

Answered to His Last Roll Call

IN MEMORIAM



Alfred Riggs

Born March 24th, 1878, and gave up his life for his country at fatal Modder River, South Africa, on Feb. 27th, 1900.

Alfred Riggs' short life was not an idle one. He went to work with the late Theo. L. Chappelle when he was but thirteen years of age, afterwards being employed by George Carter & Co. His working hours ended he studied decorative and art painting, making a great success of it. He joined the Charlottetown Engineers in 1898, and his enthusiasm and loyalty towards his Queen and country manifested itself in his promptitude in volunteering for service in South Africa when volunteers were called for. He was a consistent member of Grace church (Wesleyan) and of the Epworth League; he also taught a class in Sunday school, and two months previous to his leaving home had taken up a course of study in preparation for the ministry. He was a dutiful son, with especial pride in his home, and never caused a heart-ache to his parents in his 21 years of life. "I am ready to die for my Queen and my God," are his last words, used to his mother previous to his leaving for South Africa. He was the eldest son of William N. Riggs, of the P. E. I. Railway and Willena Arbuckle, of Merigonish, Nova Scotia.

"In the blood-stained veldt our loved are sleeping
In the far Transvaal;
Laid in earth that's honored with their keeping
Till the last roll call."