



### LIEUT.-COL. LAURIE, CARLTON-ON-TRENT, KILLED IN ACTION.

The distressing information was received in Carlton-on-Trent and Newark on Tuesday from the War Office that Lieut.-Colonel Laurie, Carlton-on-Trent Hall, commanding the 1st Battalion Royal Irish Rifles, had been killed in action near Neuve Chapelle, and the news caused heartfelt regret and sorrow, especially in Carlton and district, where Lieut.-Colonel Laurie was so greatly respected and esteemed. Mrs. Laurie was not at home when the telegram arrived, she was taking a week's duty at a Nottingham hospital, and the sad news was conveyed to her there.

The deceased officer only returned from Aden with his Regiment just before the war, and was almost immediately ordered to the front, since when he has been home twice on short furloughs.

Lieut.-Colonel Laurie was the eldest surviving son of the late Lieut.-General Laurie, C.B., Hon. Colonel Munster Fusiliers and late of the King's Own Regiment, formerly M.P. for Pembroke Dock, and of Mrs. Laurie, Oakfield, Nova Scotia.

The gallant officer had commanded his Regiment since October, 1912. He had seen active service in Egypt and South Africa, and for the latter campaign he received the medal with five clasps and was mentioned in dispatches. His eldest brother, Captain Halibarton Laurie, was killed in the Boer War.

Colonel Laurie had also been mentioned in dispatches for his services in the present war. He was the author of the History of his Regiment, published last year. In 1905 he married Miss Florence Clementina Vere, granddaughter of the 10th Viscount Massereene and Ferrard, and daughter of the late Hon. Sydney Skeffington and of Mrs. Craig, of Carlton Hall, with whom they have been residing for some time.

Lieut.-Colonel Laurie was 47 years of age, and leaves a widow, two sons, and one daughter, to whom the sympathy and condolence of everyone in the neighbourhood will be extended.

A memorial service will be held at St. Mary's Church, Carlton-on-Trent, on Monday at 2.30.