

DR. H. E. M. DOUGLAS.

WE have much pleasure in presenting to our readers a cut of Dr. H. E. M. Douglas together with a letter from him to his parents written shortly after the battle of Magersfontein. In reading this letter we would have our readers bear in mind that it was written to his family and naturally he refers with pardonable pride to little incidents which perhaps may appear to those who do not know him as savouring of egotism. But to us who know him so well no such thought occurs. "Harry" Douglas as the "boys" called him was always most unassuming, strictly attending to his duties but prepared at all times to join the others in legitimate sport. We who for four years came into daily contact with him could see that behind that quiet, reserved, unobtrusive manner there lay a vast reserve of force and determination. None of us are surprised that when the opportunity offered he proved himself equal to it and displayed in the face of danger coolness, determination and pluck in the discharge of what he regarded as his duty. We are proud of him. We congratulate him and we would extend our congratulations to his parents. That his wounds may soon heal is the sincere wish of all who knew him. When he again visits Kingston, as we all trust he will some day, we hope to find him wearing that coveted distinction, the Victoria Cross. He has earned it and he has been recommended for it by those who were on the scene and knew what he had dared and done and we trust that those who have the final decision will see fit to reward him.

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MY DEAR MOTHER AND FATHER :

By the above you will know where I am, and you already know what brought me to this place of luxury—Well, to cut a long story short, I shall start at the beginning, so here goes :