

LENNOX POLK McLENDON, native of North Carolina, and graduate of North Carolina State College of Agriculture and Engineering in the Class of 1910, continued his studies at this University, and received in 1912 the degree of LL. B. Early recognized as a leader, he was instrumental as a student in organizing our present Athletic Association; and in the fall of 1913 he served briefly as Mayor of Chapel Hill. In World War I, as an officer in the 30th Division, he rose to the rank of Major and served both in France and in Occupied Germany. Devoting his career to the practice of law, he has attained the respect of his profession, who honored him with the presidency of the North Carolina State Bar in 1940. Able, unselfish and public-spirited, Major McLendon, since his first term in the Legislature in 1917, where he was Chairman of the House Committee on Education, has maintained an unflagging interest in education. Although refusing to become a candidate for appointment or election to public office, he has nevertheless served his State in quasi-public capacities as chairman of state boards and commissions charged with administration and improvement of our laws. He has held membership on the boards of trustees of hospitals and colleges as well as the Greater University of North Carolina where, during his turn as Chairman of the Committee on Escheats, he saw that Fund more than doubled. As a member of other important trustee committees he, by his enthusiastic and tireless support, has constantly advanced the cause of education. His interest in health affairs led him to advocate a medical care program for the State, and he now serves as President of the Medical Foundation.

Servant of the State through his many activities directed to better interpretation and enforcement of our laws; counselor and guide to the Administration of this University through his unselfish work on the Board of Trustees; champion of better health for the people of North Carolina through his unstinted efforts to establish the four-year Medical School and the Memorial Hospital, he has earned our everlasting gratitude; and the University he has so ably served and so often befriended takes pride in bestowing on him the degree of Doctor of Laws.

Commencement, 1955.