

Roll of Honour.

"For King and Country."

The following Names have to be added to the List published in our Issue of last month.

Lt.-Col. Stafford James Somerville, R.I.F.
Captain Thomas Shillington, R.I.F.
Robert J. Cordy, Lancashire Fusiliers.
Samuel Robinson, N.I.H.

Wounded.

Sergeant William H. Gracey, R.I.F.
Lance-Corporal David Boyce, R.I.F.
Private Harry Forsythe, twice wounded.

MISSING NOW REPORTED WOUNDED AND PRISONER OF WAR.

William Maxwell, R.I.F.

Harvest Thanksgiving Services.

THE Annual Services of Harvest Thanksgiving will be held (D.V.) in the Parish Church on Thursday, October 11th, and on Sunday, October 14th. Our readers will be glad to hear that the Rev. W. T. Grey, M.A., a Missionary in Japan under the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, and formerly a Curate of Seagoe Parish, will be the Special Preacher at the Thursday Service. Mr. Grey is at present on furlough and is taking duty at Kilbride Parish Church, Bray, Co. Wicklow. The offerings will be on behalf of Foreign Missions. At the Sunday Evening Service the preacher will be the Rev. G. Bloomer, B.A., Curate of St. Mark's Portadown, who has just returned from the Front after three months services with the Y.M.C.A. in France. At Morning and Evening Prayer on Sunday the offerings will be given to the General Parochial Fund of the Parish.

District Harvest Services.

Hacknahay—Sunday, September 30th, at 3-30.
Monday, October 1st, at 8.

Carne—Sunday, October 7th, at 3-30.
Monday, October 8th, at 8.

Drumgor—Sunday, October 21st, at 3-30.
Monday, October 22nd, at 8, preacher
—Rev. W. Millington, B.A., Curate of Donaclooney.

Tamnificarbet—Sunday, October 28th, at 7.
Monday, October 29th, at 8, preacher
—Rev. A. V. Smyth, B.A., Curate of Shankill.

Edenderry—Sunday, November 4th, at 3-30.
Monday, November 5th, at 8.

Levaghery—Sunday, November 11th, at 3-30.
Monday, November 12th, at 8.

The offerings at all the District Services on Sunday will be on behalf of Local Expenses, and on Monday for Foreign Missions.

Harvest at Hacknahay.

The first of our Harvest Thanksgiving Services was held in Hacknahay School, on Sunday, September 30th, at 3-30. The School was most tastefully decorated, an enormous pumpkin, presented by Mrs. Bell, was conspicuous among the decorations. The Rev. T. H. Scanlon preached, and the Congregation was very large. On Monday, at 8, the Services were continued, the preacher being the Rev. H. E. Hardy, Curate of Portadown. There was again a large gathering of worshippers. The Offerings were for Foreign Missions. The Musical portions of both Services were efficiently rendered by a large choir under the direction of Mr. Gracey, who kindly presided at the Harmonium.

Rev. G. Bloomer.

Mr. Bloomer's many friends in the Parish of Seagoe welcome him back again after his three months in France. He had a strenuous time, but looks none the worse for his experience. He has kindly consented to deliver a **Public Lecture on "With the Y.M.C.A. in France,"** on **Tuesday, Oct. 16th, at 8 p.m., in Carne Church Hall.** Tickets now on sale, 1/- and 6d. Proceeds in aid of the recent Painting and Repair of Carne Hall. We anticipate a crowd.

New Parochial Nominator.

At a meeting of the General Vestry of Seagoe Parish, held on Tuesday, September 18th, 1917, Mr. Thomas Edward Maginnis, of Breagh, was elected a Parochial Nominator of the Parish to fill the vacancy created by the death of Mr. George Calvert. We congratulate Mr. Maginnis on his election to the most responsible position in the gift of the Parish. It is not the first time that Mr. Maginnis has held the position of Parochial Nominator, he having held that office in Knocknamuckley Parish for some years when resident in that Parish. In every Parish there are three Parochial Nominators who are elected triennially. When the appointment of a Clergyman to the Rectorship of a Parish has to be made, the three Parochial Nominators meet with the three Diocesan Nominators under the Presidency of the Bishop, and form the Board of Nomination, which fills the vacancy.

Presentation.

On Thursday, September 6th, a Social Meeting of the members of the Choir was held in Seagoe School. There was a large gathering of the members to meet the guests of the evening, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas England. After tea and a short musical programme, round games were enjoyed for some time, and then the event of the evening occurred in the Presentation to Mr. and Mrs. England of a Silver Gipsy Kettle and Lamp, on the occasion of their recent marriage. After a short speech by the Rector, the gift was handed to Mr. and Mrs. England by Mrs. Bond. Mr. England thanked the Choir very heartily for all their kindness, and expressed the pleasure with which he engaged in the work of the Parish, whether in Choir or Sunday School. Speeches were also made by the Rev. T. H. Scanlon, the Rector's Churchwarden (Mr. D. W. Murray), Mr. David Livingstone, and Mr. Tom Leake, and many good wishes were expressed for Mr. and Mrs. England. Games were then resumed and continued to a late hour. A vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, who had kindly arranged the pleasant evening, brought the gathering to a close.

Death of Lt.-Col. Somerville.

Much regret has been expressed at the death, on August 16th, 1917, of Lt.-Col. Stafford James Somerville, who early in this year succeeded Lt.-Col. Blacker as Commanding Officer of our local Battalion of the Royal Irish Fusiliers in France. Although unknown to us here in Portadown, he had gained the regard and goodwill of our lads at the front. He was wounded in the trenches by a shell, and succumbed shortly afterwards in the dressing station to which he was brought. He was the youngest and last surviving son of the late Rev. Dudley Somerville, Chaplain to the Forces, and grandson of Captain John Somerville, R.N., Knight of the Tower and Sword of Portugal. He was educated at Wellington College and Sandhurst, and received his Commission in 1890. He took part in the Tirah Campaign, and in the present war was

at the landing at Gallipoli in 1915, being afterwards severely wounded. In December, 1916, he went to France, and last March was given command of the Battalion of Royal Irish Fusiliers. His elder son, Captain Dudley Somerville, K.O.Y.L.I., was killed in July, 1916. Lt.-Col. Somerville was 46 years of age at the time of his death.

Offertories for September.

Sunday—Mornings,	£10	13	3
Evenings,	2	1	2
Week Days	0	11	4
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	£13	5	9

The above total includes £4 10s offertory for Board of Education on September 9th.

Seagoe on the Battlefield.

9th September, 1917.

DEAR MR. ARCHER,—Just a few lines in answer to your kind and welcome letter, which I received all right. Glad to hear you are still keeping in the best of health. I told the chaplain to write to you the day I went through the operation, as he came to visit me when I came out of it. I was glad to see he did so. I had a very nice letter from Miss Armstrong. Well, I am sure you would like to hear how I was wounded. We went over about 3-30, and I was wounded just about a quarter of an hour afterwards in front of the German front line. I just got seeing them, when I got hit on the right leg below the knee, and I dropped into a shell hole, and lay there till a sergeant-major of the Rifles carried me back about 300 yards along the ground. There was heavy shelling going on, and I thought I would have been knocked out, as I had about a quarter of a mile to go back to the nearest dressing station, and as I could see no stretcher bearers I made up my mind to try it myself. I started to crawl into shell hole and out of shell hole till I got near the dressing station. I shook my hand, and two chaps came out and carried me in. That was 4 o'clock in the evening, so you may guess I could not go very quick. I got into hospital about 9 o'clock that night, and I went through an operation in France and one in England. The last one I went through they took a shrapnel bullet out of my leg. When I get home I will show it to you. I hope the boys in the Bible Class are still attending and going on well. I think I have said nearly all. I am thankful to God I am in dear old England once more, and my life spared. When I was coming in that morning I saw lots of my comrades lying on the battlefield dead and wounded who were not able to come in. All we can say is that they have done their duty for King and country. You will excuse this writing, as I am lying on my back in bed. This is all at present, so good-bye.—Yours faithfully,

L.-Corp. DAVID BOYCE, R.I.F.

Certificates of Gallantry.

Two Certificates for Gallantry on the Battlefield have been awarded to men from this Parish during the past month. No better testimony could be given to the bravery of our Seagoelads than these Certificates signed by the General Commanding the Ulster Division. We congratulate very heartily those who have received such special testimony to their bravery.

The Certificates are as follows—

Certificate awarded to **Lance-Corporal Fred Ruddell**, 14635, 9th R. Irish Fusiliers, for gallantry on July 1st, 1916. He pushed on right up to the German wire with only a small remnant of his Platoon, and was wounded when trying to get through the wire. O. S. NUGENT, Major-General.

25th August, 1917.

Certificate awarded to **Company Quarter-master Sergeant John Robinson**, 9th (Service) Batt. R. Irish Fusiliers, for gallantry in attack at Hamel on July 1st, 1916. He dressed wounded men and helped them back to our Trenches under heavy machine-gun fire. O. S. NUGENT, Major-General.

25th August, 1917.

House-to-House Mission Collection.

Eva Best, Ballyhannon & Ballymacrandle	£0	5	0
Lizzie Quail, Balteagh ...	0	9	6
Cissie Price, Ballinacor & Tamnificarbet	0	5	2
Cissie McDowell, Breagh ...	0	5	9
Annie Johnston, Bridge Street ...	0	5	6
Maggie Rainey, Bright Street ...	0	2	9
Mollie Cox, Carrickblacker Road ...	0	4	2
Christina Flannigan, Carrickblacker Ave.	0	1	9
Emily Cox, Century St. & Killycomain Rd.	0	10	0
Maggie Simpson, Carne ...	0	9	0
Kitty M'Mullen, Clonrolle & Knockmena	0	4	0
Hettie Dickson, Drumnagoon & Kilvergan	0	10	9
Hannah & Christina Anderson, Drumgor	0	10	7
Grace Best, Drumnacanvey & Drumlisnagrilly	0	7	3
Eva Allen, Joseph Street ...	0	3	11
Agnes Johnston, Foundry Street ...	0	2	0
Theresa Ramsey, Kernan (part) ...	0	3	9
Priscilla Smart, Kernan (part) ...	0	7	0
Minnie England, Knock ...	0	2	9
Georgina Levingston, Killicomain (part)	0	1	9
Myrtle Holmes, Killicomain (part) ...	0	6	1
Evelyn Webb, Lylo ...	0	4	6
Nellie Lewie, Levaghery ...	0	7	3
Sarah Martin, Lurgan Road ...	1	4	2
Ethel Ruddell, Lisniskey ...	0	4	8
Sarah Coulter, Railway Street ...	0	5	2
Lily McKerr, Seagoe (part) ...	0	5	7
Mrs. Porter, Seagoe (part) ...	0	17	1
Bessie Dawson, Town Residents ...	0	5	6
Hannah Caddell, Tarson ...	0	11	3

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The above return is very satisfactory. We offer very sincere thanks to the Collectors who did their work so well, and to the many kind friends who contributed.

The Rev. W. R. Crichton.

We had hoped that the Rev. W. R. Crichton would have been able to pay a farewell visit to his many friends in Seagoe before he sailed for India. It was his intention to do so, but the boat sailed a week before the date arranged, and so with regret he was unable to come. On Monday, September 10th, an interesting valedictory meeting was held in Clarence Place Hall to bid farewell to Mr. Crichton and to the Rev. J. Treanor prior to their departure for India. We noticed several present from Seagoe and Portadown. Mr. Crichton sailed from England on a fast liner on Wednesday, September 26th, for Madras Presidency, where he will be stationed as Government Chaplain to the British and Eurasian Community. The voyage to India just now is beset by many dangers, and we are sure that many prayers will be offered up in Seagoe Parish that Mr. Crichton may reach his journey's end in safety. When in Seagoe Mr. Crichton did a splendid work and made many lasting friends. Work in so populous a Parish as Seagoe must always partake largely of a missionary character and, no doubt, under God's good providence the inspiration to engage in the Foreign Work of the Church came to Mr. Crichton as he went in and out amongst us. Our readers will join in wishing Mr. Crichton much blessing in his work in our Eastern Empire. We hope shortly to print in these columns a letter from him descriptive of his voyage and the first impressions of his work in India.

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Baptisms.

Liggett—September 1st, 1917, Mary Jane, daughter of John Joseph, (Private R.F.A., B.E.F., France), and Julia Liggett, of Edenderry.
Sponsors—Julia Liggett, Martha Liggett.

Boyce—September 5th, 1917, Elizabeth Eveline, daughter of James and Sarah Boyce, of Bocombra.
Sponsors—Elizabeth Eveline Twinem, Sarah Boyce.

Private Baptism.

Magee—October 2nd, 1917, James, son of Joseph and Sarah Margaret Magee, of Edenderry.

Funerals.

Webb—4th September, 1917, Samuel Webb, of Lurgan, aged 14 years.
Sloan—18th September, 1917, George Sloan, late of Drumnagoon, aged 79 years.
Magee—4th October, 1917, James Magee, of Red Row, Edenderry, aged 2½ years.

Deaths.

Stoops—8th August, 1917, at Toronto, Canada Mary Ellen Stoops, late of Edenderry, wife of Maxwell Stoops, aged 50 years. Interred at Toronto, on 10th August.
Porter—28th August, 1917, at Jerome, Arizona, U.S.A., David Porter, late of Lower Seagoe, aged 56 years. Funeral service conducted by the Rev. Clyde W. Demming, at Jerome, on August 31st.

Portadown Women's Emergency Corps.—Seagoe Branch.

Our readers may remember that in the Magazine of November, 1916, we announced that as there was still a balance in hands, the collecting boxes would not be sent through the Parish to ask for money to buy wool for socks, etc., for our sailors and soldiers. Now, however, the money has come to an end, and we hope our collectors will consent to go round this month, and that they will find everyone willing to contribute as generously as before to this most urgent claim. Between March and August our workers have sent in 112 pairs socks for 9th R.I.F. ; 18 pairs socks for 16th R.I.R. ; 2 pairs socks for Comforts Committee Fund, making a total of 132 pairs.

ISOBEL ATKINSON.
E. M. BLACKER.

ITEMS.

Edenderry Parochial Hall has recently been painted and repaired externally, and is greatly improved in appearance by this much needed renovation.

The Rev. G. Bloomer, when in France, visited the grave of Lance-Corporal Herbert Murray at the Military Cemetery of Barlin, west of Lens. It is neatly kept and marked by a Cross.

The Employees of Messrs. Robb are to be heartily congratulated on their enterprise in organising sports for Saturday, October 6th, in the Recreation Grounds on behalf of the Red Cross Funds. We wish them great success in their good work.

Notwithstanding the war there has been a wonderful period of good health in the Parish for the past 8 months. None of the usual epidemics of Measles and Scarlatina have occurred. In Lurgan Infirmary nearly half the beds are vacant. The number of Deaths in the Parish has been very small. Should not all this be another reason for Special Thanksgiving at our approaching Harvest Services. "What shall we render unto the Lord for all His benefits"?

The mild season has caused the swallows to remain with us in these Northern climes much longer than in other years, but they are now flying South. On September 26th a large flock was seen passing over Seagoe in a Southern direction, but as late as October 2nd swallows were moving about in short flights.

The Misses Dawson have not yet been able to return to their work in Chile owing to Government precautions against submarine menace.

We regret to record in this issue the deaths of Mrs. Maxwell Stoops and Mr. David Porter which occurred in Canada and in the United States respectively. Many in the Parish will lament their loss. Mrs. Stoops had been ill for many months.

When is Portadown to get the German Machine-Gun promised as a gift some months ago?

Sergeant James Shepherd returned home during the past month. His many friends were glad to see him once again, so well recovered from his severe wound.

Bob Woolsey has brought a Canary home from the Trenches.

The Diocesan Synod will meet in Belfast on Tuesday, October 30th.

We are glad to notice that the Congregations on Wednesday Evenings in the Parish Church have greatly increased of late. The Services on Wednesday Evenings have now been held continuously for twelve years. We notice there is a regular Wednesday Evening Service held now in three other places of worship in Portadown and neighbourhood. The Bells of the three Parish Churches ring out together every Wednesday Evening and make sweet music.

Dr. Starkie, Resident Commissioner of the National Board of Education, accompanied by Mr. Bonaparte Wyse, Secretary, and Mr. Welpley, Inspector, visited Seagoe School last week. Dr. Starkie expressed to the Manager (Rev. Canon Archer) a favourable opinion regarding the school buildings and the recent improvements made.

Miss Bessie Dawson has been appointed Assistant Teacher in St. Matthew's National School, Belfast.

Old Seagoe Notes.

Curious Version of the Bluestone Murder.—A reader of the recent Notes on the Bluestone Murder, which appeared in these columns, has handed to Mr. John Waugh, of Portadown, the following curious version of the murder, which he has kindly passed on to us for publication :—As I have often heard it from old people ever since I was a small girl of the Towlertons who killed their uncle McNeilly for his land and home ; and the murder was never found out till the dead man appeared to a man named Holmes, a carpenter, whom he was very fond of, it appeared. He came to him and sat on the bench with him, and told him to bring out the murderers. The first time he appeared to him it was in his bloody gore ; he gave him a great fright, and he told him not to appear to him in that way again, so he said he wanted him to prosecute these people. He also told him he would not be a-believing in court, and at the time when he would be a-misbelieving that the candles would burn dim, and for him to tell the judge to look over his right shoulder, and that he would see him there, which was done. Accordingly did Holmes, and when the Judge did so he said aloud in court that there was evidence enough, and he condemned the Towlertons to be hung. So they were hung and burned at Bluestone Loanen. This is the story of that murder as I have heard it all my life.—M.