Mr. Chancellor, I have the honour to present the name of John Ernest Alexander Crake.

I very much regret that Ernest Crake is now unfortunately almost entirely confined to his bed. The Reverend Mr. George Lemmon will receive the degree on his behalf.

John Ernest Alexander Crake was born in Toronto. He went to Trinity College in the University of Toronto where he received the Bachelor's degree with Honours in Classics in 1933. From there he went to St. John's College, Oxford where he received the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1935 and the Master's degree in 1939; he also attended Johns Hopkins University where in 1939 he was awarded the Doctorate of Philosophy in Latin. This was then followed by a Lectureship in Classics at Dartmouth College and a year as a Master at Trinity College School in Port Hope.

With the coming of the Second World War he entered, in 1942, the Canadian Intelligence Core and served as an Officer until 1946.

In 1946 he came to Sackville and joined the Faculty of Mount Allison University in the Department of Classics, becoming Wood Professor and Head in 1947 and remaining so until 1975. During this period of almost thirty years, Ernest Crake was selfless in his willingness to serve the University. He was a much revered teacher, a scholar and also Secretary of the Senate and Member of the Board of Regents. His extramural work included playing a significant part in the Classical Association of Canada and its periodical "Phoenix"; he was the President of the Association from 1966 to 1968 and a member of the editorial committee from 1947 to 1971. He supported the work of the Humanities Research Council of Canada, being on its governing body and publications committee. His scholarship received recognition in the United Kingdom and some of his work was translated into German. After retiring in 1975, a year later he was named Professor Emeritus.

Mount Allison has received from Ernie Crake a lifetime of devotion as a teacher, a scholar and administrator. It has also received more. On retirement he established the Crake Institute which enables the University to invite noted scholars to lecture in Classical Studies. The first Crake Lecture was inaugurated on March 5th, 1978 while the benefactor was still well enough to be in attendance. In 1980 on the occasion of the third Crake Lecture, the Institute initiated the annual award of an undergraduate scholarship in the Humanities; and in 1981 the Institute added a scholarship to support research by a member of the faculty, also in the Humanities. In addition to such major grants, the Crake Institute has further donated funds to the Library and other organizations closely associated with the founder.

It is with pleasure, Mr. Chancellor, that I ask you to confer in absence on John Ernest Alexander Crake the Degree of Doctor of Literature (honoris causa).