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Mr. A. C. Harrison (right) photographed outside the Jameson Hall, University of Cape Town, following the graduation ceremony on June 24, 1960, when he received the degree of Master of Science, *honoris causa*. With him is Dr. E. G. Malherbe, Principal of the University of Natal, on whom the degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred, *honoris causa*. (See page 41.)

HONOUR CONFERRED ON "A.C.H."

By ALAN YATES

MEMBERS and friends of the Cape Piscatorial Society were extremely gratified on June 24 of this year when the degree of Master of Science was conferred, *honoris causa*, on our Secretary, Mr. A. C. Harrison, by the University of Cape Town.

The ceremony was carried out by the Chancellor of the University, The Hon. A. v. d. Centlivres, B.A., LL.D., D.C.L., in the presence of many members of the Cape Piscatorial Society and other friends of "A.C.H."

The citation was read by the University Orator, Professor D. V. Cowen, B.A., LL.B., Dean of the Faculty of Law, who said:—

"Mr. Chancellor, I have the honour to present to you Arthur Cecil Harrison.

"Mr. Harrison is one of those piscatorial men dear to Izaak Walton's heart, of whom Walton once wrote: 'There be men of wisdom, learning and experience which love and practise this art, this pleasant curiosity of Fish and Fishing; for it is a rest to the mind, a cheerer of spirits, a diverter of sadness, a calmer of unquiet thoughts, a moderator of passions; and begets habits of peace and patience in those that practise it.'

"Calmly, industriously, unostentatiously, for more than 50 years, Mr. Harrison has enriched the world of learning as a freshwater biologist and piscatorial expert. His list of scholarly publications on trout, bass, eels, the kurper, and many exotic fishes, is long and impressive. He has found time to serve as honorary secretary of the Cape Piscatorial Society since its inception in 1931, and is the editor of its excellent journal. For more than 20 years he has been the Advisory Officer for Cape Inland Fisheries.

"Mr. Harrison has also deserved well of his country in other fields. He served in the South African forces in World War I, and was wounded at Delville Wood. Throughout his professional life he has striven to conserve and safeguard the living beauty of nature from man's destructiveness; and since 1952 he has been secretary to the Advisory Committee for Nature Conservation. Such men, Mr. Chancellor, who seek to keep alive our awareness of nature in an industrialized world, are rare. It is, therefore, my privilege today to ask you to confer upon this outstanding public servant the degree of Master of Science, *honoris causa*."