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DEGREE CONFERRED

Duke Doctor of Laws

IMPRESSIVE CEREMONY

Adelaide University forged a permanent link with His Royal Highness the Duke of York when it conferred on him the degree of doctor of laws in Elder Hall this morning.

Dignified and impressive, the ceremony maintained the highest traditions of the university. It was a wholesome tribute to Royalty from men and women of proven ability, whose work in every branch of science and art has put them in the forefront of the community, and to the students who are following in their footsteps.

There was no anticlimax. A "mild sag" occurred, but it did not overstep the bounds of propriety. There were whispers that a gigantic "rag" had been planned in the union room afterward, but either the precautions taken were too stringent or the students lost heart at the last moment.

Strong Sir Douglas Mawson, Prof. W. R. Hancock, Sir Langdon Bonython, Mr. W. Rayly (head master of Prince Alfred College), Dr. F. W. Eardley, B.A. (registrar), lecturers, assistant lecturers, members of faculties and boards, and representatives of student organisations. The students were they seated when His Royal Highness, wearing the scarlet gown of a Doctor of Laws over his usual uniform, stood before the dais, flanked on either side by Sir Langdon Bonython and Prof. Osborn (marshals), and escorted by Sir Langdon Bonython and Prof. Osborn (marshals).

The Duke stood while the National Anthem was played, and remained standing and slightly smiling while "Boomalacka" was barked by the chorus at the back. He then ascended the dais, accompanied by Earl Cavan.

Duke Example to Students

In presenting the address of welcome Sir William Mitchell said that Adelaide University welcomed the Duke in loyalty and affection as a member of the Royal House whose personal qualities had endeared themselves to all, and because the mission upon which he had come was of the forefront of the commonwealth. The Duke, said the vice-chancellor, was an example to university men through his war service, and, since the war, through his practical efforts to improve social conditions.

Then Prof. A. L. Campbell (Dean of the Faculty of Law) presented His Royal Highness as a candidate for the degree. In conferring the degree Sir George Murray (Chancellor) said that within the existence of 31 years a King of England, a Prince of Wales, and a Duke of York had accented its degrees.

Through the liberality of benefactors and Parliament the University had been enabled to co-operate with the Federal Government and the Empire Marketing Board in London in research work. It was hoped that this would contribute toward the object in which the Duke was deeply interested—in the increase of production in Australia and the promotion of Imperial trade and settlement.

"And now, sir, by virtue of the authority committed to me I admit your Royal Highness to the rank and privileges of a Doctor of Laws in the University of Adelaide," concluded the chancellor.

There was renewed cheering as the Duke began his reply, which was punctuated by the noise of a demonstration from the students assembled on the lawns outside the University.

"I thank you very sincerely for the address with which you have just presented me, and for the kind expressions it contains," said the Duke. "I wish to assure you how highly I value the honour you have done in conferring upon me a degree. I am glad to renew in this way the personal associations which already exist between you and the members of my family to whom you have referred.

"Like my brother, the Prince of Wales, I attended a university at home as a student, so I do not altogether feel a stranger among you.

"I know a little of the problems which confront you, and I am indeed glad to hear that the Government and people of this State and its capital realise their responsibilities to their University, and have responded in a fine spirit of generosity.

"There are two matters on which I desire to comment. The first is the celebration of your jubilee last year, and the second the possession of an Agricultural Research Institute.

"I understand the object of that institute, it will draw closer the bonds between Australia and the mother country. It will serve a great Imperial purpose, a purpose which the Duchess and I are for our part trying to carry out in our tour through the Commonwealth.

Mission of Mutual Benefit

"The main object of our mission is indeed to inaugurate as His Majesty's representative the new Federal capital, but that is not all. We are also trying to learn something of the life of your people, and to understand their conditions by seeing them for ourselves.

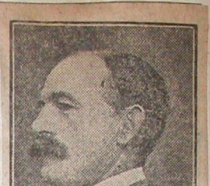
"We believe that it is the only way to master any subject, and we are anxious by this means to promote the spirit of mutual sympathy and co-operation within the Empire, such as exists here between the citizens of Adelaide and the members of the University.

"In fact, I should be glad to see an occasional interchange of some of the professors and students of Australia and Great Britain. I do not know if such a scheme is at all possible. If it is I for one am convinced that it would establish a personal touch which would prove of immense benefit to the British Empire.

"I wish you every increasing success in your magnificent work, and I thank you once more for your kindness in making me a member of the University of Adelaide, a position I am very proud to hold."

He concluded His Highness amid rousing cheers.

Outside waited a strong body of students surrounded by wooden barriers and fronted by police. As the Duke appeared at the entrance of Elder Hall after the ceremony, men students crowded round his car. His Royal Highness listened with a smile to a lusty rendering of "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow" and "Boomalacka."



THE LATE MR. JUSTICE POOLE.
Admitted to the Bar.

ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY CONFERS DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF LAWS ON DUKE OF YORK

Left to Right—Sir Douglas Mawson, Prof. Sir William Mitchell (Vice-Chancellor), the Duke of York, Prof. T. G. B. Osborn, and Sir Langdon Bonython.

"Distinguished Assembly

Elder Hall was thronged with a distinguished assembly. Before the ceremony began Prof. E. Harold Davies, Mus. Doc. (Director of Elder Conservatorium), gave an organ recital. The majestic chords were interspersed with hearty renderings of university songs and "Parley-voos," with lyrical variations, from students seated at the back of the dais.

Members of the Senate in academic dress made a spectacular entry into the hall. Then came the colorful procession of lecturers, members of boards, professors, and University council. For a moment the long line of gowns of diverse colors, flowing hoods, and mediaeval black velvet caps transformed the room into some mediaeval hall of learning.

To the solemn strains of the organ the procession filed slowly down the hall and up to the dais, Prof. Sir William Mitchell (Vice-Chancellor) and Sir George Murray (Chancellor) bringing up the rear. Mr. H. H. Bockelberg (president of the students' association) carried the mace. Fellow students made strenuous efforts to distinguish him, but not a smile could they evoke.

Notable Citizens

On the dais were Prof. R. W. Chapman, Mr. F. Rickersteth (head master of St. Peter's College), Hon. H. Harvey, M.L.C., Mr. W. G. T. Goode, Prof. J. Rose, Mr. E. W. Holden, R.S., Mr. L. S. Jose, Mr. W. Jobson, Mr. J. R. C., Mr. F. Anthoney, M.P., Prof. J. B. Cleland, Prof. A. E. V. Richardson, Prof. J. Wilson, Dr. Hele Dr. S. Hicks, Prof. T. G. B. Osborn, Prof. Young, Prof. J. McKellar Stewart, Mr. Gerald Dr. Bave Smith, Mr. E. J. Sheppard, Dr. Robert Hogg, Mr. T. Pascoe, M.L.C., Mr. Justice Angas, Mr. Justice Poole, Mayor Mr. A. Grenfell Price, Professor Helen Mayo, Mr. A. Greenfield, Prof. R. Wilton, Prof. Bradford Hill, Prof. Darnley Naylor, Prof. Arnold, Mr. Justice Murray, Mr. Justice Napier, Mr. Justice Piper, Mr. Justice Bakewell, Mr. Justice Ligertwood, Mr. Justice Mayo, Mr. Justice Reed, Mr. Justice Brady, Mr. Justice Richards, Mr. Justice Poole