

CONNIE M. GUION, native of Lincolnton, dean of American woman doctors, graduate of Northfield(Mass.) School, Wellesley(A.B.,1906); and Cornell(M.A., 1913; M.D.,1917), member of Phi Beta Kappa and of Sigma Xi, recipient of a shower of honors, overcame all the inertia, barriers and prejudices put forward in the early years of the century against careers in medicine for women, to attain the pre-eminent position she now holds.

Beginning her career as an instructor of chemistry at Vassar, and later as associate professor of chemistry and department head at Sweet Briar, Dr. Guion, after earning her medical degree, successively served in a variety of positions in New York hospitals, culminating in her appointment as Professor of Clinical Medicine of the Cornell University Medical College and Chief of the Medical Clinic of the New York Hospital.

Now an emeritus professor, but still active as a consultant and private practitioner, Dr. Guion has already given more than half a century to the service of her fellowman, earning the love, gratitude and respect of countless thousands. Her determination in overcoming obstacles, her devotion to her calling, her great abilities as teacher and administrator are reflected in the honors bestowed upon her. She was the first woman in the United States to become a professor of clinical medicine, the first to become a

member of the board of a New York hospital, the first to have a hospital building named after her while still living, and the first woman from North Carolina to achieve distinction in the field of medicine.

Still sprightly, and bubbling over with enthusiasm, in the autumn of her life, this distinguished daughter of the old North State has demonstrated those qualities of unselfish service to humanity and dedication to the high calling of medicine, which merit our highest recognition; and in token of our admiration, the University of North Carolina is happy to bestow on her the degree of Doctor of Laws.