

## LOUTH MEN AT THE FRONT

### LETTER FROM COL. BELLINGHAM.

Sir Henry Bellingham sends us the following extracts from a letter written by his son, Colonel Bellingham, which will be read with much interest on his account and that of the many brave Co. Louth men who are serving in his battalion, some of whom we regret to see have given their lives for the cause of freedom and humanity. Colonel Bellingham writes:

"We were in action on the 27th and 29th April. My battalion bore the brunt of the right attack and behaved nobly. The Commander-in-Chief came down to see us and congratulate us. He shook hands with me, and said nice things. I am sending you some of the papers praising us which I have received. Poor George Magee and Thomas Lambe, of Castlebellingham; Wm. Hoey, of Darver; P. Macken, of Arde, and J. Murphy, of Drogheda, are among the killed. Please express to their people my profound sympathy in their losses. We had many casualties, but 50 per cent will return eventually. Our men were furious with the Sinn Feiners and asked to be allowed 'to go and finish them up.' We were defending the Empire, with serious losses, the very day those people were trying to help the Germans that we are fighting. It is all too sad."