

ALPHA AND OMEGA

Freddie Robertson and Selby Spence were Prefects together in 1928. They both entered the Church, both worked for Church Unity and were both principals of secondary schools.

Frederick Herbert Robertson (1925-1929) had been Dux and Head Prefect in 1929 and a prefect in 1928. Gamble described him as “the best boy our school has produced.”

He became a Presbyterian Minister. As a young man he led the Christian Order Campaign, a national movement of all non-Catholic Churches. He was one of the Churches representatives on the National Council of Churches and Convenor of the General Assembly’s Board of Education. He founded a children’s home and two old peoples’ homes and he was the Founder and first Rector of Lindisfarne College, Hastings.



The Homestead building
Lindisfarne College

Selby Norman Spence (1927-1928) was also a Prefect and the Head House Prefect. He became an Anglican priest and was Principal of the CMS High School in Karachi. [The school was nationalised by the Pakistani Government in 1971.] He left the school after Partition and became Archdeacon of Sindh and Balochistan and later Canon of Lahore Cathedral. (The Cathedral Church of the Resurrection pictured below).



He worked to unite Methodist; Episcopal, Lutheran, Anglican Churches and the Church of Scotland into one Christian entity in northern India. On his 59th birthday he was consecrated Bishop of Karachi in St Paul’s Cathedral, Calcutta (Kolkata)



St Paul's Cathedral
Kolkata



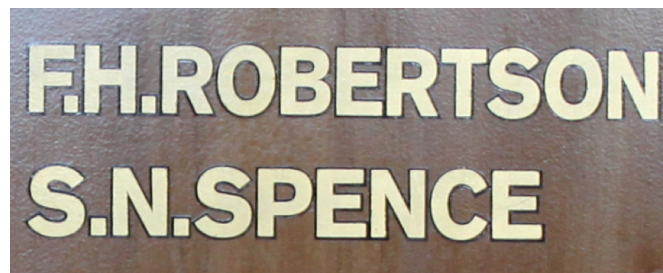
Holy Trinity Cathedral
Karachi

He returned to New Zealand in 1972 and was appointed Assistant Bishop of Waikato and then of Auckland. He was made a Fellow of St John's College in 1973.

Not only did these two Prefects sit side by side in the 1928 Prefects photograph; their names are together in the gold-lettered list in the Hall.



Robertson and Spence



Shelby Spence was born on 1 January 1911 and Freddie Robertson was born on 31 December 1911. Alpha and Omega.

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