

THOR MARTIN JOHNSON, educated at Winston-Salem in the atmosphere of that center of Moravian musical tradition, and in the departments of music of this University (A.B., 1934) and of the University of Michigan (M.A., 1935); from his college days organizer and conductor of musical groups ranging from church choirs and salon orchestras to choral societies, music festivals and symphonies, he has achieved distinction as an honored leader in a field where native sons are seldom found. After service with the armed forces, where he founded and conducted the first soldier symphony orchestra, and on the staff of the Juilliard School of Music, he became, at the age of thirty-five conductor of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra.

Recipient of honorary degrees from four institutions, and of the Alice M. Ditson prize for distinguished service to American Music, Dr. Johnson with his boundless energy and enthusiasm, ably represents the rising generation of musical America, alert to the responsibilities and opportunities of this art in our mechanized civilization. His Alma Mater is proud to bestow on him this evidence of our acclaim.

The degree of Doctor of Music (Honorary) was conferred by Chancellor House, using the following formula: By virtue of the authority vested in me by the President and the Board of Trustees and by virtue of the vote of the Faculty, I confer on you the degree of Doctor of Music (Honorary), with all its rights and privileges.

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