

The building in which we are now assembled is the latest addition to our growing University. Before your visit is over you will see that much further development lies ahead, and that we are preparing for it. Those next developments will be scientific—large teaching and research laboratories for Chemistry and Physics, but this building will minister to us all—it will give us a hall for our larger meetings and assemblies, a large and well equipped Refectory, and the common rooms and Union offices which our student body urgently needs.

We have named this central building after our senior Pro-Chancellor, Mr. H. Percy Gee, Chairman of Council, whose connection with the University spans the whole period of its existence from the birth of the College to your own sovereign act of recognition. In that long period his inspiration and interest have touched every aspect of our affairs. We are delighted that he is here today.

I now invite Your Majesty to declare the Building open.

To which Addresses Her Majesty was pleased to return the following gracious Answer:—

I thank you, my Lord Mayor, and you, Mr. Chancellor, for your kind and loyal words, and I thank the citizens of Leicester and the members of the University for their warm and hearty greetings.

Your double welcome to me and to my husband and your assembly here in one building do indeed demonstrate the strength of the bond between City and University.

Your City, rich in history, and so closely linked with the story of Parliament, has always been a great centre of communications. Today one of the foremost industrial towns in England, it also cherishes the things of the mind and spirit. Your concert hall, named after Simon de Montfort, whose name lives in our national history as well as in your local records, draws its audience throughout the Midlands; your museum holds examples of the art of many centuries from the relics of the Roman occupation to the masters of modern painting; and your schools and colleges, of ancient and modern foundation, are among the best in the land. Side by side with these, your University, giving equal place to the arts and the sciences, equips young men and women with a liberal education and inspires research in aid of modern industry and commerce.

Just as Leicester is the meeting place of the various communities, agricultural and industrial, that live round about, so this building in which we are assembled will be the meeting place of the University. Hence its special importance. It is sometimes said that the student and the research worker risk losing touch with the outside world; it is therefore all to the good that they should have every opportunity of meeting and mixing with others, not only in debates or discussions, but also at meal times and at leisure. They cannot get the best out of their studies unless they come together and exchange ideas and experiences.

This building will help them to do this: it will be not only a centre for members of the University but the place where they receive visitors and friends with all kinds of interests. I hope that it will serve to join the University ever more closely with the City, and with the surrounding countryside.

I congratulate all those who have taken part in the planning, construction and equipment of the building, and I have much pleasure, Mr. Chancellor, in declaring it open.

*Crown Office,
House of Lords, S.W.1.*

12th May, 1958.

The QUEEN has been pleased by Warrant under Her Royal Sign Manual dated the 12th May, 1958, to appoint Major John Melville Kennan, to be a Judge of County Courts.

Buckingham Palace, 5th May, 1958.

This day had Audience of The QUEEN:—

His Excellency Señor Doctor Don Antonio Bermúdez Milla, to present the Letters of Recall of his predecessor Señor Ingeniero Don Arturo López Rodezno, and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Republic of Honduras.

Buckingham Palace, 8th May, 1958.

This day had Audience of The QUEEN:—

His Excellency El Marqués de Santa Cruz, to present the Letters of Recall of his predecessor El Duque de Primo de Rivera, and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Spanish State.

*Colonial Office,
The Church House,
Great Smith Street, London, S.W.1.*

5th May, 1958.

The QUEEN has been pleased to give directions for the appointment of Japhet Avugwe, Esq., to be a Nominated Member of the Legislative Council of the Colony of Kenya.

Admiralty.

Whitehall, S.W.1.

13th May, 1958.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards of the Polar Medal for good services as members of the Commonwealth Trans-Antarctic Expedition, 1956-1958:—

Second Clasp to the Polar Medal.

Kenneth Victor BLAICKLOCK.

Clasp to the Polar Medal.

Dr. Vivian Ernest FUCHS, M.A., Ph.D.

Lieutenant-Commander Francis Richard BROOKE, Royal Navy.

Warrant Officer Class II Desmond Edgar Lemna! HOMARD, Corps of Electrical and Mechanical Engineers.

Dr. Harold LISTER.

Dr. George Walter MARSH, M.R.C.S., M.R.C.P.

David George STRATTON.

Polar Medal.

Sir Edmund Percival HILLARY, K.B.E.

Harry Herbert AYRES.

Dr. Ronald Walter BALHAM.

James Gordon BATES.

Ernest Selwyn BUCKNEL.

Roy Albert CARLYON.

Squadron Leader John Richard CLAYDON, Royal New Zealand Air Force.

Flying Officer William Joseph CRANFIELD, Royal New Zealand Air Force.

Murray Hamilton DOUGLAS.

Murray Roland ELLIS.

John Edward GAWN.

Dr. Rainer GOLDSMITH, M.B., B.Chir.

Bernard Maurice GUNN.

Flight Lieutenant Gordon Murray HASLOP, Royal Air Force.

Peter Harry JEFFRIES.

Johannes Jacobus LA GRANGE.

Ralph Anthony LENTON.

Squadron Leader John Harding LEWIS, A.F.C., Royal Air Force.

Wallace George LOWE, O.B.E.

Joseph Holmes MILLER.

Chief Radio Electrician Peter David MULGREW, Royal New Zealand Navy.

David Lynn PRATT.

John Geoffrey Drewe PRATT.

Dr. Allan Frederick ROGERS, M.D., Ch.B.

Dr. Philip Jon STEPHENSON.

Reginald Horace Anthony STEWART.

Flight Sergeant Laurence Walter TARR, Royal New Zealand Air Force.

Guyon WARREN.

Flight Sergeant Peter WESTON, Royal Air Force.

Acting Flight Sergeant Ellis WILLIAMS, Royal Air Force.

Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the East Riding of the County of York and of the City and County of Kingston upon Hull.

Honorary Colonel Rupert Alexander Alec-Smith, T.D., of Old Rectory, Winestead, Hull, to be a Deputy Lieutenant of the East Riding of the County of York and of the City and County of Kingston upon Hull—dated the 8th day of May, 1958.

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