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Your Excellency, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is indeed both a pleasure and an honour to welcome you to this, the Fifth Annual Meeting of our Association, in this fair City of Hobart. I am delighted that so many of you have been able to come here - your very presence gives me confidence that this meeting will repeat the resounding successes of our previous Annual Meetings. I will take occasion later to express my gratitude to Graeme Thompson for the thoughtfulness, care and skill with which he has planned and carried out the arrangements that have brought us together here. For the moment, however, I would like to say this: being an ignorant mainlander, I knew nothing of the legal profession in Tasmania until a year or two ago when Graeme's name was proposed to me as a possible member of the Association. The person who mentioned him to me was a senior member of the Victorian profession who described Graeme to me as a young man who had served his Articles in Melbourne and had come over to Hobart to make his way in the world. Obviously, Graeme made a wise choice in coming here and has been duly rewarded for his industry and ability. Through Graeme, I came to know of another young man, as he was described to me, who in his turn, served as Graeme's Articled Clerk and then set out to make his way in the Tasmanian Legal Profession. By very

good fortune and through Graeme's kind offices I am now able to introduce to you that young man, whose abilities and success in his chosen profession speak for themselves - Ladies and Gentlemen, it gives me great pleasure to call upon our guest of honour, His Excellency and Administrator of Tasmania and Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Tasmania, Mr. Justice Green, who has graciously consented to deliver today the second Frank Stewart Dethridge Memorial Address in honour of the founder and the first President of the Association.

Your Excellency!