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The Late Dr. George Bell, C.B.E., M.B., Ch.M., F.R.A.C.S.

In common with all those associated with The Scots College, the Old Boys' Union mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished and loyal members.

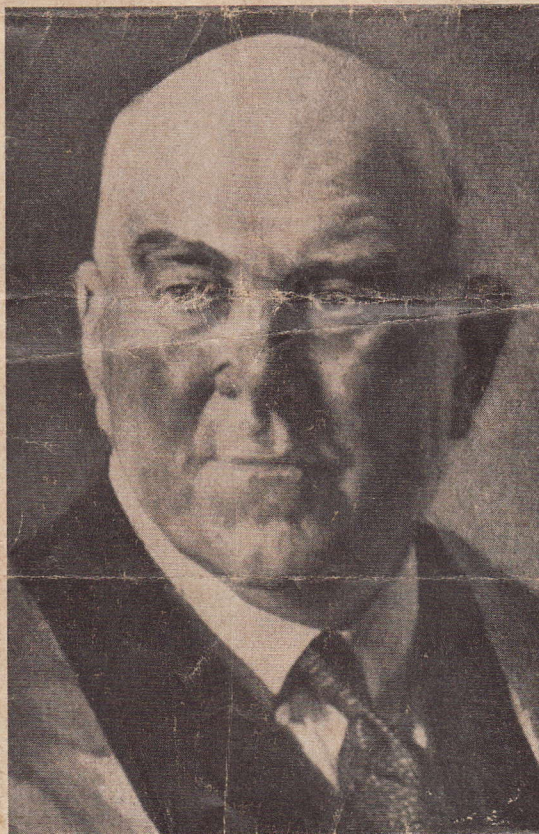
Distinguished in his services to his Country, to medicine and to education, Doctor George Bell was loyal to his old school, and unflagging in his interest and support of The Old Boys' Union.

The Old Boys' Union was ever mindful of this interest and support and it was most fortuitous that a number of Presidents, both past and present, were able to gather at George Bell's residence one evening last year and present him with a wall plaque embracing a beautifully designed badge of the College and engraved with the words, "For services to The Scots College 1900 to 1969". This plaque became one of Doctor Bell's treasured possessions and it marked the occasion of his retirement as Chairman of The College Council in 1969, which position he held for twenty years, and he was the first Old Boy to accept that responsibility. During his administration he was to see the erection of the College Chapel, the Science Block, the new Quadrangle and magnificent Dining Room, etc., the acquisition of Fairfax and Coote Houses, Horsham and the Principal's residence, the establishment of the Senior Studies Block and he was to live to attend the opening of the long dreamt-of remodelled Preparatory School. It would be safe to say that perhaps no other person would have seen and been associated with so much change at his old school during his lifetime as George Bell.

"Bell of Booligal" came to Scots in 1898, was Dux of the School in 1900 and Head Prefect in 1901. He was a great admirer of the first Principal, the Rev'd A. A. Aspinall, who fully supported the high standards emanating from Doctor Arnold of Rugby. The Rev'd Aspinall said that Scots should strive for, firstly, religious and moral principles, secondly, gentlemanly conduct and, thirdly, intellectual ability. George Bell was to become close to the Aspinall family, four sons and a daughter all of whom, like himself, were to embrace medicine as a profession. He outlived them all.

George Bell was still at school when the Rev'd Aspinall invited a number of his former pupils to dinner at Bellevue Hill and pointed out the advantages to be derived from preserving the associations of school life. This occasion was virtually the inauguration of The Scots College Old Boys' Union. There is no record of exactly when George Bell joined the Old Boys' Union his card merely stating that he was a Life Member. His autograph does, however, appear on the

the Old Boys' Union will recall Doctor Bell's attendance at their Dinners even right up to a year or two ago and wherever he went he introduced an image of what the Founders of The Scots College intended that the school should produce. Coming from the country himself, he maintained an untiring and selfless



attended to pay tribute. The Rev'd Graham Hardy spoke of Doctor Bell's devotion and service to The Scots College, the grim years of the Casualty Clearing Stations in France during the 1914-1918 War, his support and work for The Royal Flying Doctor Service and the Bush Nursing Association, his service during the second World War and the eminent distinction which he achieved in the world of medicine.

In the Scots College Chapel on Thursday, September 24, there was held another Memorial Service in the presence of the Senior School and to which were invited representatives of The Old Boys' Union and The Parents & Friends Association. The Service was conducted by the Rev'd Ian Mitchell, the College Chaplain, and the Memorial Oration delivered by H. J. Fraser, Esq., the Chairman of the College Council. In his address Mr. Fraser said that it was natural for Doctor Bell to command respect and genuine affection, and while he rejoiced in a multitude of friends, his natural charm and modesty made him more than a gentle man, but rather likened him to a Christian gentleman, richly blessed with the deep and sincere faith of his Church. Mr. Fraser went on to say that George Bell had no family of his own, but because of his great love of service to youth, he could say that he had hundreds of children, that they were all boys, that they were all educated at The Scots College, and that he was terribly proud of them and concerned with their welfare.

The Scots College Old Boys' Union asks that Mrs. Bell accept its deep and sincere sympathy and it knows that in her bereavement she must have great comfort in the knowledge of the support that she was able to afford this gentle man in their many years together.

MORE REBATES FOR TAXATION

CORNUKES, John (1954) a son.

LOUDON, John D. (1940-50), a daughter.

menu card of the Sixth Annual Dinner held at Sargent's Restaurant in Market Street, Sydney, in 1913. Fifty-five years later he chaired the 75th Anniversary Dinner held at the Wentworth Hotel in May, 1968. For all the years that he was Chairman of the College Council he was invited to various O.B.U. functions as an Official Guest, but he invariably exercised his privilege of being an Old Boy and insisted on purchasing tickets on his own account.

Many Country Branches of

interest in everyone he met at these reunions and he possessed an amazing fund of knowledge with regard to Scots supporters and their families throughout the entire State of New South Wales.

Many Old Boys going back over several decades attended the Memorial Service held in St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church in Macquarie Street on Tuesday, September 1. This was George Bell's own kirk and great numbers of the medical profession and the St. Stephen's congregation also