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[Lafayette, Belfast.

**LIEUTENANT ROBERT T. MONTGOMERY,
9th Battalion Royal Irish Fusiliers,**

Killed in action near Hamel, France, on July 1st, 1916, while serving with the Ulster Division.

"They come transfigured back
Secure from change in their high-hearted ways,
Beautiful evermore."

Special Services.

In connection with the National Mission of Repentance and Hope a series of Special Services will be held (D.V.) in Seagoe Parish Church, beginning on Sunday, November 5th, and concluding on Sunday, November 12th.

List of Services and Subjects.

Sunday, Nov. 5th, 11-30 a.m., Morning Prayer and Holy Communion. Subject—"The Call of Christ."
6 p.m.—Evening Prayer. "The Message of the Cross."
Monday, 8 p.m.—"Sin and Repentance."
Tuesday, " "Responsibility of Influence."

Wednesday, " "Prayer."
Thursday, 11-30 a.m.—Holy Communion. An address will be given on "Holy Communion."
8 p.m.—"Christian Life and Citizenship."
Friday, " "Our Daily Work for Christ."
Saturday, " "Life after Death."

Open-Air Services.

Monday, 1-45 p.m., at Goban Street.
Tuesday, " "Railway Street.
Thursday, at Dinner Hour, at Tarsan,
Friday, " "Blacker's Mill.
On Wednesday morning, at 9-50 a.m., an address will be given to the children attending Seagoe Day School on "Life and its Lessons."

Sunday, Nov. 12th—8 a.m., Holy Communion.

11-30 a.m., Morning Prayer and Holy Communion.

Subject—"Faith in God—Faith in Christ."

7 p.m.—Evening Prayer. Subject—"Hope."

In dealing with the subjects of the Addresses the aim will be definite teaching rather than mere exhortation.

The subjects have been suggested by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese.

During the Mission short addresses will be given in the Sunday Schools of the Parish on subjects connected with the Mission.

Cottage Services.

During the past month Cottage Services in preparation for the Mission have been held in the following centres—Balteagh (Mr. Isaac Best's), Breagh (Mr. Bradshaw's), Florence Court (Mr. A. Allen's), Tarson (Mr. S. Coulter's), Ballinacor (Mr. R. Price's), Hacknahay (Mr. Currie's), Drumgor (Mr. W. J. Gracey's), Lylo (Mr. J. Twinem's), Killicomaine (Mr. R. Cordy's). The Meetings were well attended. Addresses were given on the subject of the Mission. We are much obliged to those Parishioners who so readily and kindly placed their houses at our disposal for the Services.

Harvest Festivals.

Space does not permit us to give details of the many local Services, held in the Parish during the past month. Large numbers were present at all the services, the offerings were liberal and the rooms were most tastefully decorated. We owe a special debt of gratitude to Mr. T. H. Wilson, Organist of the Parish Church, who has supervised the music at almost all the services.

The following Services will (D.V.) be held this month.

Tamnificarbet—Sunday, Nov. 5th at 7 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 6th at 8 p.m.

Levaghery—Sunday, Nov. 12th, at 3-30 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 13th, at 8 p.m.

Bocombra—Sunday, Nov. 19th, at 3-30 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 20th, at 8 p.m.

The Services at Tamnificarbet and Levaghery being held during the Mission week will have a special Mission character, and the subjects of the addresses will correspond with those to be given in the Parish Church.

Lieutenant Jack Collen, R.F.C.

We regret to hear that Lieutenant Jack Collen, of the Royal Flying Corps, son of Mr. Fred Collen, of Carrickblacker Road, is reported missing. We hope some reassuring news of him will soon come in. In the meantime much sympathy will be felt for Mr. and Mrs. Collen and family in their anxiety.

Offertories for October, 1916.

Sunday—Mornings,	£10	2	8
Evenings,	...	5	0
Week Days	...	2	18

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District Harvest Services.

Carne, October 15th,	1	3	0
„ 16th,	0	12	0
Drumgor, October 22nd,	1	4	1
„ 23rd,	0	19	0
Edenderry, October 29th,	1	12	6
„ 30th,	0	3	6

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House-to-House Collections.

The Envelope Collections made last month throughout the Parish reached a satisfactory total, and there were more subscribers than in any previous year. The large band of Voluntary Collectors did their duty with great zeal as the following list will testify:—

Sarah Montgomery, Levaghery (Part)	£0	6	9½
Kitty M'Mullen, Clonrolle & Knockmena	0	4	0
Theresa Ramsey, Kernan (Part)	0	3	7
Priscilla Smartt, Kernan (Part)	0	6	2
Eva Best, Ballyhannon	0	3	2
Maggie Simpson, Carne	0	6	0
Hannah Caddell, Tarson	0	9	10
Mary Jane & Emma Best, Bridge St.	0	5	2
Christina Flannigan, Carrickblacker Ave.	0	2	4
Esther Livingston, Haeknahay	0	4	6
Minnie England, Knock	0	6	0
Mollie Cox, Carrickblacker Road	0	6	4
Nellie Lewie, Levaghery (Part)	0	8	0
Lily M'Kerr, Seagoe (Part)	0	9	5
Maggie Rainey, Bright Street	0	2	4
Mrs. Porter, Seagoe (Part)	0	1	3
Lizzie Quaile, Balteagh	0	6	3
Hannah & Christina Anderson, Drumgor	0	9	9
M. Crawford, & A. M'Cormick, James St.	0	3	1
M. Dawson, Town Residents	0	3	3
Sarah Martin, Lurgan Road	0	7	10½
Minnie Allen, Joseph Street	0	2	2
Maggie Reid, Derryvore & Seagoe (Part)	0	11	0
Lizzie Dickson, Tamnifiglasson	0	1	6
Georgina Livingston, Killicomain (Part)	0	2	9
Agnes Johnston, Foundry Street	0	2	4
Sarah Coulter, Railway Street	0	4	2
B. Magee, Century St. & Killicomain Rd.	0	6	4
Maud Dickson, Drumnagoan & Kilvergan	0	7	4
Cissie Price, Ballinacor & Tamnificarbet	0	7	0
Josephine Webb, Lylo	0	4	0
Grace Best, Drumlisnagrilly	0	1	6
Ethel Ruddell, Lisniskey	0	4	5
Cissie Currie, Ballymacrandle	0	2	4
Other Sources, per Rev. T. H. Scanlon	0	13	1

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November 5th to November 12th.

Mission of Repentance and Hope.

Come to the
SPECIAL SERVICES in the Parish Church.

Please Remember.

Gifts for the Sale of Work in Chile, South America, must be sent before the end of November to Miss Atkinson, Eden Villa, for the Misses Dawson. Make up a neat parcel of goods, not easily broken, and it will help to furnish a Seagoe stall in the far South, where our Missionaries are doing such a good work. Every house in Seagoe Parish should send something.

Sphagnum.

Everyone in Seagoe is trying to pronounce "Sphagnum." We asked Canon Lett, Rector of Loughbrickland, the greatest authority on "Mosses" in the United Kingdom, to tell us something about it. He sends us the following extract from a standard work on the "Sphagnaceæ of Europe and North America," by Dr. Braithwaite:—

SPHAGNUM OR PEAT-MOSS.

The plants known as Sphagnums or Bog-mosses, or more correctly Peat mosses, have long attracted attention from the ordinary observer of plants by their peculiar aspect and habit, and have equally interested those who use a microscope by the beauty of their tissues. No group of plants is more clearly defined in structure, in general family likeness, and in the localities in which they are found growing. All are essentially Bog-mosses, yet as there are various other true mosses which are equally inhabitants of bogs, it is preferable to term them Peat-mosses, since on them alone the first formation of peat or turf largely depends.

Few persons can have walked on a moorland without having had their attention attracted by the great masses of Sphagnum which adorn the surface of the moor,—now in dense cushions of lively red, now covering some shallow pool with a vast sheet of light green, inviting it may be by its bright colour, but the inexperienced collector who sets foot thereon may find the spongy mass to be several feet in depth, and he may run the chance of never reaching firm ground again.

Between fifty and sixty species of Sphagnum are known to the botanist.

H.W.L.

The Sphagnum Mosses are most useful in dressing the wounds of our soldiers.

Death of Private John Girvan.

With the deepest regret we record the death of Private John Girvan, of Tarson, during a night engagement in France, on September 15th. The news was conveyed to Mrs. Girvan in the following letter:—

DEAR MADAM,

I very deeply regret to have to inform you that Private J. Girvan was killed in action serving his Trench Mortar, on the night of the 15th of this month. He was one of the finest soldiers it has been my privilege to command. He gave his service as he did his life, most freely to his country. Always cool, cheerful and courageous. I enclose a gold ring which he always wore.

From the Field Ambulance Car.

J. H. SIMPSON, Lieutenant.

This letter expresses what all in Seagoe felt, that no braver or more loyal soldier had gone from this Parish to the great war than John Girvan, of Tarson. He had been at the front since August, 1914, and had fought in many fierce battles, but as he was fond of saying he never had got a scratch or been a single day off from sickness. He seemed such a typical Seagoe soldier, that we inserted a photograph of him in the Magazine 18 months ago, and many will be glad to possess the picture of so brave a man.

He leaves a wife and six young children to mourn his loss, and for them the deepest sympathy will be felt. A brother of Private Girvan, Private Joseph Girvan, was killed some months ago at the front. Another brother, Quartermaster-Sergeant Major Frank Girvan, is at present serving with the 9th Batt. R.I.F., in France.

Death of Private M. Stothers.

The death is announced of Private Maxwell Stothers, 9th R.I.F., one of four brothers who joined that regiment. Of the four two, Joseph and Maxwell, have been killed, and Jackson and William James have been wounded. It was through an accident that Maxwell Stothers was killed. He was in his tent with others when an overhanging branch of a tree broke off in the storm and fell through the tent, striking him on the head, fracturing his skull and injuring others. We sympathise very deeply with his parents and relatives in their double bereavement.

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Baptisms.

Baptized in the Parish Church on October 7th, 1916.

Porter—David William, son of David (Private, 9th R.I.F., B.E.F., France) and Mary Porter, of Lower Seagoe.

Sponsors—Anne Jane Patton, Emma Magee.

Gracey—Ellen Caroline, daughter of Joseph Henry and Sarah Gracey, of Whiteinch, Glasgow.

Sponsors—Mary Gracey, Sarah Gracey.

Livingston—Alexander, son of James and Edith Livingston, of Portadown.

Sponsors—Elizabeth Mills, Edith Livingston.

Coulter—Ethel Reid, daughter of William Robert and Amelia Coulter, of Ballinarry.

Sponsors—Ethel Reid, Amelia Coulter.

Marriages.

Ellis and Mathers—October 6th, 1916, George Ellis, of Moygarriff, Parish of Ballinderry, to Jessie Agnes Mathers, of Drumnakelly, Old Parish of Seagoe.

Gillespie and Webb—October 28th, 1916, Francis Gillespie, Private 3rd Batt. Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, Ebrington Barracks, Londonderry, to Sarah Anne Webb of Edenderry.

Culbert and Robinson—November 2nd, 1916, Benjamin Culbert, of Lurgan, to Margaret Robinson, of Tamnifiglasson.

Burial.

Rea—November 1st, 1916, Thomas Henry Rea, of Balteagh, aged 3½ years.

KILLED IN ACTION.

Girvan—15th September, 1916, killed in action in France, Private John Girvan, 1st Batt. Royal Irish Fusiliers, attached to Trench Mortar Battery, late of Tarson in this Parish.

Porter—30th September, 1916, Private David Porter, 6th Batt. Royal Irish Fusiliers, killed in action at Salonica, while serving with the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force, formerly of James Street, Edenderry.

Stothers—On 7th October, in France, killed by a falling branch, Private Maxwell Stothers, 9th Batt. R.I.F., of Edenderry, brother of the late Private Joseph Stothers, 9th Batt. Royal Irish Fusiliers.

“Seagoe” Among Lions.

Lieutenant Wm. Walker, R.A.M.C., of Seagoe has had an exciting adventure with three hungry Lions in German East Africa, as the following letter will show:—

O.C.B. Section, 18 M.A.C.,
B. Exp. Force, East Africa.

This is just a scrawl, as I'm very tired now. I have just come back from 100 miles run, and I am nearly dropping off my feet. I left six days ago, and have been going through the "bush." I have had a very hard time, indeed, but

I DON'T GRUMBLE,
as it is a work of mercy, and the poor wounded chaps have a worse time than myself. I have only the clothes I wear, and have not been out of them for a week. At night I

TAKE A STRETCHER
out of the ambulance and sleep in the open with a blanket. It is a healthy life. But rations are bully beef, and the biscuits (like Isaac showed you) I have to boil them before eating. We are in a big game preserve just now. The first night I did not sleep near the fire, as the men were all sleeping round it, I slept at some distance. At about 1 a.m. I was awakened by a cavernous growl and breaking bushes. I sprang over to the fire and built it up with logs. I saw

THREE LIONS ENCIRCLING OUR CAMP
by the light of the fire. They remained till dawn, and I got no more sleep that night. I need hardly tell you that I was very frightened and made all the men stand to arms. In the morning I found a dead horse 50 yards away which had attracted them. However, I learned a lesson, and I always have two fires burning and sleep between them. If you do not get a letter from me regularly you will know that I am all right, as I shall be working night and day. On the other hand I'll only have time to write if I am ill. I've had rather an exciting time on the whole lately. We are going through a part of

COUNTRY PRACTICALLY UNEXPLORED
and little known of it. So you see strange sights and animals every day. I have seen no elephants yet, and don't want to. Best wishes.

Death of Private David Porter.

News has just been received of the death in action near Salonica, Greece, of Private David Porter, 6th Batt. Royal Irish Fusiliers.

Portadown Women's Emergency Corps.

(Seagoe Branch.)

A meeting will be held in Seagoe School the 1st Wednesday of each month at 3-30 p.m., to give out Wool and receive work. As there is a balance in hand from last winter we shall not send round the collecting boxes at present, but later on, if it is found necessary to do so. We hope there will be a generous response as on the other occasions. During the summer months over 60 pairs of Socks have come in, as some of our steady workers remember that "socks are always needed."