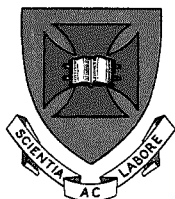


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## VICE-CHANCELLOR

After his address, the Vice-Chancellor remains standing at the lectern, the Marshal brings Dr. Summerville to him, and he seeks his admission to the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws.

### THE VICE-CHANCELLOR SAYS -

MR. CHANCELLOR, IT HAS PLEASSED THE SENATE TO AUTHORISE THE ADMISSION OF WILLIAM ALAN THOMPSON SUMMERVILLE TO THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF LAWS "HONORIS CAUSA".

DR. ALAN SUMMERVILLE IS A FIRST CLASS SCIENTIST AND A REMARKABLY ABLE ADMINISTRATOR. EDUCATED AT IPSWICH GRAMMAR SCHOOL HE GRADUATED AS A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE FROM THIS UNIVERSITY IN 1929 AND FOUR YEARS LATER AS MASTER OF SCIENCE.

DURING FORTY YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE IN QUEENSLAND HE HAS MADE AN OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO AGRICULTURE.

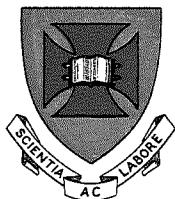
HE WORKED FIRST AS AN ENTOMOLOGIST AND LATER AS A HORTICULTURALIST.

HIS SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE WAS EARLY USED, APPROPRIATELY ENOUGH AS A NATIVE BORN "BANANALANDER" ON THE PHYSIOLOGY OF THE BANANA PLANT. THE STANDARD OF HIS SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH EARNED HIM THE HIGH AWARD OF DOCTOR OF SCIENCE OF THIS UNIVERSITY IN 1944.

FROM 1947 DR. SUMMERVILLE WAS DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF PLANT INDUSTRY.

NOW IN A FORCEFUL COMMENTARY ON HIS TIMES, JOHN MILTON IN LYCIDAS COMPLAINED THAT, "THE HUNGRY SHEEP LOOK UP AND ARE NOT FED". BUT THE VERY ANTITHESIS OF THIS METAPHOR CHARACTERISED DR. SUMMERVILLE'S CARE OF THE STATE'S PLANT INDUSTRY. FOR TEN YEARS, UNDER HIS SKILLED LEADERSHIP SCIENTIFIC SERVICES TO THE STATE WERE VERY GREATLY EXPANDED.

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## VICE-CHANCELLOR (cont.)

AS DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF AGRICULTURE HIS STATUS IS VERY HIGH, NOT ONLY IN QUEENSLAND, BUT ALSO IN COMMONWEALTH AND INTERNATIONAL SPHERES. HE HAS MADE AN OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO THE AUSTRALIAN AGRICULTURAL COUNCIL AND TO THE SUGAR INDUSTRY.

TO THIS UNIVERSITY DR. SUMMERVILLE HAS GIVEN NONE THE LESS UNSTINTINGLY HIS WISE COUNSEL AND HIS SCIENTIFIC ADVICE, AND WE HAVE REASON TO BE DEEPLY GRATEFUL FOR HIS GENEROUS CONCEPTION OF HIS DUTY AS A MEMBER OF THE SENATE.

ALL THE WHILE ALAN SUMMERVILLE STUDIED THE FLIES AND THE FLOWERS, THE PLANTS AND THE PADDOCKS, THE FLOCKS AND THE HERDS, HE ALSO STUDIED HUMAN NATURE.

HE EARLY LEARNT THAT THERE IS NO GARDEN WITHOUT ITS WEEDS AND THAT ONE FLOWER MAKES NO GARDEN. ALL THIS HAS SERVED HIM WELL IN HIS PUBLIC RELATIONS.

UNDOUBTEDLY HE HAS BEEN A STRIKING SUCCESS AS AN ADMINISTRATOR. AND THE STRONG SUPPORT THAT IS SO UNIVERSALLY GIVEN TO HIM STEMS FROM HIS CLEAR THINKING, HIS WISE DECISIONS AND HIS WARM UNDERSTANDING OF MEN AND WOMEN.

HIS PENETRATING MIND COMBINED WITH HIS WARM HUMANISM COUPLED WITH A PRETTY WIT, ADROITLY APPLIED, HAS SMOOTHED THE WAY AND REVEALED THE ANSWERS IN MANY CONFERENCES.

DR. SUMMERVILLE IS A GREAT SON OF QUEENSLAND WHO HAS BROUGHT LUSTRE TO HIS UNIVERSITY, AND DISTINCTION TO HIS STATE.

MR. CHANCELLOR, I PRESENT TO YOU WILLIAM ALAN THOMPSON SUMMERVILLE, DOCTOR OF SCIENCE, FELLOW OF THE AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE, DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF AGRICULTURE IN THIS STATE FOR ADMISSION TO THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF LAWS "HONORIS CAUSA".