

DOUGLAS MAITLAND KNIGHT, President of Duke University, native of Massachusetts, Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Yale University with the degrees of A.B.,(1942), M.A.,(1944), and Ph.D.,(1946), attained his present post after serving as instructor and later assistant professor of English at Yale, and as President of Lawrence College. A rising figure in the national and international educational world, Dr. Knight was chosen to represent the United States at a conference of college presidents in Pakistan; currently he serves as trustee of the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation, the Hazen Foundation, the Fund for Theological Education, Education and World Affairs, Inc., and the Research Triangle. He is a member of important committees of the Association of American Colleges, the Association of American Universities and the American Council on Education.

Dr. Knight's eloquent, witty, and incisive addresses, his careful scholarship in the field of eighteenth century English literature, set forth in his book Pope and the Heroic Tradition, and his humane approach to the administrative problems of a great American University have inspired our admiration. A scholar and a gentleman, he displays a genial humanity, a broad-minded view of higher education, and a dedication to his profession which have earned our respect.

"The proper study of mankind is man," sang Alexander Pope, and Dr. Knight, agreeing with the poet, has dedicated his life to the most important task of our time, the education of our youth so that the rising generation may, too, know their fellowmen.

In view of the qualities he has demonstrated as teacher, administrator and leader in higher education, the University of North Carolina is pleased to bestow on the President of our sister institution the degree of Doctor of Laws.