

IN MEMORIAM

ALFRED HENDRY GEORGE CHAMBERS

It is with a profound sense of loss that we have to record the passing of Alf Chambers on Sunday, 3rd June.

He had been ill for the greater part of the first term and we had hoped that after an operation he would soon be able to return to school. However, unfortunately, that was not to be.

Alf was a member of a large family—five boys and three girls—he was the fourth son of the late Rev. Charles J. and Mrs. Chambers and was born at Trentham, high in the Victorian Grampians on 16th December, 1898. Here, his father was Rector. The family was later transferred to Bendigo where Alf commenced school. In due course, Mr. Chambers was called to the Parish of the Lower Macleay in the Diocese of Grafton, so the family moved to Smithtown whence Alf gained a bursary to attend the Kempsey High School where he obtained his Intermediate Certificate.

It was but a short step from there to becoming a boarder at Trinity (then situated in the Boulevard in Petersham), where Alf matriculated in 1917. That Alf was proud of his background, was abundantly clear to all that were his intimates.

At Trinity he threw himself into all the activities of the School both in and outside the class room. He was a boxer, footballer and cricketer but above all, a lad of character who soon developed a sound respect for the ideals of the School so soundly presented, both by precept and example by that great Headmaster, Frank Archer. The love of Trinity and its ideals of leadership and service soon became part of his life and he stood out among a fine body of prefects pledged to do all in their power to help build a great school.

Alf enlisted in the 1st A.I.F. in 1918, but his unit while en route to Europe was recalled on the signing of the Armistice.

From 1919-20 Alf was a junior master of the School while doing University evening lectures. He then left to enter the Department of Education, but as a very active member of the Old Boys' Union kept well in touch with the School and became an O.B.U. representative on the School Council for a short period in 1929.

It was characteristic of Alf that in his great belief in the School's future and in what then seemed the espousal of a very uncertain cause, and much against the considered advice of the then Headmaster—Rev. Canon Hilliard—he again joined the Staff in 1930, where he remained till 1937. In 1933 he was married to Miss Gladys Withers of Mel-

bourne.

Increasing responsibilities made it necessary for him to return to the Department of Education and in 1937 he joined the staff of the Hornsby Junior Technical School as manual training teacher. During this period Alf gave all his spare time to what is now known as the Old Trinitarian's Union of N.S.W. He made it his business to track down all the old boys who had been lost sight of by the Union.

One remembers that memorable dinner after World War II when he brought together a company of over two hundred men to renew old acquaintance and also talk about a suitable memorial to those great fellows who had fallen in the recent conflict of world powers.

Only those who had to do with it will know how invaluable was Alf's information in the compiling of the Book of Remembrance which now reposes in the Chapel.

Unfortunately, the time was to come when the grave illness of Mrs. Chambers obliged him to retire from the Department and shift to Victoria where he devoted his whole time to caring for his wife till she passed away in September, 1957.

Alf was back with us again in 1958 and during this last brief period threw himself into the task of collecting for the Archer Memorial window—not only that, but he was instrumental in finding a devoted artist and craftsman to design and execute the work of both those beautiful windows standing to the memory of two great headmasters.

Alf was an artist himself. We think of that handsome carved chest for receiving our Temple Day offerings; the beautiful cards depicting some of the most splendid aspects of the Chapel which he caused to be prepared, and the wonderful articles he helped boys to construct for their own homes or to sell at School Fetes. Above all, we shall remember him for his complete subordination of self to the service of others regardless of personal cost.

Trinity boys, past and present, will remember him for his simple yet strong faith, his wonderful friendship, his devotion to all the best things for which the School stands. He was the incarnation of the true Trinity spirit. For his life—*Detur Gloria Soli Deo*.

It was fitting that on 2nd July of this year, his mortal remains should have been taken from that Chapel where we are still reminded of so much that is Alf.

To his family we offer sincere sympathy with thankful hearts for the memory of a beautiful soul.
C.E.L.

SCHOOL NOTES

The Second Term commenced on May 28th. The Rev. G. Fletcher was the visiting preacher at the Beginning of Term Service.

On Trinity Sunday, 9th June, the End of Jubilee Year was marked by a Festal Evensong within the Chapel. The preacher at this service was Canon Alan Begbie, Chaplain General to the Army, and the

School was honoured by the presence of the Governor and Lady Woodward—a fitting end to a fine year.

On the 12th June, the Cadets' Foundation Day Parade was held and despite the unfavourable weather conditions under which it was held, the reviewing officer, Lt.-Colonel Hutchison, praised