

A TRIBUTE TO HAROLD E. CHERRINGTON
(June 19, 1888--September 18, 1956)

Read before Kit-Kat Club
November 20, 1956

Mr. President and Fellow-Members:

Writing a few tender and kind words about a wonderful person who lived a full and marvelous life in such a simple and pleasant manner is not an easy assignment. "Cherry" as we all knew him endeared himself to each of us. He added more to the old tradition of Kit-Kat than many of us will ever be able to contribute during a life-time. His wit, humor and constructive participation in practically every meeting was anticipated by all. We cannot honestly say he was of the old school, but we can say that his interest in the arts was typically that of the old Kit-Katter.

The passing of our good friend "Cherry" who was the senior member of our organization is a distinct loss, not only on those third Tuesday evenings but also, to many of us, practically every day of our lives.

Back on December 13, 1953, in this very room, "Cherry" opened his tribute to Henry A. Williams with the following: "Once more our circle of comradeship has been broken, and another member has joined the Club Invisible, after that mystical metamorphosis, of which men think and speak and write so much, and of which we know so pathetically little." And now, on September 18, 1956, "Cherry" has crossed the same great barrier. There he probably saw unfolded the age-old mystery of that metamorphosis about which we, who

are left behind for yet a while, still know so little.

"Cherry" was patient and cheerful, in brief moments as well as in sustained periods of adversity. He was considerate and reassuring to every one. He was kind to the point of creating immediate warmth within the heart of his newest acquaintance. He was sincere and straightforward so as to command respect. He was brilliant and engaging in his thinking and conversation.

These are only a few of the many characteristics which made "Cherry" a great personality, a grand companion, a good citizen, and a devoted Christian gentleman.