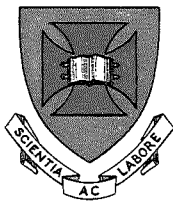


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## CONFERRING OF DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF LAWS "HONORIS CAUSA"

ALAN MANSFIELD

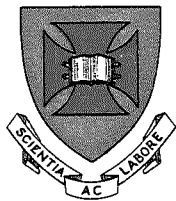
"MR. DEPUTY CHANCELLOR,

THE OCCASION WHICH PROMPTS ME TO ADDRESS YOU, RATHER THAN THE CHANCELLOR, IS A HAPPY ONE FOR ME AND FOR THE UNIVERSITY, FOR I AM INVITING YOU, PURSUANT TO A RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE TO CONFER ON THE CHANCELLOR, THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF LAWS 'HONORIS CAUSA'.

IT IS A HAPPY OCCASION BECAUSE WE ACCORD APPROPRIATE RECOGNITION TO ONE WHO HAS SERVED THE UNIVERSITY AND THE COMMUNITY OF THIS STATE AND THIS NATION WITH GREAT DISTINCTION OVER MANY YEARS.

OF THE ASSOCIATION OF THE CHANCELLOR WITH THIS UNIVERSITY LET ME SPEAK FIRST. THOUGH ABERRANT JUDGMENT TOOK ONE BORN IN INDOOROOPILLY TO A SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY, HE HAS SINCE REPENTED OF THIS SIN AND HE SERVED THE FACULTY OF LAW AS LECTURER IN THE MELANCHOLY SUBJECT OF BANKRUPTCY FROM 1938 TO 1940. FROM 1956 UNTIL 1966 HE SERVED AS WARDEN OF CONVOCATION, AND SINCE 1966 HE HAS BEEN OUR CHANCELLOR. IN OUR TIME IT IS AN UNUSUAL THING FOR ONE HOLDING THE HIGH OFFICE OF GOVERNOR OF THE STATE TO SERVE AS CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY, AND I CAN SAY WITH VERY CERTAIN PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE AFTER AN ACADEMIC YEAR AS VICE-CHANCELLOR THAT THE CHANCELLOR TAKES THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF HIS HIGH UNIVERSITY OFFICE VERY SERIOUSLY. ON SENATE DAYS HE REQUIRES HIS OFFICERS TO GO THROUGH THE BUSINESS OF THE SENATE WITH HIM IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING IN CLOSE DETAIL. IF IT IS NOT IMPERTINENCE FOR ME TO SAY SO, HE COMES TO SENATE VERY WELL INFORMED. WITH GREAT DIGNITY, WITH KINDNESS AND WITH FIRMNESS, HE CONTROLS THAT AUGUST BODY THROUGH MEETINGS WHICH, LET THIS

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NEWCOMER LAMENT, STRETCH ON TO THE STILL WATCHES OF THE NIGHT AND, ON OCCASION, HORRIBILE DICTU, INTO THE EARLY HOURS OF THE MORNING. HE DOES NOT FLAG. HE SHOWS GREAT INTEREST IN THE AFFAIRS OF THE UNIVERSITY; HE IS EVER WILLING TO ATTEND TO ITS BUSINESS AND TO ITS PROBLEMS, AND HE IS OUR SPOKESMAN IN MANY PLACES. WE ARE PROFOUNDLY GRATEFUL TO HIM FOR HIS LONG AND DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND AND WE HOPE THAT HE WILL LONG CONTINUE TO SERVE IT IN HIS HIGH OFFICE.

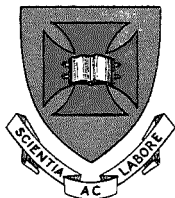
FOR THIS SERVICE ALONE IT WERE ENOUGH TO HONOUR HIM AND OURSELVES BY CONFERRING THIS DEGREE UPON HIM. BUT TO THIS MUST BE ADDED HIS DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVICE. HE CAME TO THE BENCH OF THE SUPREME COURT OF QUEENSLAND AS A YOUNG MAN AT A TIME WHEN YOUNG MEN WERE NOT COMMONLY PREFERRED; HE WAS A MEMBER OF THAT BENCH FOR A QUARTER CENTURY AND FOR TEN YEARS HE WAS CHIEF JUSTICE OF QUEENSLAND. HE WAS A HUMANE, HARD WORKING AND DEEPLY RESPECTED JUDGE.

DURING THESE YEARS HE ALSO SERVED BOTH STATE AND COMMONWEALTH ON IMPORTANT BOARDS AND COMMITTEES. HE WAS AUSTRALIAN REPRESENTATIVE ON THE UNITED NATIONS WAR CRIMES COMMISSION IN 1945, AND WAS CHIEF AUSTRALIAN PROSECUTOR AT THE INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST IN THE FOLLOWING YEAR.

SINCE 1966, HE HAS BEEN GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF QUEENSLAND. HE HAS TWICE BEEN HONOURED, AS KNIGHT COMMANDER OF THE MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER OF ST. MICHAEL AND ST. GEORGE AND AS KNIGHT COMMANDER OF THE ROYAL VICTORIAN ORDER.

FOR ALL THESE REASONS, FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY DURING YEARS OF GREAT GROWTH AND EXPANSION, FOR HIS WISE, MODERATE AND FIRM LEADERSHIP OF THE UNIVERSITY IN TIMES

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OF SOME DIFFICULTY, FOR HIS CONSPICUOUS PUBLIC SERVICE IN DIVERSE FIELDS - IT IS FITTING THAT THE UNIVERSITY SHOULD HONOUR HIM. A UNIVERSITY TAKES PLEASURE IN THE AWARD OF HONORARY DEGREES TO MEN AND WOMEN OF DISTINCTION; IT TAKES VERY GREAT PLEASURE IN THE AWARD OF SUCH A DEGREE TO ONE WHO IS, SO DISTINCTIVELY, ITS OWN.

MR. DEPUTY CHANCELLOR, I PRESENT TO YOU ALAN MANSFIELD, KNIGHT COMMANDER OF THE MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER OF ST. MICHAEL AND ST. GEORGE, KNIGHT COMMANDER OF THE ROYAL VICTORIAN ORDER, BACHELOR OF LAWS, FOR ADMISSION TO THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF LAWS 'HONORIS CAUSA'.

Deputy Chancellor says:

"ALAN MANSFIELD BY THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AND UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR, I ADMIT YOU TO THE RANK AND PRIVILEGES OF THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF LAWS 'HONORIS CAUSA' IN THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND."

DATED THIS FOURTEENTH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1970.