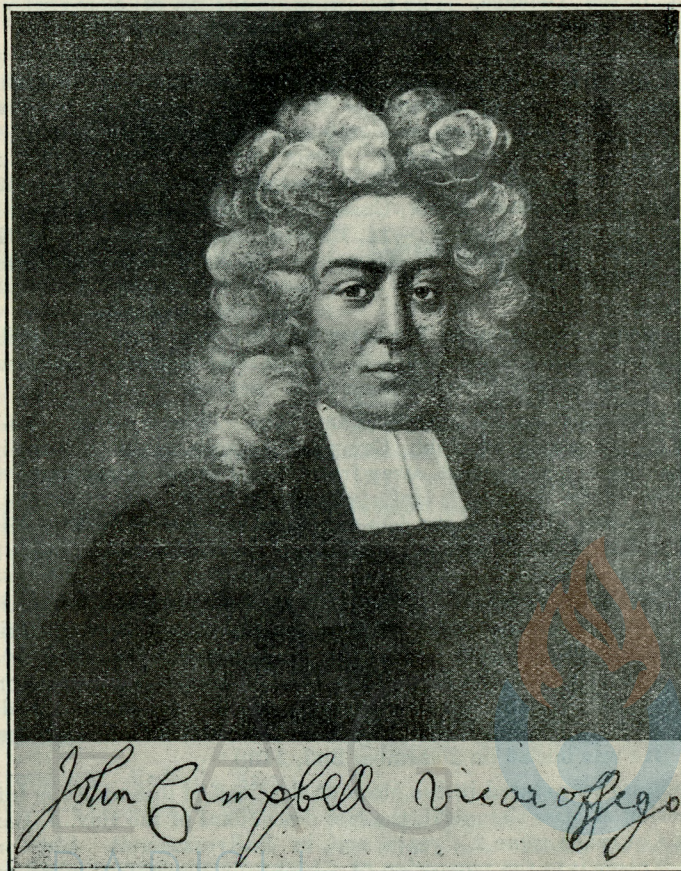


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The Rev. John Campbell, A.M.,

Vicar of Seagoe 1687-1730.

We present our Readers this month with a most interesting portrait of an ancient Seagoe worthy, the Rev. John Campbell, who was Vicar of Seagoe from 1687 to 1730. A portrait of one who lived so far back in the Annals of the Parish would be in any case interesting, but the interest is greatly increased when we remember the stirring times in which Mr. Campbell lived and in which he played a leading part. Mr. Campbell was born in or about the year 1658 and was connected with a leading Irish Family, the Clotworthys being a nephew of Sir John Clotworthy, Bart., an ancestor of the noble family of Masserene and Ferrard. He entered Trinity College, Dublin, about the year 1675 and there distinguished himself greatly, winning the coveted distinction of a Scholarship of the House. Having obtained his degree, he was ordained, and having served some minor posts was in the year 1687 appointed Vicar of Seagoe Parish, the Rector at the time being the Rev Henry Jenney, Archdeacon of Dromore, who lived at Donacloyne. The Rev. John Campbell took up his duties in Seagoe at a critical time in the history of the country but being a young and energetic man he threw himself vigorously into the life of the times and seems to have had a great influence in the Parish of Seagoe. When the events which led up to the famous Siege of Derry were taking place, foreseeing possible danger he organised the men of the Parish, and just as the siege was beginning and the boom was being placed across the Foyle, he brought a party of Seagoe men up with him to Derry. During the Siege there were no less than 18 clergy of the Church of Ireland within the walls ministering to the

spiritual needs of their people and also as we learn from the Rev. George Walker's Diary taking an active part in the defence of the famous walls. We believe that a large contingent of men from the Parish of Drumcree also took part in the Defence. The following is the list of clergy who were within the walls during the siege given in the Diary kept by George Walker the hero of the Siege.

From Diocese of Derry:—1, Rev. George Walker, Governor; 2, Rev. Mich Clenaken, Derry; 3, Rev Seth Whittel, of Bellaghy; 4, Rev James Watmough, of Arigal; 5, Rev John Rowan, of Balteagh; 5, Rev Richd. Crowther, Curat of Comber; 7, Rev Thomas Semple, Curat of Donaghmore; 8, Rev Robert Morgan, Curat of Cappy. From the Diocese of Ardmah:—9, Rev Christopher Jinny, Prebend of Mullabrack; 10, Rev John Campbell, of Seagoe; 11, Rev Andrew Robison, of Stewar Town; 12, Rev Bartholemew Black, Curat of Aghalon; 13, Rev Mr. Ellingsworth, from beside Newry. From Diocese of Clogher:—14, Rev John Knox, Minister of Glascoagh; 15, Rev Mr. Johnson; 16, Rev Mr. Christy, Curat of Monaghan; 17, Rev Mr. Cunningham, of Killeshandra, Diocese of Kilmore, and another.

Besides these there were seven Nonconformist Ministers who did good work during the siege. The Seagoe Registers are blank during the famous siege time. Evidently the life of the Parish was at a standstill while its fighting representatives were absent from home on active service.

In the address presented to King William the Third after the Siege by those who had gone through it the name of John Campbell appears in the list of Signatures. When Mr. Campbell returned he was soon again called away from home and it is said took an active part in the fighting line at the Battle of the Boyne. Unfortunately it is not quite possible to prove by authentic testimony that Mr. Campbell was present at the famous Battle, but we know that his friend, the Rev. Geo. Walker was there, and lost his life when crossing the River. During Mr. Campbell's tenancy of the Vicarage of Seagoe many events of importance occurred which are noted in the old Registers of the Parish, and all through his residence in the Parish he seems to have been most diligent in his duties. The regularity with which his name appears at the end of the Vestry Reports and the accuracy with which the Registers were kept amply prove this. His eldest son was baptized at Seagoe on January 9th, 1715, by the name Clotworthy, evidently after the famous Sir John Clotworthy, his granduncle. The baptisms of two other sons, Skeffington and William, are also entered, and the burial of his daughter Catherine on Nov. 9th, 1727, aged 6 years. The last signature of Mr. Campbell occurs at the end of the Vestry Report for October 12th, 1730. He was buried on December 2nd, 1730.

The history of the picture reproduced in the block at the head of this notice is interesting. For many years it was in the possession of Miss Campbell, the last descendant of the Rev. J. Campbell. Miss Campbell resided, until the time of death some 25 years ago, in Ballymacarrett. She prized the picture very highly, and at her death it came into the possession of a faithful attendant who had nursed her through her last illness. Miss Campbell died at the age of 94 years, and was interred in St. Nicholas' Churchyard, Carrickfergus. Before her death she had given her attendant a manuscript with directions that it should be fastened to the back of the picture. This was a series of extracts from Seagoe Registers relating to the Rev. J. Campbell and other facts concerning him drawn from various sources. The picture eventually passed into the possession of the owner's sister who lived near Stranorlar, Co. Donegal. It was procured from her by the Rev. J. E. Archer in 1907. The picture is lifesize, and in excellent preservation considering its age—fully 200 years—and the vicissitudes through which it has passed. It is interesting to think that after the lapse of at least 180 years the picture again hangs on the walls of the old Rectory. The signature underneath the block is a photographic reproduction of Mr. Campbell's signature appended to the Vestry Minutes of Seagoe in the year 1724. The formation of the letter 'p' in the signature is curious and it is possible to identify all Mr. Campbell's entries in Seagoe Registers by the curious shape of this letter. We hope in our next issue to give some further facts concerning Mr. Campbell.

District Harvest Service.

Drumgor.—Harvest Services will be held in Drumgor Church Hall, on Sunday, November 7th, at 3-30 p.m. Preacher—Rev. R. S. Morrison, B.D., Curate of Portadown, and on Monday, November 8th, at 8 o'clock. Offerings will be in aid of Drumgor Sunday School.

Carne.—Harvest Services in Carne Church Hall,

on Sunday, November 14th, at 3-30 p.m. Preacher Rev Henry Gordon, M.A., St. Mary's Church, Belfast, and on Monday, November 15th, at 8 p.m. Offerings in aid of Carne Sunday School.

Tamnificarbet.—Harvest Services in Tamnificarbet Hall on Sunday evening, November 21st at 7 p.m. Preacher—Mr James McKenzie, late of Canada, and on Monday, November 22nd, at 8 p.m. Offerings in aid of District Service expenses.

Baptisms.

- October 2nd.—Hannah Margaret, daughter of Richard and Margaret Anne Haddock, Tamnifiglasson.
 „ „ —Norman, son of William and Hannah Malcomson, Edenderry.
 „ „ —David, son of William and Mary Forde, Edenderry.
 „ „ —Ethel Florence, daughter of Charles and Mary Alice Turner, Edenderry
 „ „ —Ellen, daughter of Francis and Susannah Anderson, Drumgor.
 „ „ —Lucy Emily Bell, daughter of James Henry and Elizabeth McAvoy, New York.
 „ „ —Agnes, daughter of David and Jane Webb, Lylo.

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Marriages.

- Oct. 18th.—Alexander McDowell, Dervock, to Mary Isabella Campbell, Carrickblackler.
 Oct. 19th.—Samuel Armstrong, Ballybay, to Margaret Alicia Branyan, Lylo.
 Oct. 21st.—Thomas George Robinson, Tamnifiglasson to Mary Alice Campbell, Balteagh.

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Death.

October 27th, at her residence, Redhill, Knock, Belfast, Miss Anne Wade, late of Seagoe Rectory, aged 83 years.

Death of Miss Wade.

It is with deep regret that we announce the death on last Wednesday, October 27th, of Miss Wade, sister-in-law of the late Dean Dawson, and for many years, during her residence at Seagoe Rectory, an active Church worker. The death of Miss Wade will be deeply regretted by her many friends in Seagoe. Miss Wade had reached an advanced age, and had recently been in infirm health, but the end came with startling suddenness. She passed away in her sleep painlessly and peacefully. "So He giveth his beloved sleep." We are quite sure that we only express the feelings of all our readers when we record our deep and sincere sympathy with Miss Dawson, Miss Cherry Dawson, and Dr. Dawson in their sad loss. Miss Wade was always greatly interested in Seagoe Parish, and that interest continued to the very end. Only a few weeks since, the writer of this note had a long conversation with Miss Wade, and she then expressed her keen interest and affection in the old Parish. The interment will take place in Knocknamuckley on Saturday, October 30th.

Offertories.

	Morning.			Evening.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Oct. 3rd—17th S. after Trinity	1	14	1	0	12	2
„ 10th—18th S. after Trinity	1	2	2	0	9	6
„ 17th—19th S. after Trinity	1	10	0	0	10	6
„ 24th—20th S. after Trinity	1	0	8	0	8	4
Week Days				0	8	1
Total	£5	6	11	£2	8	7

Church Attendance and School Efficiency Cards.

THIRD QUARTER.

First Class (50 points and over).

Bessie Dawson, 65; Bella Magee, 65; Arthur Allen, 62; Sarah Dawson, 59; Thomas England, 55; Maria Roney, 54; Maggie Bradshaw, 53; Lily McNally, 53; Jennie Dawson, 53; Maggie Smith, 52; Sarah McCann, 52; Sophia Bradshaw, 50; Maggie Magee, 50.

Second Class (45 points and over).

Maggie Lewie, 48; Agnes Johnston, 47; Maggie Roney, 47; Jennie England, 47; Jemima Allen, 46; Maggie Martin, 45.

Third Class (40 points and over).

Alice Hawthorn, 44; William J. Wilson, 43; Sarah Coulter, 43; Thomas Smith, 42; James Shepherd, 40; Minnie Allen, 40; Dinah McNally, 40.

The following were omitted from returns for Second Quarter.

First Class—Bessie Dawson, 64; Sarah Coulter, 50.

N.B.—Book Prizes have been awarded to Bessie Dawson and Bella Magee.

Band of Hope.

EDENDERRY.

Again, with the return of Winter, we have our attention drawn to the claims of Temperance Work on our support—support which will certainly not be refused, if we in any way realise the devastation and misery caused in home life by the attacks of Intemperance. This deplorable result of indulgence in intoxicating liquor was dealt with in the opening meeting of the Session held in Edenderry Parochial Hall, on Friday evening, October 22nd. The Programme on that occasion was supplied by the G.F.S. Candidates, who in a most capable manner rendered a Service of Song entitled, "The Fireman's Lily" Our earnest hope is that the large number who were present will retain the lessons deducible from the story and avoid the risk of reproducing such misery and woe when they grow up.

Sunday School Conference.

A Conference for Sunday School Teachers will be held in the Shankill Buildings, Lurgan, on Saturday, November 13th, at 3-30 p.m. An address on Sunday School Methods illustrated by a Model Sunday School Lesson will be given by the Rev. Somerset Ward, M.A., of Pembroke College, Cambridge. Arrangements are being made for the attendance of the Sunday School Superintendents and Teachers from Seagoe Parish at this important meeting.

The Harvest Services.

The Annual Harvest Thanksgiving Services are being held this year on Friday evening, October 29th, at 8 o'clock, and on Sunday, October 31st, at 11-30, and 7 p.m. The preacher on Friday is the Rev T. J. M'Endoo, M.A., Rector of Dungannon, and on Sunday the Rev Bedell Stanford, M.A., Rector of Holy Trinity Church, Belfast. The Offertories will be in aid of Parochial Expenses.

Harvest Services will also be held in Hacknahay School, on Sunday, October 31st, at 3-30 p.m., and on Monday, November 1st, at 7-30 p.m.

Rectory Purchase Scheme.

At a meeting of the members of the Select Vestry held on Monday, October 18th, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:—

"That a scheme for buying out the Rectory and Grounds of Seagoe be adopted, the necessary funds to be provided by each subscriber to Sustentation Fund, increasing his subscription by at least one-fourth, the balance of said Sustentation Fund subscriptions to be allocated to the scheme each year after paying the Curate's salary." The resolution was proposed by Mr. George Calvert, and seconded by Mr. James Albin, Churchwarden.

Soiree at Drumgor.

A very successful Soiree took place in Drumgor on Thursday, October 21st. Tables were arranged but owing to the numbers present it was found necessary for tea to be served in relays according as visitors arrived. At the Concert which followed the Rector took the chair. The items were very good and of a high-class character, and the programme proved that it is quite possible to have witty songs and amusing sketches without any vulgarity or coarseness of sentiment. The really clever comic songs and recitations are refined and yet effective. Amongst those who contributed to the programme were Messrs. Chambers, S. Currie, Binks, and Marks, also Miss Little. The chairman at the close expressed his gratification at the success of the proceedings and on behalf of the audience thanked all who had assisted. We may add that this entertainment was engineered altogether by the young men of Drumgor who from start to finish had the management of things in their own hands. They got up the entertainment for the

purpose of raising money to improve Drumgor School. We are glad to say that a balance of £2 14s remains after paying all expenses.

The feeling was general at the meeting that we badly need a new Hall in Drumgor and the sooner we can have it the better. The present building is not at all suited for large gatherings.

Items.

Mr. Willie Reid, of Tarson, is on a visit from America. His many friends in Seagoe are glad to see him looking so well.

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Mr. Wm. H. Erskine, 2998 Perry Avenue, New York city, a grandson of Mr. John Neilson, formerly of Seagoe Parish, visited Seagoe last week. His mother, a daughter of Mr. John Neilson, died last year in New York aged 99. Her son says she had a great love for Seagoe Parish and often spoke of it to him. Mrs. Erskine was baptised in old Old Seagoe Church in December, 1809.

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It is contemplated to hold a Temperance Mission in the Parish in the first week of Advent.

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There is still a great deal of drunkenness in the Parish. The sad spectacle of young men as well as old staggering home on Friday nights is a painful proof of how rife is the evil of Intemperance in our midst.

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One of the most agreeable sights to be seen in Portadown just now is the transformation of a former public house into an establishment for the sale of useful and harmless goods.

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Our printer informs us that he recently received a letter from a reader of Seagoe Magazine in the United States suggesting that a special edition of the Magazine on thin paper should be printed each month for foreign circulation. We regard this letter as a high compliment to the circulating power and wide influence of this Magazine, but we regret that it is impossible for various reasons to comply with the request.

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As we go to press we are glad to hear that it has been finally decided to revive the Seagoe Company of the C.L.B., which has been dormant for several years. Mr. T. J. Atkinson has kindly consented to act as Captain and Mr. R. J. Montgomery as Lieutenant. Other appointments will be notified in due course.

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The first Anniversary of the establishment of the Sunday Evening District Services in Hacknahay, Drumgor, and Tamnificarbet, will be held on the evening of Sunday, November 7th.