

JOHN NATHANIEL COUCH

John Nathaniel Couch is an outstanding botanist of international reputation. Born in Virginia, he attended Trinity College (now Duke University) before coming to Chapel Hill, where he was awarded three degrees between 1919 and 1924. He was a faculty member here for about half a century, except for certain periods, as when he went to India for the State Department as a Cultural Exchange Specialist. He retired, a Kenan Professor, in 1967. He is the author of two books and numerous articles in professional journals; he was associate editor of *Mycologia* and editor for several years of the *Journal of the Elisha Mitchell Society*. The honors which have come to him include the Walker grand prize of the Boston Society of Natural History, 1939; the certificate of merit in the Botanical Society of America, 1956; and the first North Carolina award in science, 1964. He was vice-president of the botany section of the American Association for Advancement of Science in 1962. He is a past president of the American Mycological Society and of the North Carolina Academy of Science. From the latter he received the Jefferson award and the Poteat medal. He is a member of the National Academy of Sciences and an honorary foreign member of the National Academy of Sciences in India. This University is pleased to add to the honors of one who served it so long and so well the degree, Doctor of Science.