

increased the extortion from £1 15s 1d to £4 4s per head of the population. This is another evidence of what point of view notes on Irish affairs by "Carel Cross" are written from, and with what a scrupulous regard for truth. As to his pious wish that the Allies would take a hand, what more does he expect than what has been done. Messrs. Wilson and Roosevelt, the Premier of South Africa, the Premier of Canada, the Australian Government, Russia, and France have called on England to give Ireland her rights of self-government, but the people who speak like "Carel Cross" writes, say still that a majority of Irishmen must be oppressed to please them. And the "free, generous Government" maintains the system of tyranny which makes England a laughing stock in the eyes of the world.

## THE LATE CHAPLAIN-MAJOR McMENAMIN

### LETTERS OF THANKS.

Under date May 26, the following letter of thanks was written by Father McMenammin to Mr. G. Girling-Butcher, general secretary of the N.Z. Catholic Federation:—

"A few days ago I received word from Barclay's Bank, Walton-on-Thames, that £300 had been placed to the credit of our chaplains' account there. This will be the money that I cabled to Mr. Hoskins for (through Archbishop O'Shea) some short time ago. Many thanks for your promptness in sending it on. The first £150 had been distributed among our chaplains, and so I cabled for the £300 in view of big operations in the near future. After our share in the 1917 offensive is over the money will be needed chiefly for hospital work. During the winter just past we found the money most useful at the front. I gave you an idea in my last letter how it had been spent.

"There are four New Zealand hospitals, capable of accommodating some 5000 patients. One hospital, in charge of Lieut.-Colonel O'Neill, is in France, and the others in England. All our chaplains are well. Fathers Barra, Skinner, and O'Neill are here with me, and Fathers Doyle, Richards, Daly, and Bartley are in England. I expect the last-named over soon with our new 4th Brigade. With kindest regards, and many thanks to you and all our generous Catholic people."

Writing on March 30 to Miss Kennedy, secretary of the Wellington Catholic Knitting Guild, Father McMenammin expressed his thanks for donations in the following terms:—

"To-day three parcels came to me from you, and I at once distributed the things amongst the soldiers.

Such fine socks and other warm woollen things were most acceptable this cold weather. This has been the coldest winter known in France for thirty years, and it is not yet over. Every pair of those warm socks, whether worn by soldiers in England or in France, has been most welcome on account of the extreme cold of this winter, now happily nearing its end. I am surprised that some of the boys have not replied to the notes that were sometimes in the socks. However, I thank you and your industrious band for all the soldiers at once. Soldiers, for the most part, find it more difficult to write a short formal note of thanks than they do to write a long letter to a mother or a friend.

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