

"MR. CHANCELLOR,

AUSTRALIA OWES A GREAT DEAL TO HER ADOPTED SONS MANY OF WHOM HAVE ENRICHED HER LIFE AND FOSTERED HER DEVELOPMENT. ONE OF THE MOST DISTINGUISHED OF THESE IS ALEXANDER JAMES REID, GRADUATE AND CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA. DURING NEARLY FIFTY YEARS IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA, SIR ALEX OCCUPIED A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT POSITIONS LEADING TO HIS APPOINTMENT AS UNDER-TREASURER IN 1938. IN PARTICULAR, HE MADE A NOTABLE CONTRIBUTION IN 1925 TO THE ECONOMIC LIFE OF THIS COUNTRY BY PREPARING STATISTICAL DATA FOR THE FIRST BASIC WAGE DECLARATION BY THE COURT OF ARBITRATION IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA. HE REPRESENTED WESTERN AUSTRALIA IN ITS CLAIM TO THE COMMONWEALTH GRANTS COMMISSION, AND IS NOW A MEMBER OF THIS COMMISSION.

SIR ALEX HAS DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF IN MANY OTHER SPHERES OF COMMUNITY LIFE. HE HAS DEVOTED HIMSELF TO YOUTH ACTIVITIES, TO HIS CHURCH, AND TO EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS OF THE STATE, INCLUDING ADULT EDUCATION AND MUSICAL FESTIVALS. THROUGHOUT HIS LIFE, SIR ALEX HAS APPLIED HIS OUTSTANDING CAPACITY FOR CO-ORDINATING, AND BRINGING TO FRUITION THOSE DIVERGENT VIEWS WHICH ARE SO OFTEN FOUND IN ADMINISTRATIVE, SOCIAL, AND EDUCATIONAL CIRCLES. HIS WISE COUNSEL, COUPLED WITH A SCOTTISH WIT, GENTLY APPLIED, HAS SMOOTHED THE WAY IN MANY CONFERENCES.

MR. CHANCELLOR, I PRESENT TO YOU SIR ALEX REID, KNIGHT BACHELOR, COMPANION OF THE MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER OF ST. MICHAEL AND ST. GEORGE, COMPANION OF THE IMPERIAL SERVICE ORDER, CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA, FOR ADMISSION TO THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF LAWS, HONORIS CAUSA."

27. CHANCELLOR says:

"ALEXANDER JAMES REID, BY THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AND UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SENATE AND THE ASSURANCE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE PROFESSORIAL BOARD, I ADMIT YOU TO THE RANK AND PRIVILEGES OF THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF LAWS, HONORIS CAUSA, IN THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND."

28. SIR ALEX REID, escorted by JUNIOR PROCTOR, approaches CHANCELLOR, shakes hands, receives certificate and is escorted back to seat by JUNIOR PROCTOR.

PRESIDENT OF BOARD remains at microphone.