

CITATION FOR
ARCHIBALD HENDERSON

On the Occasion of his Receiving the Degree of Doctor of Letters

ARCHIBALD HENDERSON, Kenan Professor of Mathematics, Emeritus, native of Salisbury, graduate of this University in the Class of 1898, obtained his Master's degree in 1899 and at once began his long and distinguished career of forty-nine years as a member of this Faculty. Holder of two Ph. D. degrees, one from this University in 1902, the other from the University of Chicago in 1915, and five honorary degrees, he served as Head of the Department of Mathematics from 1920 until his retirement in 1948.

Historian, critic, biographer, and mathematician, Dr. Henderson, through his many-faceted career, has earned an international reputation in local history, in letters, and in his own field. As official biographer of George Bernard Shaw, he has produced two monumental works on the dramatist which remain indispensable to scholars. As editor of scores of books, pamphlets, and articles, he has explored many avenues of local history, added to the sum of knowledge in his own field, and elucidated by his brilliant criticism the drama of his times.

Long a member of the Committee on Honorary Degrees of this University, he was famous for his skillfully written citations, presented with all the charm of a great orator. His noble style, his wide and deep learning, his characteristic gentlemanly charm, have endeared him to countless alumni, students, and colleagues, and have for more than half a century enriched the life of this University.

It is fitting that, for his many contributions and services to his alma mater and his State, he should be honored by his colleagues with the degree of Doctor of Letters.

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