

31. SIR LESLIE MARTIN, escorted by JUNIOR PROCTOR approaches CHANCELLOR, shakes hands, receives certificate and is escorted back to his seat by JUNIOR PROCTOR.

PRESIDENT OF BOARD remains at microphone.

JUNIOR PROCTOR doffs to SIR GEORGE PATON and escorts him to stand beside PRESIDENT OF BOARD. JUNIOR PROCTOR stands behind SIR GEORGE PATON.

32. PRESIDENT OF BOARD doffs to CHANCELLOR and says:

"MR. CHANCELLOR,

SIR GEORGE WHITECROSS PATON IS AN OUTSTANDING SCHOLAR AND UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATOR. AFTER A DISTINGUISHED ACADEMIC CAREER AT THE UNIVERSITIES OF MELBOURNE AND OXFORD HE WAS APPOINTED TO THE CHAIR OF JURISPRUDENCE IN THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE AT THE TENDER AGE OF TWENTY-NINE. HE HAS BEEN BOTH DEAN OF THE FACULTY OF LAW AND PRESIDENT OF THE PROFESSORIAL BOARD OF THAT UNIVERSITY. HE BECAME VICE-CHANCELLOR IN 1951.

IN 1946 PROFESSOR PATON PUBLISHED HIS TEXTBOOK OF JURISPRUDENCE, WHICH PROMPTED A LEARNED ENGLISH REVIEWER TO SUGGEST THAT ONE MUST GO TO THE ANTIPODES IN ORDER TO OBTAIN A TRUER PERSPECTIVE OF THE COMMON LAW, AND THEN RE-IMPORT INTO ENGLAND A DEEPER INSIGHT INTO THAT SYSTEM. IN THE SAME YEAR PROFESSOR PATON FOUNDED THE AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITIES' LAW SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION, THROUGH WHICH THE SEVERAL LAW SCHOOLS HAVE OVERCOME THEIR PREVIOUS ISOLATION. IN 1952 HIS SECOND MAJOR PUBLICATION, BAILMENT IN THE COMMON LAW, APPEARED.

LAWYERS MAY REGRET THE LOSS CAUSED TO LEGAL LITERATURE AND LAW TEACHING BY PROFESSOR PATON'S ELEVATION TO HIS PRESENT OFFICE, BUT THE TALENTS SO EMINENTLY DISPLAYED IN HIS EARLIER CAREER NOW SERVE THE WHOLE CAUSE OF UNIVERSITY EDUCATION IN ITS PRESENT DIFFICULT PHASE OF UNPARALLELED EXPANSION.

MR. CHANCELLOR, I PRESENT TO YOU PROFESSOR SIR GEORGE PATON, KNIGHT BACHELOR, VICE-CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE, AND CHAIRMAN OF THE VICE-CHANCELLORS' COMMITTEE, FOR ADMISSION TO THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF LAWS, HONORIS CAUSA."

33. CHANCELLOR says:

"GEORGE WHITECROSS PATON, 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."