



GOVERNMENT HOUSE, BRISBANE, WHICH YESTERDAY WAS DEDICATED FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE QUEENSLAND UNIVERSITY.

Queensland Jubilee Celebration

Inauguration of the University.

Sixty Open Scholarships.

Speeches by the Governor,

The Hon. W. Kidston, Hon. J. T. Bell,

Professors David and Stirling.

Queensland yesterday entered upon the second half-century of her history as a separate State of the Empire, and by a happy thought on the part of her Premier, endorsed by her Parliament, the occasion was commemorated in a most historic manner by the dedication of a University. Though that University it in Brisbane, though it is distant from many of the State's most important commercial centres, it cannot be regarded as local. It is a part of the nation's biography, an historic incident in her future greatness, and its influence will be exercised on generations yet unborn. In a few years the influence of Queensland's University will be felt not only in the House of Parliament and in professional life, but in the home of the settler and in the council chamber of distant municipalities. In the time of ancient Greece the man who achieved the proudest title, who gained the loudest plaudits while living, and won divine honours after death, was he who could lay claim to the august title of a founder. If to found a city be deserving of so much honour, how much greater and nobler it should be to found that which gives to civil society its dignity, its culture, and its permanency, especially in a State that is proud of her past, conscious of her future, and doing her full share to add to the prosperity and happiness of the Australian people. For that reason, by one of its enactments, at all events, the eighteenth Parliament of Queensland has won a proud distinction, and winners of the Government scholarship, which have been established, will recall their foundation just as students for ages past have recalled annually the names of benefactors of other universities. The setting of the scene, so to speak, was worthy of yesterday's historic function. The dedication

ceremony took place in the vestibule of a building that has been the home of most of Queensland's Governors, in the presence of some of Queensland's most distinguished citizens, in surroundings that have won admiration scores of times from visitors to this city, and the actual dedication of the building was performed by his Excellency Sir William MacGregor, a scholar, a statesman, and one of the Empire's most distinguished servants. No conditions could have been more happy; no setting more appropriate.

For days past the Chief Secretary's Department and Education Department have been preparing for the ceremony, and it became the general topic of conversation, repeated so often that it seemed to be becoming a litany of faith. The weather, too, was delightful, one of those glorious midsummer days which has made outdoor life in Queensland so enjoyable. In such circumstances it was natural that thousands would attend the function. From 3 o'clock in the afternoon they walked or drove along George street, entered the flower-bedecked avenue of the Government House grounds, and crowded in the courtyard and garden. About 550 girls, wearing maroon sashes over their white dresses, and 250 boys of the metropolitan schools, drawn from the fifth and sixth classes, and about 200 cadets were assembled in Alice street, about 3 o'clock, and marched along the street to the positions allotted to them inside a roped-off area in front of the vestibule of the building. By this time most of the seating accommodation within the reserved area had been filled, and several thousands of persons stood without the bounds, and endeavoured to see something of the proceedings. Inside the area was the Governor, wearing his

Windsor uniform, and over it the beautiful mantle of a Knight Grand Cross of St. Michael and St. George, the Lieutenant-Governor, the Chief Justice, in court uniform, Ministers of the Crown, judges of the courts, military officers, wearing their uniforms and decorations, University professors and graduates in gowns and hoods, and members of both Houses of Parliament.

At 3.30 p.m., his Excellency, Sir William MacGregor, accompanied by Lady Macgregor, arrived on the scene, and the school children, under the direction of Mr. Sampson, sang the National Anthem. For the vice-regal and Ministerial party the Works Department had prepared in front of the main porch, and partly under it, a dais, decorated with maroon, and covered with an harmoniously coloured marquee of the same colour and white, arranged alternately. On the table in the centre was a small electric battery, the switch of which was soon in the hands of the new Governor, to play so important a part in the ceremonial of an historic occasion. Near by was the University Bill, needing only Sir William MacGregor's signature to make it the law of the land, and an elaborate silver inkstand, and the ink and pen with which, later, that part of the formality was performed. The first of the party to arrive was the Hon. W. H. Barmen (Minister for Public Instruction) at whose introduction in the Lower House of Parliament, the bill was passed. Later, the Hon. A. H. Barlow, formerly Minister for Public Instruction, who piloted the measure through the Upper House, and had a great deal to do with the preparation and forming of its provisions, arrived, and took his seat. Gradually the platform was filled, Miss Macgregor arriving before the formal entrance of the