KEMP MALONE, Emeritus Professor of English of the Johns Hopkins University, Mississippian by birth, educated at Emory University (A.B., 1907) and the University of Chicago (Ph.D., 1919), has been honored at home and abroad for his scholarly contributions in linguistics and literature. Joining the Department of English at Johns Hopkins in 1924, where he remained until his retirement in 1956, he has been visiting scholar and lecturer in a dozen American and foreign universities, holds four honorary degrees and two decorations, and is fellow of the Medieval Academy of America and of the American Society of Historians. Member of a score of learned societies and academies here and abroad, he has been president of five, including the Modern Language Association, the largest in America.

Scores of books, monographs and articles attest his wide learning. He has been editor or co-editor of eight learned journals and was co-founder of one.

Like the Clerk of whom Chaucer wrote, "gladly wolde he lerne and gladly teche," Dr. Malone, through his acute and witty lectures, through his stirring reading of Beowulf, and Chaucer, has inculcated in many a student a genuine love of the poetry of our ancestors.

One of the world's foremost English philologists, he has set his learning on high as an inspiring example by his sound scholarship, unflagging energy, and total dedication to the study of our linguistic and literary heritage.

Following a long tradition of honoring distinguished scholars in the Humanities, the University of North Carolina is happy to bestow on him the degree of Doctor of Letters.

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