

THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

TWENTY-FIFTH CONGREGATION

Conferment of the Degree of Doctor of Science, *honoris causa*

*A Citation*

Sir William Melville Arnott, TD, DSc(Hon), LLD(Hon)

The academic community of Hong Kong owes much to the Hippocratic devotion of Sir Melville Arnott the eminent scientist and educator. For more than ten years (1964-75) he served as a member of the Hong Kong University and Polytechnic Grants Committee. When the Medical Advisory Committee of The Chinese University of Hong Kong was formed in 1976, he was appointed one of its founding members and has been instrumental in the planning and establishment of the University's Faculty of Medicine.

Sir Melville has long enjoyed international reputation as a medical scholar. At the University of Edinburgh he earned his BSc with First Class Honours in Pathology in 1934, and his MD with Gold Medal and Gunning Prize in Pathology in 1937. In 1947 he further obtained an MD at the University of Birmingham. Starting his distinguished career as Lecturer in Therapeutics at the University of Edinburgh, he was for a long period associated with the University of Birmingham as the William Withering Professor of Medicine (1946-71) and then the British Heart Foundation Professor of Cardiology (1971-74), and Physician of University of Birmingham Hospitals (1946-74). During World War II he served as Lieutenant Colonel R.A.M.C. in China, Malaya, Palestine, North Africa, and N.W. Europe.

As a distinguished member of ten medical societies in the United Kingdom, including the Association of Physicians, Pathological Society, and Cardiac Society, he has also been Senior Vice-President and Censor of Royal College of Physicians, London; and Consultant Physician, Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh. Sir Melville is now Professor Emeritus of Medicine, University of Birmingham and Honorary Consulting Physician at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital.

Over the years, Sir Melville has published many scientific papers in leading periodicals all over the world, particularly British Journal of Social Medicine, Quarterly Journal of Medicine, and Journal of Physiology. Knighted in 1971, Sir Melville is the recipient of many other honours and awards including Territorial Decoration (and clasps), 1944; Foundation Fellow, Royal College of Pathologists, 1963; Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians, London (1951) and Edinburgh (1937); Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh; Hon. FRCP (C), 1957; Hon. FACP, 1968; Hon. DSc, Edinburgh, 1975; and Hon. LLD, Rhodesia and Dundee, 1976.

For his service to the medical world in general and to this University in particular, Mr. Chancellor, I request Your Excellency to confer on Sir William Melville Arnott the degree of Doctor of Science, *honoris causa*.

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