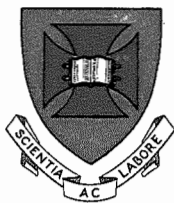


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Warden bows to Deputy Chancellor and retires.

Marshal doffs to Deputy Chancellor and says:

"MR. DEPUTY CHANCELLOR,

WE ARE GATHERED THIS EVENING TO CONFER DIPLOMAS AND DEGREES ON CANDIDATES WHO HAVE QUALIFIED THEREFOR - WOULD IT PLEASE YOU NOW TO ADDRESS THE AUDIENCE."

DEPUTY CHANCELLOR'S ADDRESS.

After the Deputy Chancellor's address, Marshal doffs to Deputy Chancellor and says:

"MR. DEPUTY CHANCELLOR,

MAY I PRESENT TO YOU PROFESSOR TEAKLE, ACTING VICE-CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND."

ACTING VICE-CHANCELLOR'S ADDRESS.

After his address the Acting Vice-Chancellor moves to the second lectern, the Marshal brings Mr. Simmonds to him and the Acting Vice-Chancellor says:

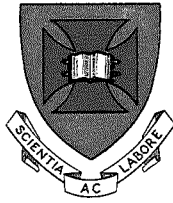
"MR. DEPUTY CHANCELLOR,

IT HAS PLEASSED THE SENATE TO AUTHORIZE THE ADMISSION OF MR. JOHN HOWARD SIMMONDS TO THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF SCIENCE 'HONORIS CAUSA'."

JOHN HOWARD SIMMONDS GRADUATED FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND WITH FIRST CLASS HONOURS IN SCIENCE IN 1923. HE LATER RETURNED TO THE UNIVERSITY TO UNDERTAKE POSTGRADUATE WORK IN PLANT PATHOLOGY, GAINING HIS MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN 1925.

FROM 1923, TO HIS RETIREMENT IN 1966, HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE QUEENSLAND DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND STOCK. HIS APPOINTMENT AS THE FIRST FULL-TIME PLANT PATHOLOGIST TO THE DEPARTMENT, LED TO HIS HEADSHIP OF THE SCIENCE BRANCH WHERE HE DIRECTED THE

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DEPARTMENT'S ACTIVITY IN PLANT PATHOLOGY, ENTOMOLOGY AND BOTANY. DURING THE SECOND WORLD WAR, HE SERVED AS A MAJOR WITH THE SECOND A.I.F. AND CONDUCTED SUCCESSFUL MOSQUITO CONTROL WORK WHICH ATTRACTED WIDE INTEREST. HIS WORK AND PERSONAL QUALITIES WERE RECOGNISED BY THE AWARD OF A MILITARY M.B.E.

BESIDES HIS HIGH ACADEMIC ATTAINMENTS, JOHN SIMMONDS BECAME RECOGNISED AS A COMPETENT NATURALIST EARLY IN HIS CAREER. HIS WIDE KNOWLEDGE OF QUEENSLAND CONDITIONS, AND HIS DEVOTION TO HIS PROFESSION, LED HIM TO MAKE CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE FIELD OF TROPICAL FRUIT CROP RESEARCH WHICH HAVE BEEN OF OUTSTANDING VALUE TO THE FRUIT INDUSTRY OF QUEENSLAND. UNDER HIS ENTHUSIASTIC AND LIBERAL LEADERSHIP, THERE DEVELOPED A FINE RESEARCH TEAM CHARACTERISED BY ITS DEPTH OF ENQUIRY AND APPRECIATION OF THE NEED FOR FUNDAMENTAL UNDERSTANDING OF PLANT DISEASES TO IMPROVE PRACTICES FOR THE PROTECTION OF CROPS.

THROUGH HIS PUBLICATIONS, EXTENSION WORK, AND SERVICE ON COMMITTEES AND ADVISORY BODIES, JOHN SIMMONDS MADE THE BENEFITS OF HIS WORK WIDELY AVAILABLE TO THE AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF QUEENSLAND IN PARTICULAR AND IN MANY OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD.

MR. DEPUTY CHANCELLOR, I PRESENT TO YOU JOHN HOWARD SIMMONDS, MEMBER OF THE MOST EXCELLENT ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE AND MASTER OF SCIENCE FOR ADMISSION TO THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF SCIENCE 'HONORIS CAUSA'."