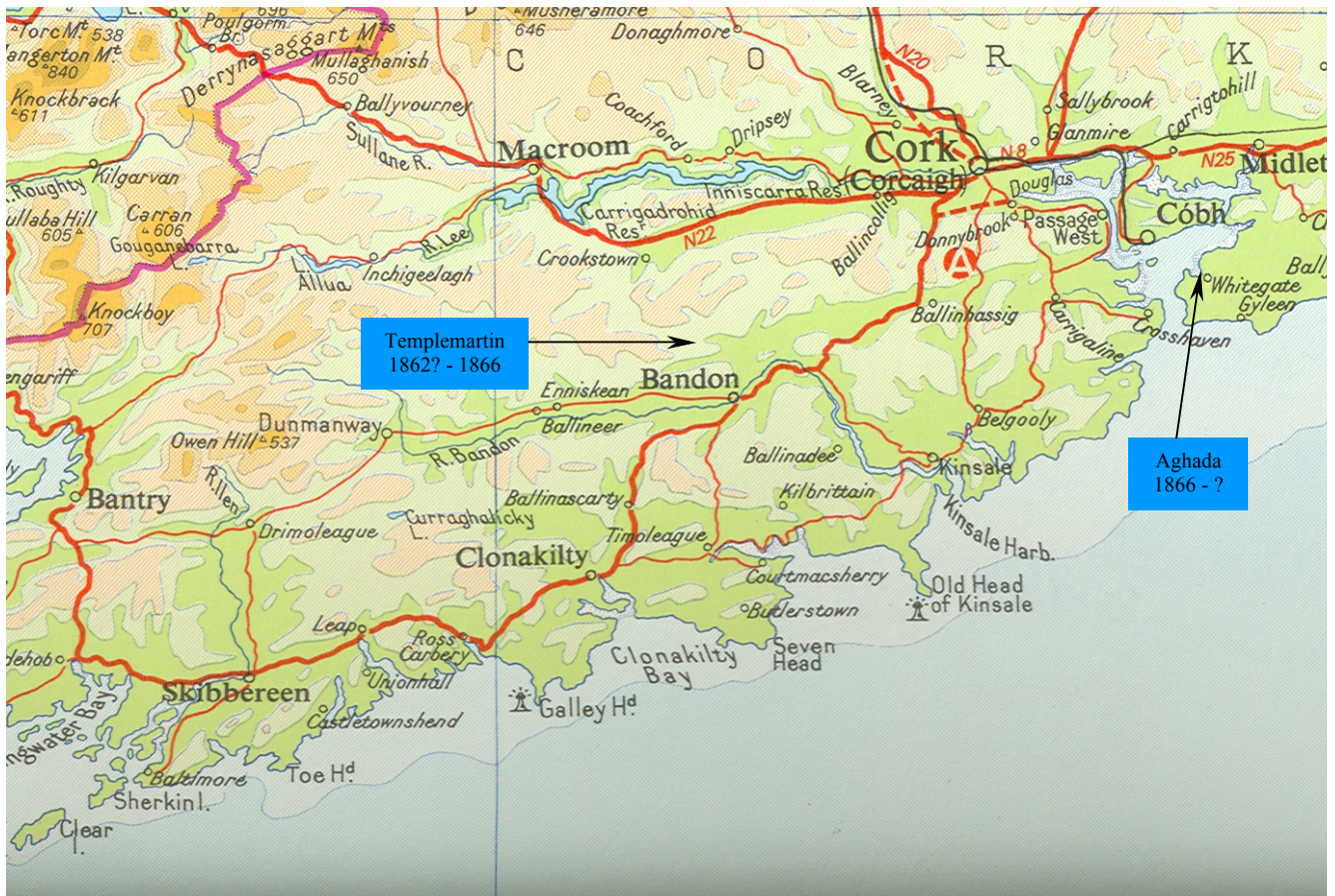


Thomas Townsend [6B19]



St Martin's, Templemartin



R.A., and by her had three sons and six daughters—(1) Samuel Philip, was a Major in the Royal Artillery, and was killed at the battle of Inkerman, on 5th November, 1854; (2) Brooke Young, was a surgeon; (3) the Revd. Wm. Chambers, Preb. of Ballysodare, dio. Achonry. One of the daughters, Georgina Maria, married Richard Thos. Hill, by whom she was mother of the late Thomas Lionel Hill, R. Nohoval (q. v.); and another, Catherine, was married, in December, 1859, to the Revd. Thomas Wakeham, Rector of Droumdaleague, Cork (q. v.). She died on the 22nd of April, 1892. Revd. W. R. Townsend's youngest daughter, Mary Elizabeth, married, on 11th November, 1862, John Tuckey, of Kilronan, Co. Cork.

Revd. W. R. Townsend died in 1866.

1866. ROBERT HENRY MEADE, R. V. Aghada, per mortem Townsend.

Meade became R. V. Rincurran, Cork, in same year.

1866. THOMAS **TOWNSEND**, R. V. Aghada, vice Meade.

On the death of Francis Newport, A.M., R. V. Rostellan, in 1867, that parish was united to Titeskin, under Revd. Thomas Forrest; and on the death of the latter, which occurred on the 19th January, 1881, both these parishes were joined to Aghada.

The church population of the union is about 100.

The church was built in 1817. The ruins of the previous church are still there.

Extensive improvements have been effected in Aghada Church in late years. The old galleries have been removed; a new pulpit erected; new prayer desk; Communion rails; open pitchpine ceiling; new lamps, stove, etc.

Divine Service is held twice on Sundays and chief festivals.

The union is under diocesan scheme. The assessment is £100; and stipend of Rector, £200.

There is an excellent Glebe House, with offices and garden, and 18 acres of glebe land, the whole free of charge.

Thomas Townsend, b. at Mayo Glebe, Ballyglass, Co. Mayo, on 29th November, 1828, is son of the Revd. Thos. Townsend, Rector of Mayo, by his wife, Caroline, dau. of Sir Edwin Jeynes, of Gloucester. Was educated at the Devonshire Endowed School, Bandon. T.C.D., B.A., 1853; Div. Test. 1855; M.A. 1860. Was ordained Deacon 1855, and Priest 1856, both at Cork. He was Curate of Durrus and Kilcrohane, Cork, 1855-56. Went to England,

where he was Curate of St. Michael's, Manchester, 1856-57; and of St. Paul's, Stalybridge, 1857-62. He returned to the diocese, and was P. C. Templemartin, Cork, 1862-66.

Mr. Townsend married, in 1862, Alicia, fourth dau. of Richard Thomas Bunbury, of Woodhill Terrace, Cork, and Leggagower, Co. Down, and has issue eight children surviving.

Extract from Lewis' Topographical Dictionary 1837

AGHADA, or AHADA, a parish, partly in the barony of BARRYMORE, but chiefly in that of IMOKILLY, county of CORK, and province of MUNSTER, 4 miles (S. W. by W.) from Cloyne; containing 2512 inhabitants. This parish, which includes the small fishing village of Whitegate, is situated on the south side of Cork harbour, and on the road from Cloyne to Carlisle Fort. The village of Aghada occupies an elevated site, and contains the parish church and R. C. chapel. The village of Whitegate is a small fishing port, where several boats are employed in raising sand from the harbour, which is used for manure. On the north side of the parish a neat small pier has been constructed by subscription, where a steam-boat from Cork or Cove calls every Tuesday during the summer, and where coal and sand are occasionally landed. About 50 females are employed in platting Tuscan straw for exportation, and a few in platting the crested dog's tail, or "traneen," grass found here. The parish comprises 2331 statute acres, as applotted under the tithe act: the greater part is under tillage, and nearly the whole of the remainder is pasture; there is very little waste land or bog. At Whitegate are two quarries of stone used for building. There are several handsome houses within its limits: the principal are Aghada House, the residence of J. Roche, Esq.; Whitegate House, of Mrs. Blakeney Fitzgerald; Careystown, of Mrs. Atkin; Hadwell Lodge, of J. Penrose, Esq.; Hadwell, of the Rev. Dr. Austen; Maryland House, of J. Haynes, Esq.; Rathcourcy, of J. Smith, Esq.; and the glebe-house, of the Rev. J. Gore. There is a coast-guard station at East Ferry. The living is a rectory and vicarage, in the diocese of Cloyne; the tithes amount to £292. 15. 6. The church, a neat structure, situated on an eminence above the harbour of Cove, was erected in 1812. The glebe-house adjoins it, and for its erection the late Board of First Fruits, in 1814, granted a loan of £1000 and a gift of £100: the glebe comprises 20 acres of profitable land. The parochial school at Farcet was founded by the late Bishop Brinkley, who endowed it with two acres of land from the glebe, and is further supported by the Marchioness of Thomond. A school at Whitegate Hill was founded in 1827, for 50 boys, by the late R. U. Fitzgerald, Esq., who endowed it with £500; and female and infants' schools have been built and are supported by his widow, Mrs. Blakeney Fitzgerald. In these schools about 100 boys and 50 girls receive instruction: there are also two private schools, in which are about 50 boys and 40 girls. In the village of Aghada are the picturesque ruins of the old church.