

MONASH UNIVERSITYDr. J.A.L. Matheson

Dr. Matheson retired as Vice-Chancellor of Monash University on 31 January, 1976, exactly sixteen years after his return to Melbourne to assume his new responsibilities. Over those sixteen years, under his guidance and direction, the university developed with unexampled rapidity and now takes its place as one of the great Australian universities, both in numbers and in international reputation. What has been accomplished is in very large measure the result of Dr. Matheson's vision and sense of purpose, his energy and his humanity. The achievement is a remarkable one and unequalled in the history of Australian universities. In addition Dr. Matheson found time during those years to serve the wider community and it is notable that in his last year of office he was both President of the Institution of Engineers Australia, and Chancellor of the University of Technology in Papua New Guinea.

At the November meeting of the Professorial Board Professor Andrew as spokesman for his colleagues, paid tribute in eloquent and moving words which are recorded in summary in the minutes, to Dr. Matheson's capacity for leadership and to the personal qualities which enabled him to carry out with such success and distinction his demanding task.

The University he created remains his monument. It will be for future generations to build on the foundations he so firmly laid.