



MADAM CHANCELLOR, this University may take particular pride tonight in honouring one of its oldest counsellors, Dr. Ludlow Moody.

A distinguished son of a distinguished family, numbering other members of the medical, dental and nursing professions as well as a Judge of Appeal, Dr. Moody is uniquely qualified in background, personal ability and breadth of experience to be able to help our own developing University from its earliest days.

He was a member of the Provisional Council of the University College, attending the first meeting in a room in East Street in Kingston. He was familiar with the wooden huts which dotted our early campus, from whose remains, phoenix-wise, the modern buildings have risen. Serving on the Council of the College from 1947 until 1955, he gained respect and admiration for his considered and temperate advice, constructive criticisms and realistically progressive outlook. He has represented University interests on the University Hospital Board, from the days when it was first established to plan hospital services, through the exciting days when the wards were opened in 1952, throughout the hospital's expansion into a major unit of the medical services of the Caribbean. All along, he has been no passive member, but a vital force in its deliberations. To understand the reasons why Dr. Moody was so well qualified to serve our University in this way, one must look at the development of his professional life.

Dr. Moody was educated at Wolmer's Boys' School, and then at King's College Hospital Medical School. There, his mettle soon won him scholarships and prizes — the Warneford Scholarship and Prize, the Huxley Prize for Physiology, the Leathes, the Todd and the Tanner Prizes, and a Senior Scholarship before gaining his Baccalaureate of London University in 1918. His assiduity in the pursuit of medical knowledge may be gauged



from his rapid accumulation of further diplomas and degrees: those of Member of the Royal College of Surgeons of England and Licentiate of the Royal College of Physicians of London in 1918; being the first Jamaican to attain full Membership of the Royal College of Physicians in 1919; his Medical Doctorate in Pathology of London University in 1920; and his Diploma in Tropical Medicine and Hygiene in 1922. His merit gained for him a Demonstratorship in Physiology first and, later, a post in Bacteriology in his alma mater, King's College Hospital.

Returning to Jamaica in 1920, Dr. Moody served as Government Bacteriologist until 1925. As a private practitioner thereafter, he continued to serve his country and his profession, in turn as member and then as President of the Jamaica branch of the British Medical Association, as Chairman of the Medical Appeal Tribunal, as member and one time President of the Medical Council of Jamaica, as a Justice of the Peace, and as a member of the Public Service Commission. Member for nearly 40 years and past Chairman of his own Wolmer's School Board of Trustees, he managed to raise enough money by private subscription to build 4 classrooms and 3 laboratories. He was Custos Rotulorum for the Parish of Kingston from 1961 to 1963, and in 1966 was made a Commander of the Order of the British Empire.

*Mens sana in corpore sano.* Well-known also as an all-round sportsman, Dr. Moody — whose haughty-seeming and upright demeanour owes much to a fractured neck sustained during youthful gymnastic display (he says "If y'are to hang by you neck, you can' drown") — Dr. Moody contributed to the games of cricket, tennis, racing and shooting. He captained the Jamaica team which at Bisley in 1938 won the Junior Kolapore Cup. Perhaps it was his love of livestock that led him to become a significant owner of pedigree dairy cattle, and the first major planter of Pangola grass in Jamaica — an insistence upon quality and excellence that is manifested again in his carefully selected and most beautifully maintained rose-garden.

This then is the measure of the man — a careful scholar, an experienced practitioner, a medical jurist and sound administrator, rooted in the soil of his own country but wise in the knowledge of others, contributing significantly to the advance of our regional University. Madam Chancellor, in welcoming him to the company of our scholars, in recognition of extraordinary service to this University, we request you to confer upon Ludlow Murcott Moody the Degree of Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*.