

CAPTAIN J. P. ROCHE.

Captain James P. Roche is at present at home in Monasterevan on leave from the western front, where he had been serving as trench mortar officer in the 16th Irish Division for the past 12 months, though in the midst of the worst of the fighting in Loos and on the Somme, he has happily so far escaped seriously hurt, but contracted trench fever or malaria, necessitating treatment and rest. He obtained his captaincy and parchment certificate for gallant conduct when with the Irish Brigade last June. A younger brother, David, who served through the entire Gallipoli campaign and the expedition to relieve the Servians, and later on the French front as a private in the Naval Division, is also returning to Monasterevan on his way to join a Cadet Corps, being transferred on the strong recommendation of his commanding officer in the East. It will be remembered that the younger brother, Michael, has been winning honours at home in the life-saving department, his gallant attempt at rescue having won the encomiums of the Coroner of South Kildare (as already published in our columns). Our heartiest congratulations to his esteemed father, Mr S. B. Roche, I.R.O., Monasterevan.