

SIR CHRISTOPHER WILLIAM MACHELL COX, K.C.M.G., M.A.

Being members of a university community, we feel great affinity for and understanding of a man who has given years of service in the field of education. Christopher William Machell Cox was educated at Clifton and Balliol College, Oxford. In 1926 he became a fellow of New College, Oxford and in 1934 he was Dean. His life was not to be limited to the hallowed halls of Oxford; his experience was not to be only in strictly that of a teacher. In 1937 Sir Christopher became Director of Education, in the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, and Principal of Gordon College, Khartoum. A period of extended service followed when he was the Educational Adviser to the Secretary of State for the Colonies 1940-61, and Educational Adviser to the Secretary for Technical Cooperation 1961-64, and then to the Ministry of Overseas Development.

Sir Christopher's influence has touched undergraduates of New College. Doubtless his graduates in Khartoum are now responsible leaders of government. The world wide responsibilities and contacts of Britain have enabled him to touch education in many areas.

The Chinese University of Hong Kong has gained through his direct interest and advice and is greatly strengthened through the financial support for the Central Science Laboratories which he helped to secure for Her Majesty's Government.

Mr. Vice-Chancellor, as an exponent of the finest in education and as one who has served the cause of education in many parts of the world, we commend to you Sir Christopher for the degree Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*.