

CHARLES SCOTT VENABLE, born in Chapel Hill, the son of President Francis

Preston Venable, and graduate of this University of the Class of 1910, obtained his master's degree here in 1911, and went on to receive his Ph. D. from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1917. Following a year as Adjunct Professor of Organic Chemistry at the University of Virginia, he entered the armed forces and served as Captain, Chemical Warfare Service, in the First World War. After a brief career as Assistant Director of the Research Laboratory of Applied Chemistry at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, he became in 1922 Director of Chemical Research for The American Viscose Corporation, a position he still holds. Distinguished son of a distinguished father, he has carried on the family tradition of combining research in chemistry with administrative work, as President for one term of the Industrial Research Institute, and from 1949 to the present as Vice-President of the Chemstrand Corporation. His research interests, the production and properties of synthetic fibres, have led to the publication of a number of papers and to his active participation in the work of several learned societies. Into the field of industrial chemistry he has brought the mind and training of the scientist, brilliantly applying the principles of pure science in the service of his fellow man; and the University is happy to offer to the son of her eighth President this token of her esteem.

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