

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

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Churchwardens of Seagoe, 1911-1912.



HE accompanying Portrait of the Churchwardens of Seagoe for 1911-12 will be valued by our readers as a permanent record of two Parishioners who have done good work in Seagoe Parish. Mr. Andrew Costello, the Rector's Churchwarden (who is seen standing in the photograph), has for a long time filled the position of Sustentation Fund Collector in Tammficarbet District, where he resides. He has also been frequently elected to a place on Seagoe Select Vestry. The family of Costello or Costley has been long resident in Seagoe. The name first occurs in the Registers for 1796, when the burial of Richard Costley or Costello is recorded. Mr. Costello is a brother of the late Mr. Atkinson Costello, of Carne, who also acted as Churchwarden and Select Vestryman in the Parish.

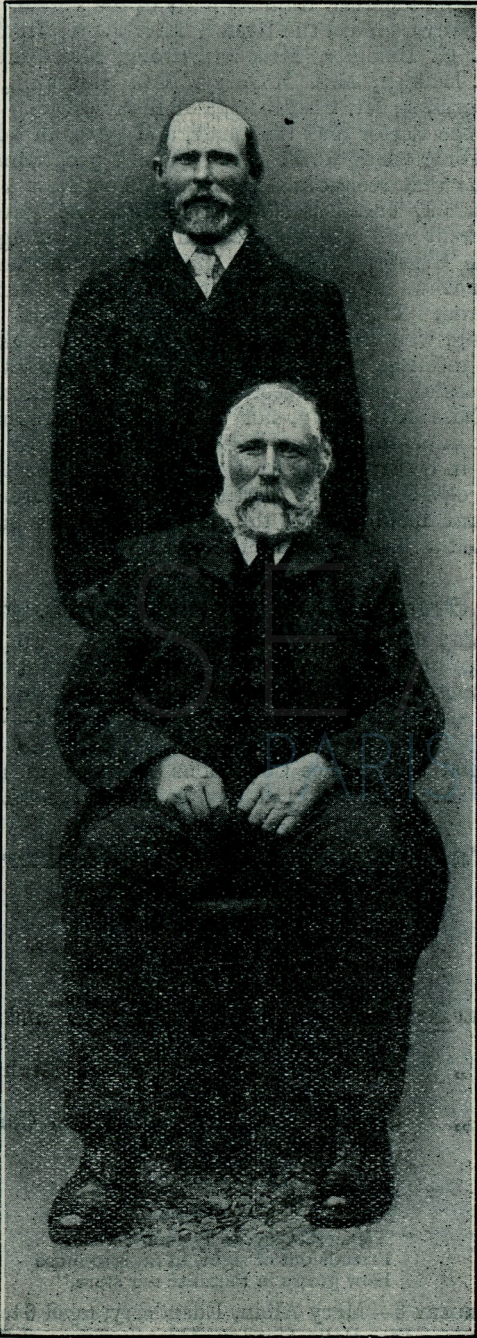
Mr. Robert Gracey, of Balteagh (seen seated in the photograph), is also widely known in Seagoe Parish. He is a collector of Sustentation in the District where he resides, and has been for many years a member of the Select Vestry. He has on several occasions generously entertained the children of Drumgor Sunday School at his own expense. He comes of an old Seagoe stock. The name Gracey is first seen in the Registers in the year 1771, when the Baptism of one Sarah Gracey is recorded.

The Churchwardens entered on their year of office on Thursday, April 20th, 1911, and will yield up their place to their successors at the Easter General Vestry, which is fixed for Thursday, April 11th, 1912.

The Sunday Schools.

Last month was marked by a long succession of Prize Distributions in the various Sunday School centres. There were all very successful, and reflected great credit on the Superintendents of the Schools on whose shoulders rested the responsibility for arranging the details of each meeting. We have only room to say a word about each School. **Carne** came first on Thursday, February 8th. The Superintendent and Teachers kindly provided the Tea. The Programme was very interesting and attractive. It included an original Temperance Football piece, composed by Mr. Thos. M'Mullan, of Tarson, performed by the boys of his Sunday School Class. We give here a few lines of the verse:—

M'Clure I would put in the goal, whose shots would stop alright;
Coulter and M'Mullan, backs, would work with all their might;
For halves we've Simpson, Curry, Mac, the cream of many a game,



That in the seasons yet to come will win themselves a name;

Conolly he will boldly play with Hewitt on the right, While Reavey and his clubmate James will show them how to fight;

But who will take the centre, why young Twible so renowned,

Altho' he's but a junior, yet his equal can't be found.

On Friday, February 9th, **Hacknahay** Distribution was held. The School was crowded, and Mr. and Miss Calvert kindly entertained all to tea. The Programme consisted of Readings, Recitations, and Songs by the pupils of Hacknahay Day School. **Levaghery** Sunday School had its Festival on Monday, February 12th. It was one of the most successful of the series, and a splendid programme delighted all present. Mr. and Mrs. Collins and the teachers kindly defrayed all expense. **Drumgor** had a most enthusiastic gathering on Thursday, Feb. 15th. Mr. Robert Gracey generously entertained all to tea. The Rev. G. Bloomer presided. Mr. W. J. Allen, Mrs. Allen, and Miss Armstrong, of Lurgan, were also present, and we have to thank Mr. W. J. Allen and Mr. Knox for a kind present of fruit for the children. **Seagoe** had its feast on Monday, Feb. 19th. The Boys' Schoolroom was filled. The programme consisted of music and recitations, to which Miss M. Magee and Miss S. Martin contributed several items. Mr. C. Boyle, Superintendent of the afternoon Sunday School, was present. A large number of valuable prizes were distributed.

Men's Bible Class Social.

PRESENTATION TO THE RECTOR.

This annual event took place in Edenderry Parochial Hall on Tuesday, Feb. 13th, at 7-30 p.m. A very large gathering of men assembled and partook of the good things provided in the shape of tea and cake. After tea the Rector took the chair and gave an address on Bible Class work. An interesting programme of music and recitations followed, consisting of gramophone selections by Mr. Wm. Gates, a member of Edenderry class; recitations by the Rev. G. Bloomer and Mr Gilbert Price, and a song by Mr. Houston. An interesting event then followed, being a presentation to the Rector by the members of the Edenderry Bible Class. An address was read by Mr. David Rock of Bridge Street. It referred to the past record of the Class, which has been held every Sunday for seven years; also to the regularity of members' attendance and to the other classes in the Parish which have arisen out of the Edenderry Class. Mr. Rock then handed to the Rector a fine silver salver, suitably inscribed. The Rector, in his reply, thanked the class for their kindness in making the presentation, and hoped that the work of the class might go on and increase under the Divine blessing. The distribution of certificates and prizes followed, and after a short address from Mr. Bloomer, the proceedings terminated.

Women's Bible Class Social.

The members of the Women's Bible Classes met for their Annual Social in Edenderry Parochial Hall on Tuesday evening (Shrove Tuesday), Feb. 21st. Tea began at 6-30, when a large number had gathered together from all parts of the Parish. The company included the Rector, Rev. J. W. Johnston, Rev. G. Bloomer, Miss Armstrong, Mrs. Atkinson, Mrs. Hadden, Mrs. M'Garry, Mrs. Stevenson, Miss M'Cormick, Mr. Chambers, and many others. After tea, the Rector took the chair, and gave an address on Bible Class work. An excellent programme of music and recitations followed. The Rev. J. W. Johnston, curate-assistant of Drumcree, gave an eloquent and useful address on "The Advantages of Bible Classes," especially emphasising the need of clear views on the doctrines taught by the Church of Ireland. The prizes were distributed by Miss Armstrong, who also spoke a few words at the close of the meeting. The social was very pleasant and successful, and we record here our grateful thanks to Miss Armstrong, not alone for the trouble she took in arranging the Social, but also for her kindness in defraying the cost of the prizes awarded to her class. Special certificates were awarded to several members of the classes for not having missed a Sunday during the year.

Offertories for February.

Sunday mornings,	...	£5 15 9
„ evenings,	...	1 18 10
Wednesdays,	...	0 14 8

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Special Temperance Collections (included in above)
Morn., £2 6s 11d. Evg., £0 15s 6d.

Parish Register for February. Baptisms.

"O happy you, who, sealed and blest,
Back to your arms your treasure take,
With Jesu's mark impressed, to nurse
For Jesu's sake."

- FEBRUARY 3—Wilson, son of Alexender and Anne Thornton.
- „ 3—David, son of Arthur and Sarah Anne Allen.
- „ 3—Sidney, son of George and Christine Robinson.

Burials.

"'Tis sweet as year by year we lose
Friends out of sight, in faith to muse
How grows in Paradise our store."

- FEBRUARY 6—Mary Albin, Edenderry, aged 64.
- „ 14—Bella Gordon, Edenderry, aged 72.
- „ 14—Robert Wright, Kernan, aged 66.
- „ 14—Wm. M'Cormick, Ballygargan, aged 76.
- „ 16—Mary Jane Lewie, Levaghery, aged 20.
- „ 20—Sarah Sweeney, Lr. Seagoe, aged 73.

Items.

Mr. McKenzie, who formerly conducted District Services in the Parish, is now busily engaged as Lay Secretary to the Bishop of Harrisburg, U.S.A.

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Farmers of Seagoe should attend the Fruit Lectures in Portadown Town Hall on alternate Saturdays at 12-30. They are most interesting and useful.

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An interesting article on "Portadown" appeared in the English "Church Times" a fortnight ago, but it contained a good many curious mis-statements.

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A very sudden and violent squall of wind and rain burst over Seagoe on Monday night, Feb. 26th. It lasted about half an hour. The wind was from the south.

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Edenderry Parochial Hall when first built was called Edenderry Mission Hall.

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Handbills have been issued with lists of special preachers and subjects for Lent.

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This Rector has received an interesting letter from Mr Matthew Robinson (of Tamnifiglasson), now resident in La Grange, Illinois, U.S.A.

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A good many new members are joining Edenderry Men's Bible Class.

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Don't forget Canon Lett's Lecture in Edenderry Parochial Hall on Thursday, March 28th, 1912, at 8 o'clock. Subject—"The Natural History of Seagoe and its neighbourhood." Tickets—sixpence each.

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We should like to see our young men who are drilling through the Parish marching in a body to Seagoe Church on Sunday mornings and evenings.

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Kindergarten classes are now in full working order in Seagoe Day School. The sand trays are a source of great delight to the little ones.

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Jumble Sale in Edenderry Parochial Hall on March 9th (Saturday). Open (please note the hour) from five to nine. Admission 2d. Great bargains.

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The Ladies' Day School Improvement Committee has held several meetings lately.

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Much sympathy has been expressed with Mr Albin and his family on the death of Mrs. Albin. She was most highly respected in Edenderry and throughout the whole Parish.

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The death of Minnie Lewie, of Levaghery, is a very sad event. Cut off just on the threshold of life, her many friends will long lament the loss of her gentle Christian presence.

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Four other parishioners have also been called to

their rest. Mrs Sweeney, of Lower Seagoe, Bella Gordon, of Florence Court, Robert Wright, of Kernan, and Wm. McCormick, of Ballygargan. With their relatives we express our sincere sympathy.

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A meeting of the Band of Hope was held in Edenderry Parochial Hall on Friday, February 23rd, at 7-30. There was a large attendance of members and others who much enjoyed the programme arranged by the energetic Hon. Sec. Mr S. R. Chambers.

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Sunday School collecting boxes for each class, also Class Marking Books have been introduced into several of our Sunday Schools with good results. There is great rivalry among the classes. Miss Halliday's and Miss Guy's classes have topped the list for the best collections in Edenderry Sunday School.

Hymns for March.

"And when they had sung an hymn, they went out unto the Mount of Olives."

MAR. 3rd—M.—	134,	139,	416,	361,
	E.—	32,	335,	295,
				131, 12
„ 10th—M.—	127,	631,	137,	330,
	E.—	254,	518,	352,
				239, 332
„ 17th—M.—	520,	378,	241,	466,
	E.—	158,	148,	247,
				605, 640 pt. 1
„ 24th—M.—	491,	260,	315,	461,
	E.—	116,	237,	518,
				166, 346
„ 31st—M.—	160,	161,	173,	465,
	E.—	172,	171,	159,
				364, 637

The above list of hymns has been carefully chosen to suit the special features of each Sunday's services. The evening hymns have special reference to the special evening Lent subjects. Children's hymns are also included. On Sunday, March 3rd, the Ordination Hymn is chosen, because it is one of the Ember Sundays.

Miss Cherrie Dawson.

The following interesting letter from Miss Cherrie Dawson appeared in a recent copy of the *South American Crusader*. It is dated Nov. 15th, 1911:—

"I wonder if you would like to know a little about our work here and surroundings—I think you would. The S.A.M.S. owns a square of land here. At one corner stands the English High School, which is Church on Sundays; at another corner, the Spanish School; at the third, the English High School House, where workers and three little boarders live; the rest of the square is taken up with garden, quinta (playground), tennis and croquet grounds for the children.

My sister helps the Miss Gillbees in the High School; I take two classes there, Physiology and Hygiene, do the house-keeping, and look after the boarders. For the last two months we have both been helping Miss Pegrum a little in the Spanish School. I take the little ones for reading, and find it a great help to my own Spanish. Miss Pegrum and Miss Senior, with the help of Senor Regueiro, and two native monitresses work the Spanish School; there is an average attendance of about 130 children,

all natives, and bonny wee mites some of them are, too. All races are there—Italian, German, Spanish, Indian and Negro. A great many of them are too poor to pay anything, so it means a great deal to them. In both English and Spanish Schools the Bible is taught every day. We have had such helpful visits lately from our good Bishop Every; he gave all his attention to Alberdi and its work this time. He came specially to hold Confirmation Services, Spanish here, and English at the Talleres; it is the name of the district where the great railway company, "Ferro Carril Central Argentina" has its workshops. There were 20 English Candidates at the Talleres service.

My sister and I are getting on well with the language; our fellow-workers tell us we have learnt quickly in the time, so our year here has not been wasted, I hope, though I have no scope for nursing, for which I received special training last year.

My sister and I have offered for the new mission at San Pedro, and hope to start work among the Indians in March. This Mission is still in its babyhood, so there will be a waiting time, but we shall (D.V.) be on the spot, and can be picking up the language even a little bit.

Our Sundays are well filled up; we six divide ourselves over the Sunday School work—English and Spanish—here and at the Talleres, and at the Evening Service also. We have English Service at Alberdi every Sunday morning now at 10.30 a.m.—3.15 p.m. by your time. We also have a small Bible Study Band, which meets every Sunday afternoon."

A Circular.

A circular is being issued by the Select Vestry for the purpose of completing the payment of the expense incurred in the installation of the new Heating Apparatus. A sum of £40 is still owing to Messrs. Musgrave, and must be paid off without delay. Collectors will call on the Parishioners sometime about the middle of March, and we hope that those who have not yet subscribed will give liberally, and perhaps some who have already given will give another small donation, so that we may clear the debt. The Heating Apparatus has proved a great success in two important ways. It has given us a comfortably heated Church, and it has proved very economical in fuel as compared with the old system. With coal at 32/- the ton, as it is in prospect of the strike, it would have cost about 14/- each Sunday to heat the Church under the old system, whereas the actual cost now is only 5/- or less.

Old Seagoe Notes.

Seagoe Sunday School in 1853.—The following Acrostic was written by the late Mrs. Atkinson, Bannfoot, on December 27th, 1853. Mrs. Atkinson was an earnest worker in connection with Seagoe Sunday School under the Rev. Capel Wolsey, curate to Archdeacon Saurin. We are indebted to Miss Atkinson, of Bannfoot, for a copy of the lines. In connection with this period an interesting reminis-

cence is that the Duke of Manchester entertained 2,500 Sunday School children at a great fete in Tandragee on June 9th, 1853. On the following Sunday, June 12th, 1853, there were 349 scholars present in Seagoe Sunday School.

Shepherd of souls, our pastors bless,
Enrich them with Thy heavenly grace,
A constant blessing may they prove,
Guided by Thee in works of love.
On them the choicest gifts bestow,
Establish them in love below.

Saviour, to us Thy Spirit give,
Under His guidance may we live,
Never from Thee depart, or bring
Disgrace upon the Christian name;
And when our earthly toil shall cease,
Yield up our souls to Thee in peace.

Spirit of light, and truth, and love,
Come in Thine unction from above,
Here let Thy saving power be seen,
O save our classes, save from sin,
Of all we love, let none be lost,
Let none be from Thy presence cast.

Athletics in Seagoe in 1820.—It is not perhaps generally known that about 90 years ago in the early part of the last century the men of Seagoe were famed for their strength of muscle and fleetness of limb. Wrestling matches and other gymnastic contests were frequent, and usually took place in a small, square, level field in Lower Seagoe.

Foundation Stone of Old Seagoe.—It is said that the foundation stone of Old Seagoe Church lies at a depth of 8 feet at the North-Western corner of the Old Church. The stone is finely carved, and forms part of the wall of the Church. We are indebted to Mr. David Walker, of Seagoe Villa, for this information.

Seagoe in 1797.—During the year 1797, when symptoms of the approaching Rebellion were beginning to make their appearance, there was quite an exodus of people from Seagoe Parish. Many seem to have migrated to the West of Ireland and settled there. The State papers in Dublin Castle contain several references, as, for example, the following:—"Feb. 17th to 19th, 1797—Informations were sworn against Bartholemew Warren, of Ballina, Co. Mayo, cabinet maker, for administering treasonable oaths by Bernard Mulholland, of Lisniskey, Co. Mayo, and late of Killycomaine, Segoe, Co. Armagh. In 1796 a report on certain outrages committed near Seagoe Parish was made by one J. Dawson."

A "Master of Games" in Seagoe, 1713 to 1737.—In the Visitation Records of the Diocese of Dromore now in the Record Office, Dublin, a certain official is designated Ludimagister in each return for the Parish of Segoe. Ludimagister is a Latin word, meaning "Master of the Game." In 1713 the office was held by Thomas Campbell. He nominated as his successor Robert Herron. In 1724 William Lapsley filled the post, and in 1737 James Wils on and Bryan Campbell held a similar position."