

Salesian College,
Battersea.
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15th August 1929.

Dear Confreres,

Our beloved

FR. GEORGE FAYERS

passed to eternity on the 17th April 1929.

He was born in London on June 10th 1852 and brought up with great love and care by his parents, who were practising Anglicans. At school it became obvious that he was quite a talented young painter and he eventually became a pupil of Edward Burne-Jones – one of the founders of the Pre-Raphaelite school. He spent much time painting religious themes and this attracted him to the Catholic faith and at the age of sixteen he was received into the Church. As a consequence of this action he had to sacrifice the affection of several relatives and friends.

At this stage of his life he decided to offer himself completely to the service of God and with this intention he joined the community at Battersea in May 1900. He made his perpetual profession as a Salesian in 1902 and he was ordained a priest on the 25th July 1903 at Womersley. After ordination he taught art in the school and also was Catechist in the house for three years. His love for God and art now found an outlet in the liturgy of the Church and the artistic decoration of the house of God. As the occasion arose he was given the opportunity of decorating the various chapels and churches of the Salesians in England. As a confessor he dedicated himself to the ministry of penance with care and love in Salesian houses, other Religious communities, and for several years as a chaplain at Brixton prison. He was a very friendly and kind-hearted person.

May his good soul now be at peace with God in Heaven.

Father E. M. Tozzi.

Necrology: Fr. George Fayers, born in London, died at Battersea in the 77th year of his age, the 29th of profession and 26th of priesthood.