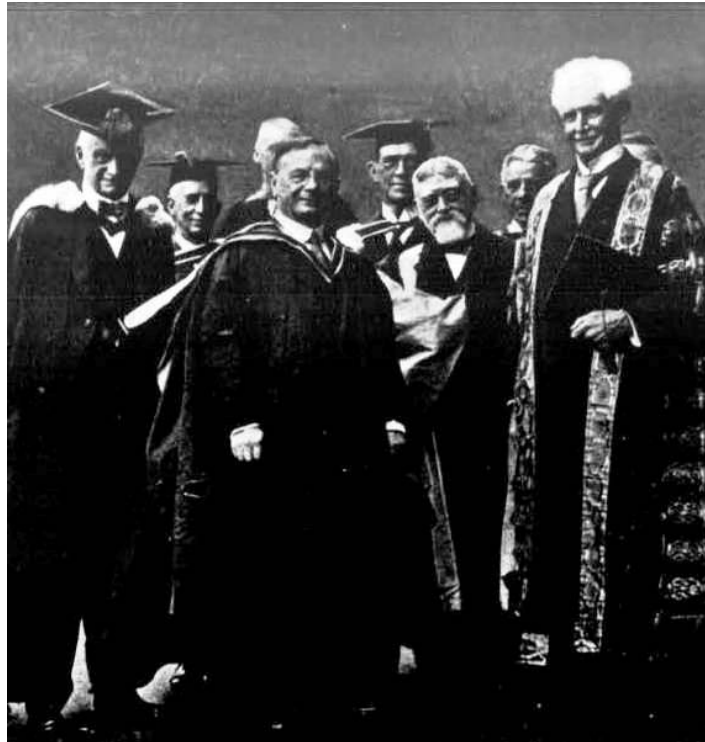


Mr Leopold Charles Maurice Stennett Amery

The degree of Master of Arts* was conferred [i|ad eundem gradum]] upon Leopold Charles Maurice Stennett Amery by the Chancellor Sir William Cullen on 17 November 1927.

Mr Amery was British Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs and was visiting Australia as part of a tour of the the British Empire.

** As there was no provision in the University Act until 1952 for conferring of honorary degrees by the University of Sydney, the University awarded a number of degrees 'ad eundem gradum' - mostly Doctor of Laws - as a mark of special honour. Those who received this award included members of the Royal Family, Governors-General, distinguished soldiers and leaders of industry.*



From left: Judge Backhouse, Mr C B Fletcher, Mr Amery, Dr George Abbott, Sir Mungo MacCallum (Vice-Chancellor), Mr A M Eedy and Sir William Cullen (Chancellor) pictured after the ceremony, *photo, The Sydney Mail, 23 November 1927, Google News Archive.*

Citation

The Vice-Chancellor Sir Mungo MacCallum presented Mr Amery to the Chancellor for admission.

In conferring the degree, the Chancellor Sir William Cullen said "We have admitted our newest graduate to a degree not merely because of the academic distinctions he had attained, or for the eminent service he had rendered to his Majesty the King in peace and war, but because in having one of the Secretaries of State on our rolls we were reminded of that choicest of loyalties – the loyalty the great bulk of us feel towards the British Empire". He said that those present wished Mr Amery success in his efforts to bring about a better feeling toward the old country.

Mr Amery, in reply, thanked the Chancellor for the honour conferred upon him, and continued: "Wherever I have been in Australia I have been made to feel at home. But you have made me feel at home in a special sense by accepting me as a freeholder and a full citizen in the community of this great University. In return I can only promise to be as loyal a son and member of your University as I am of my own Alma Mater – Oxford." It was, he added, in a peculiar sense the task of the great universities of Australia to give a true and worthy indication of the great policy of the Empire. It was for them to aim at creating in Australia a democracy with a love for all the arts, a thirst for knowledge, and a wisdom to discern and support true statesmanship against the meaner kind. In that task they had a great field before them. More than any other institutions, the universities of the Empire were fitted to keep alive the soul of the Empire.

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