

7/11/50  
DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (HONORIS CAUSA) CONFERRED ON  
LEWIS DAVID EDWARDS, M.A., DIRECTOR GENERAL OF EDUCATION.

At the meeting of the Senate of the University held at St. Lucia on the 15th instant (the first occasion on which a meeting of a University Senate has been held there, the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (honoris causa) was conferred on Lewis David Edwards, M.A., Director-General of Education. There is not a degree of Doctor of Education in the Faculty of Education. This is the first doctorate in Philosophy to be conferred by the Queensland University. Mr. Edwards is a product of the National System of Education. He joined the State teaching service in 1899 and has served as pupil teacher, teacher of small schools, assistant teacher in primary and secondary schools, Chief Inspector, Director of Education and Under Secretary, and as Director-General of Education. He was also for a period, Lecturer and Acting Professor in Logic and Philosophy in the Queensland University. In 1935 Mr. Edwards visited America, Britain, and Europe, under the auspices of the Carnegie Corporation of New York, to study Education systems. In 1947 Mr. Edwards was selected by the Commonwealth Government as a member of a delegation from Australia to attend a conference of the United Nations Educational, Social and Cultural Organisation which was held in Mexico City in November of that year.

Mr. Edwards is the first Director-General of Education under the University Co-ordination Act which came into force in 1943. In that capacity he is an ex officio Member of the Senate of the University and also acts as a Member of, and Chairman of, The Academic Standing Committee of the University, The University Scholarships Board, the Board of Post-primary Studies and Examinations, and the Board of Adult Education.

Apart from his services to the State and the University, Mr. Edwards has given unstintingly of his talents to the Community in Literature, Art, Music and otherwise.

ADMISSION TO DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Honoris Causa - Lewis David EDWARDS.

After admission of graduates ad eundem gradum, Deputy Chancellor deffs to Chancellor and says:

"Mr. Chancellor:

It has pleased the Senate to authorise the admission of Lewis David Edwards, Master of Arts of this University, on this occasion to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, honoris causa, for his long and worthy service to the University of Queensland. Mr. Edwards has given service as Teacher, Lecturer, Professor, Organiser, Administrator, Director, Leader, and Ambassador of Education for Australia. Today, in years of occupancy of the office, Mr. Edwards is the senior of the Directors-General of Education in Australia and none is held in higher repute. To the University itself Mr. Edwards has rendered signal service; he has been a useful member of the Senate.

Mr. Edwards is the first Director-General of Education under the University Co-ordination Act; he has assisted materially in the co-ordination of pre-University and University education, and has done much to ensure the smooth working of the Co-ordination Act.

It is felt that by conferring a doctorate upon Mr. Edwards and he is entirely worthy - the Senate is honouring also, not only the Department of Education, but the whole of the Teaching Services for those services, both governmental and non-governmental, which are now linked with the University through the Co-ordination Act and its operative sections.

"Mr. Chancellor,

I present to you Lewis David Edwards for admission to

the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, honoris causa, in the University of Queensland, and I certify to you and to the whole University that he has been found worthy of that honour."

Chancellor says:

"Lewis David Edwards", by the authority vested in me and upon the recommendation of the Senate and the assurance of the Deputy Chancellor, I admit you to the rank and privileges of the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy, honoris causa, in the University of Queensland.

(Candidate proceeds and is greeted by Chancellor.)

Dated this fifth day of May, 1950.

Deputy Chancellor.

Chancellor.

Registrar.