

FLETCHER MELVIN GREEN

Is generally recognized as the most influential historian of the South of his generation. His books and articles have contributed significantly to Southern history; his seminar has been described as having "a genuine inner life."

Born in Georgia, Professor Green received his higher education at Emory and at this University. He served with the American Expeditionary Force in 1917-18, and taught at several institutions before joining this faculty in 1927. Except for intervals when he served as Professor at Emory University and as Visiting Professor at Harvard University, he remained on this faculty until his retirement in 1967. He was made a Kenan Professor in 1946.

In many ways Professor Green's stature has been recognized. He was chosen President of the North Carolina History Association, of the Southern History Association, and of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association. He was named Harmsworth Professor of American History at Oxford University.

As a teacher he could be both kindly and demanding. He saw at least a hundred graduate students through to their dissertations. Many of these are themselves now distinguished historians, authors of scores of books and hundreds of articles.

This University is honored to recognize one of its own, whose tireless and effective work over four decades did so much to increase its stature among the nation's universities.