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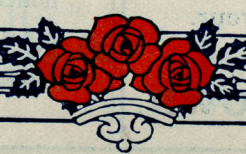
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Mother and Son.

[Mrs. Hewitt, of Bridge Street, Portadown, with her son, Private Thomas Hewitt, of the 9th Batt Royal Irish Fusiliers, who was killed in action near Hamel, France, aged 19 years, while taking part in the great advance on July 1st, 1916. The photograph is a pathetic reminder of the cruel blow which has fallen on so many house-holds in this Parish, and elsewhere, in the breaking of the ties of deep affection existing between members of the same family].

1917.

With this number, the Magazine enters on its twelfth year. The price has been raised to two pence, owing to increased expense of publication caused by the war, and also with a view to improving the appearance and contents of the Magazine. We regret the delay in the issue of the January number. It is due to the necessary changes in the advertisement columns. We ask our readers to deal with those firms who advertise in our Magazine. They help us and we should help them. Among the improvements in the Magazine in this number readers will

notice the widening of the handsome two-colour border on the front cover, and the special advertising block on the back, which is an altogether new feature in a Parish Magazine. The pattern of the block was designed by Messrs. Strain & Sons, Belfast. Each advertisement has a space to itself, and stands out apart from the other advertisements near it. This is a great advantage.

We desire to thank all those in the Parish who act as Distributors of the Magazine. They do a very useful work, and do it with great willingness.

The Late Major T. J. Atkinson.**Special Note of Vestry.**

The Select Vestry of the Parish have caused to be inserted in their Minute Book the following Note expressive of their sense of the loss sustained by the Parish in the death of Major T. J. Atkinson, who was at the time of his death a member of the Select Vestry—

“The Churchwardens and Select Vestry of the Parish of Seagoe desire to place on record in this Minute Book their sense of the great loss sustained by the Parish in the death of Major Thomas Joyce Atkinson, 9th Batt. Royal Irish Fusiliers, who was killed in action near Hamel, Picardy, France, while gallantly leading his men against the German Trenches. Major Atkinson had held office as a member of the Select Vestry since 23rd April, 1908, and filled the post of Rector's Churchwarden for the year 1912-13. He showed at all times a keen interest in the welfare of the Parish, and attended with unflinching regularity the Services in the Parish Church. His genial and kindly disposition made him a general favourite, and his manly Christian character was an influence for good throughout the whole Parish and neighbourhood. His death has occasioned deep and sincere regret among all classes in the community, and has left a blank in our Parish life which cannot easily be filled.”

Signed on behalf of the Select Vestry,
JAMES E. ARCHER, Rector.
7th Oct., 1916.

Lieut.-Col. Blacker, D.S.O.

The Parishioners of Seagoe have heard with much satisfaction that the Distinguished Service Order has been conferred on Colonel Blacker. We congratulate him most heartily and sincerely. He has done splendid work in organising the men of Seagoe and Portadown, both before and since the War began. We cannot forget his efforts in the days of the Ulster Volunteers, and since the War broke out he has led his Battalion with fine courage and unflinching determination to win at all costs. For such a leader the loyalty and confidence of his men is sufficient reward, but the recognition by the King of his efficient service is a source of much gratification to all who know him and the good work he has done.

Football at Salonica.

The Edenderry lads are still keen on football, though they are not so near Railway Street as they used to be. Private William Hewitt, of Bridge St., writes as follows:—

“Salonica Force,
“Dec. 7th, 1916.

“I heard the other day that Wm. John Gilpin had gone home from Malta. Willoughby Frazer is gone on a job at Brigade Headquarters. He was bad with fever, but did not go to hospital. I expect to see a lot of the Edenderry boys from around home tomorrow, as we are playing the 5th Batt. football. Arthur Allen is in the 5th.”

Shot and Shell.

Private Herbert Murray, of the 7th Canadian Machine Gun Section, paid a short visit to his home at Ballinarry, in December. He was looking well and fit, and had many tales to tell of his life in the Trenches. He has taken part in three very fierce engagements. Here is a description of the last, taken from a letter recently received from him—

“SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE,”
Oct. 11th, 1916.

I received your letter yesterday after coming out of the trenches, and being through one of the worst and fiercest battles of the war. The bombardment, as far as I was concerned, was as bad as on 2nd June, which was reckoned up to then as the most intense of the whole war. I received

SLIGHT SHELL SHOCK,
and my hearing is a little bit affected, but I will be all right in a few days. Our brigade carried off a big attack, which started at 4.50 Sunday morning, and we were up on their left enfilading Fritz's trench, which the infantry were to take. We took up positions in shell holes, with no cover whatsoever, and mounted our guns out

IN NO MAN'S LAND,
and had everything ready to press the trigger when the signal went up and our artillery opened up, and then Fritz opened up; and to give a description of what it was like would be an impossibility. The shells were bursting all around me, and I had the narrowest escape I have had yet. A

SHELL JUST LIT
a few feet in front of me and buried the other chap and myself and the gun. I was stunned for a few minutes, and when I extricated myself and looked round to see how my companion was he was lying helpless, and I thought dead, but he was only pretty badly shocked, and I managed to get him into the trench and to the dug-out, where we both stayed until the worst of the shelling was over. Our officer was wounded, and Fred Read,

MY CHUM, WAS WOUNDED,
but neither of them badly. The other fellow from the office—that enlisted with me—was wounded in the September fighting. He got the Military Medal for conspicuous bravery up at Ypres. Leave has started up, and in a few weeks my turn will come, when I shall give you a little fuller story of my experiences.

Lectures to S. S. Teachers.

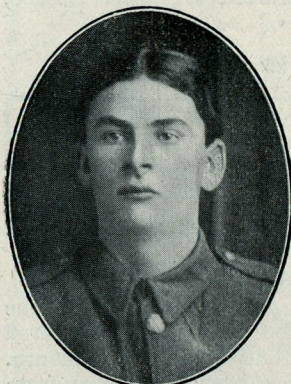
Two Lectures to Sunday School Teachers have been arranged. The Rev. G. Bloomer, B.A., will lecture on “The Teacher in the Class” in Edenderry Parochial Hall on Thursday, Feb. 1st, at 8 o'clock.

The Rev. R. H. Morrison, B.D., will lecture on “The Sunday School and the Parish Church” on Tuesday, Feb. 27th, in Edenderry Parochial Hall, at 8 o'clock. The Teachers and Superintendents of the Sunday Schools in Seagoe Parish are invited to be present.

Lance-Corporal S. Gracey, M.M.

We heartily congratulate Lance-Corporal Samuel Gracey, of the Canadian Red Cross, on being awarded the Military Medal for distinguished conduct in the field. During an engagement he went out under a fierce fire to bind up the wounds of a soldier (a Belfast man) who was lying in No Man's land. While he was attending to him another wounded soldier farther out called for help. Corporal Gracey then went forward to assist him. In doing so a bullet struck him right in front of his helmet, but, fortunately, did not pierce it. He eventually carried both men into a place of safety. Corporal Gracey has recently been home on a visit to his wife and family in Carrickblacker Road. He is a man of great strength, and he attributes the success of his efforts in bringing in two helpless men at the same time, to the training in Physical Culture which he received at Lieut. R. T. Montgomery's class in Edenderry Parochial Hall.

Private Sam Fox.



We deeply regret to announce the death of Private Sam Fox, of James St., from wounds received in action. He was only 19 years of age, but had already seen active service at Salonica, from where he had been sent home invalided from frost-bite. On his recovery he went to France and had taken part in the recent fighting there. Some of his last letters are very touching when

read in the light of what has happened. On Nov. 28th he wrote—"I suppose you are getting ready for Christmas at home. I think it will be another Christmas from home for me, but not as far away as last Christmas. But, never mind, if I will be able to get next Christmas at home." On Nov. 23rd he wrote to his sister—"I have still got your photograph with me. It has been through some of the hardest-fought battles in France. I believe they are showing the Battle of the Somme at home on the Pictures, but, believe me, they could never take a picture of it. Tell mother not to worry herself. as I am alright and out for a rest."

In his last letter, dated Dec. 5th, he writes—"I am not too well at present, as I have a very bad cold. As long as I am able to get a smoke and something to eat I will be able to stick the hardships this winter again. It is only we out here who know what we really have to stand. I am not in form for writing. I will be in the trenches by the time you get this letter. Goodbye."

The Rev. C. V. Camplin-Cogan, Chaplain at the Hospital where Private Fox died, writes under date

2/1/17—"The case was hopeless from the first. He suffered little pain. Everything possible was done for him. He passed away on Dec. 12th, and was laid to rest in Grovetown Military Cemetery the next day. A cross marks his grave."

Offertories for December.

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| Sunday—Mornings, | £10 13 8 |
| Evenings, | 1 17 11 |
| Week Days | 0 8 8 |
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Special Collections included in above—

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| Dec. 10th, Bible Society | 1 7 6 |
| Dec. 25th (Christmas Day) | |
| Clothing Fund | £4 9 8 |

ITEMS.

Captain J. J. Dobson left Newtownards last Monday for the Salonica front. He has, we are glad to hear, quite recovered from the severe wounds he received in France.

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Farmers in Seagoe Parish who wish to increase the productive powers of their land should read "Continuous Cropping," by T. Wibberley. Price 2/6 nett. Order it at Waugh's, Booksellers, Portadown; or at E. Mayne's, Donegall Square, Belfast.

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A military escort of the 9th Batt. R.I.F. went down to a certain seaport in France to conduct up to the trenches the turkeys for the Christmas dinner. We feel sure none of the birds escaped.

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The collection on Sunday morning, Jan. 7th, amounted to £5 10s 5d; out of this a sum of £4 13s has been sent to the Red Cross Society.

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We are glad to hear that good reports are coming in from the Sustentation Fund Collectors. A considerable number of subscribers are increasing their subscriptions. The Hon. Treasurer hopes that all subscribers will increase their subscriptions this year.

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We hope in an early issue of the Magazine to publish a portrait of the famous Colonel William Blacker, of Carrickblacker, some of whose lines on "The Nativity" appeared in our last number, and who was one of the most prominent leaders in Ulster in the first half of the last century.

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Our Readers will notice many changes in our advertisement pages. You will help the Magazine and secure a profitable investment for yourself by purchasing goods from the firms who advertise in our columns.

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All food crops will sell at record prices this year. Farmers please note.

An attractive concert will be given in Carne Church Hall on Thursday, January 26th, at 8 p.m. Tickets now on sale. Proceeds to cover cost of the recent renovation of the Hall.

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Richard Best, late of Edenderry, has joined the Colours. His son William is also doing his bit. We congratulate both father and son. Perhaps there are some others ready to follow their example. The Empire wants all the men it can get.

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High Prices are the order of the day. Butter, 2/2 per lb.; Eggs, 3/- a dozen; Bread, 5½d a loaf; Meat, 1/4 a lb.; Milk, 5d a quart. Will such a record ever be surpassed?

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"The Irish Churchman," price 1d. weekly, has been taken over by the Bishop of this Diocese as an organ for the dissemination of Church news throughout the Diocese and Ulster generally. Copies may be ordered at Waugh's, Booksellers.

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We regret to hear that Private Jackson Stothers, formerly of the 9th Batt. R.I.F., has been found drowned in the Canal at Dublin, where he was stationed since returning from the front suffering from shell shock. Particulars of the sad occurrence have not yet been received. He is the third of four brothers who have met their death during this War. One brother is missing since July 1st, and another was killed at the front recently by an accident. The fourth brother was wounded on July 1st.

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The Rector was one of the Special Preachers in Belfast Cathedral during Advent.

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We congratulate Mrs. Beattie (Miss Maude Dickson) on the occasion of her marriage. Mrs. Beattie took a very active and useful part in many branches of Church work in Seagoe Parish. For several years she acted as Assistant, and then Principal, of Hacknahay School. She also played the Harmonium at the Service on Sunday evenings in Tannificarbet Orange Hall. Her work was always done most willingly and efficiently. We thank her for the great help she has given in the Parish in so many ways, and we wish her and Mr. Beattie all blessing and prosperity in the days to come.

**PARISH REGISTER FOR
DECEMBER, 1916.**

Baptism.

M'Donald—Dec. 2nd, 1916, Charles George, son of William John and Lucy M'Donald, of Ballyhannon.

Sponsors—Georgina Livingston, Lucy M'Donald.

Marriage.

Beattie and Dickson—On Christmas Day, Dec. 25th, 1916, Adam Beattie, of Derryhirk, Parish of Moy, to Maude Dickson, of Drumnagoon.

Burials.

- Smart—Dec. 14th, Jane Smart, of Kernan, aged 73 years.
- Gates—Dec. 23rd, William Gates, of Edenderry, aged 51 years. (Interred at Kilmore).
- Shanks—Dec. 29th, William Shanks, of Kernan.
- Cordy—Dec. 31st, Dorothy Cordy, of Carne, aged 64 years.
- Maginnis—Jan. 5th, 1917, Mary A. L. Maginnis, of Breagh, aged 30 years.
- Wilson—Jan. 12th, Richard Wilson, of Drumnagoon, aged 70 year.
- Ruddell—Jan. 15th, Joseph Ruddell, of Belfast, aged 65 years.
- Reid—Jan. 16th, John Reid, of Belfast, aged 44 years.
- Porter—Jan. 17th, Jane Porter, of Lower Seagoe, aged 54 years.

Died of Wounds.

Fox.—Dec. 12th, 1916, in France, Private Samuel Fox, 1st R.I.F., died of wounds received in action on Dec. 11th, aged 19 years. Interred in the Military Cemetery, Gravelines, France. "For King and Country."

Sympathy.

We desire to express our deep sympathy with the many in this Parish who have been bereaved by the advent of death during the past month. Seldom, indeed, have so many been called away from us during so short a time. The list of names is a long and sad one.

A special sadness attaches to the death of Mrs. Maginnis, of Breagh, wife of Mr. Thomas Edward Maginnis, a member of the Select Vestry. After a few days' illness she passed away on Friday, 5th January. She was greatly beloved by all who knew her. Her gentle and affectionate disposition won for her a multitude of friends, who deeply lament her early death. She was a devout and constant worshipper in the Parish Church, and a regular Communicant. In her home life she was a faithful wife and devoted mother. The sympathy of the whole Parish will be extended to Mr. Maginnis in his great trouble, and many prayers for him will ascend to the Throne of Grace. The interment took place at Knocknamuckley. Although the weather was most inclement a large concourse assembled, and during the Service the Church was filled. The Choir of Knocknamuckley Church sang very tenderly and sweetly the hymn, "Safe in the Arms of Jesus." The Rector of Seagoe conducted the Service and gave an address.