

DOUGLAS JAMES SMYTH CROZIER, C.M.G.

Anyone who has given more than three decades of his lifetime to outstanding public service certainly deserves recognition. Dr. Crozier not only devoted 31 years of his valuable life to the public service of Hong Kong, but wholly dedicated it to the cause of education, which endears him to all of us who have education at our hearts.

Dr. Crozier joined the Department of Education of the Hong Kong Government in 1931. He soon distinguished himself as a gifted teacher, respected both by colleagues and pupils. It was also clear in his early years of service here that he was not only a dedicated teacher but strived to establish a proper standing of his profession in the community. To this end, he was a prime mover in the establishment of the Hong Kong Teachers' Association.

After the Pacific War, he was appointed Senior Inspector of Schools and became increasingly involved in educational administration. He played a significant role in the educational reconstruction of Hong Kong, in the face of pressing demands on education since the end of the war. His outstanding performance and sense of dedication made him the obvious choice for the important and exacting post of Director of Education in 1951. During his tenure of office, phenomenal progress was made in the field of education: an ambitious 7-year primary school expansion programme; schemes to provide aid to numerous schools; the introduction of the Chinese School Certificate Examination; the development of post-secondary colleges towards university status; and the establishment of the Grantham Training College, the Technical College, and the Evening School of Higher Chinese Studies, just to mention a few. School enrolment nearly quadrupled during his term of office. Because of his ability and experience, he was subsequently called upon to serve on the Legislative and Executive Councils and, in recognition of his worthy contribution to Hong Kong's educational development, Her Majesty the Queen appointed him to be a Companion of the Order of St. Michael and St. George in 1957.

The Chinese University of Hong Kong has a special affection and regard for Dr. Crozier since our University, established in 1963, is the fruit of the seed sown during Dr. Crozier's incumbency as Director of Education. In that capacity, he worked quietly but firmly behind the scenes towards the creation of this institution. This is a fitting occasion to express our appreciation to Dr. Crozier, who has given so

much to the development of Hong Kong's education, including the birth of this University.

It is therefore with gratitude and affection that our University is presenting to you, Mr. Chancellor, Douglas James Smyth Crozier as a candidate for the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.