UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND



ADMISSION TO THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF LAWS - HONORIS CAUSA

"Mr. Chancellor,

It has pleased the Senate to authorise the admission of Robert Bowden Madgwick, Vice-Chancellor of the University of New England, to the Degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris.causa.

Robert Bowden Madgwick is an outstanding scholar and University Administrator. Following a brilliant career in the University of Sydney, during which he was awarded University Medals for both his First and Higher Degrees, he became a Senior Lecturer at that Institution.

He proceeded to further Academic Honours as Rockfeller Research Fellow in the Social Sciences and in 1936 he took his Doctorate of Philosophy at the University of Oxford.

When the nation was at war it was Colonel Madgwick's responsibility to develop the Australian Army Education Service and later he was one of the major Architects of the Commonwealth Reconstruction Training Scheme. Both projects he carried through with conspicuous success.

Following his outstanding wartime contribution this distinguished Scholar was seconded by the Commonwealth Government to play an important part in the establishment of the Australian National University.

In 1947 he became Warden of New England University College, It was largely due to his wisdom - a blend of fine scholarship, outstanding leadership and creative power - that led to the College reaching full stature as the University of New England in 1954 when Dr. Madgwick became its first Vice-Chancellor.

Mr. Chancellor, I present to you Robert Bowden Madgwick,
Master of Economics, Doctor of Philosophy, Fellow of the
Australian College of Education, Vice-Chancellor of the University
of New England, for admission to the Degree of Doctor of Laws,
honoris causa."