbet means "the field of the wood of the chariot." It may possibly have been that in ancient times the wood that grew there was much in demand for the making of carts, or that the chieftains in their tribal wars sought wood from this townland for the manufacture of their war chariots.

The townland of Tavenagh, on which Portadown is built is the same word as Tamhnach and means a field.

Hacknahay.—The meaning of this name is greatly disguised by the letter H which has got in front of it. It should be spelt Agha-na-aw, and would then mean—The field (Agha) of the (na) stream (aw). The small stream, therefore, which now may be seen running through Gleneyre was the natural feature which gave name to the whole townland.