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*Sir Robert Wallace*  
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On Wednesday, September 6, 1961, news was received of the death in Canberra of Sir Robert Strachan Wallace, M.A., LL.D., who was Vice-Chancellor of this University from 1928 until 1947.

Sir Robert's occupancy of the Vice-Chancellorship included the difficult years of the financial depression in Australia and those of the Second World War. During the term of his office there were many major developments in the scope of the University's activities, including the creation of many new chairs, the establishment of the New England University College at Armidale, the opening of country research stations, the inauguration of Sancta Sophia Women's College, and a very considerable general building programme. In fact during Sir Robert's tenure of office the University of Sydney grew from a small to a large university measured by world standards.

Those of us who knew Sir Robert will always remember him for his kindness and his integrity, his capacity for working with people, and yet his strength of discipline, his strong stands towards governments and for university autonomy, his emphasis on the basic qualities of any university, and his zest for learning in fields as far apart as Icelandic and the American Civil War. In short, in addition to being the first long-term Vice-Chancellor of this institution, he was a university man in the best sense of that phrase, and his mark will for ever be on this University.

*Stephen H. Roberts*