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UNIVERSITY OF LONDON
INSTALLATION OF
HER MAJESTY
QUEEN ELIZABETH THE QUEEN MOTHER
AS CHANCELLOR

The Vice-Chancellor will address the Chancellor:

May it please Your Majesty. The Deed of Appointment confirming your election as Chancellor of the University of London has been read by the Chairman of Convocation. On behalf of the University I accordingly install you, Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, as Chancellor of the University of London. I invite you to take the Chair which I now vacate.

A second fanfare of trumpets will be sounded.

The Vice-Chancellor will address the Chancellor:

Your Majesty, you have been elected Chancellor by the unanimous vote of Convocation in succession to the Earl of Athlone who resigned at the beginning of this year after holding the office since 1932 and whose name will ever be remembered with pride and affection throughout the University.

It is my duty to invite you at all times and seasons to uphold and defend the privileges and rights of our University.

The Chancellor will make the Affirmation:

I, Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, hereby declare that I will at all times and seasons fulfil the duties of Chancellor as required by the Statutes of the University and will loyally uphold and maintain the privileges and rights of the University and will endeavour to promote the purposes for which the University exists.

The Chancellor will then address the assembly.

My Lords, Ladies and Gentleman,

I have, on an earlier occasion, expressed my thanks to the Members of Convocation for the honour which they have done me in electing me to this, the highest Office in the University of London.

The University of London has always endeavoured to adapt itself to changing conditions: it was the first in this country to admit women to its Degrees, the first to appoint a woman as Professor, and the first to elect a woman as Vice-Chancellor.

Today, as you see, it has taken yet a further step. (Applause)

I thought you might wish me to direct your attention to an attitude so progressive.

Each year men and women go out from your University, some to become leaders in national life, able to play a significant part in it. We look to them to maintain and extend in the new social order the best traditions of the past and to make their contribution to the growing good of our nation, of our empire and of the world. (Applause)