

FRANCIS PENDLETON CAINES, President, since 1930, of Washington and Lee University, and formerly president of Wake Forest College, native of South Carolina, for more than thirty years a constructive influence on American higher education. Educated at the University of Richmond, the University of Chicago and Columbia, where he attained the degree of Ph. D. in 1924, he holds honorary degrees from nine institutions. Able, eloquent, courageous, and energetic as an administrator, he has nevertheless found time to continue his scholarly interests as a student of southern literature, a field in which his doctoral dissertation, The Southern Plantation, still remains a classic. A graceful and persuasive speaker, whose wealth of stories and sparkling humor have endeared him to countless audiences, he carries on the tradition of southern oratory so well exemplified in our own state by Alderman, Aycock, and E. K. Graham. As trustee of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, as former president of the American Association of Colleges and of the Southern University Conference, to mention but a few of the honors and responsibilities he has achieved, he has constantly displayed those qualities of constructive leadership which have sought to counteract provincialism and elevate the standards of university education. Orator, scholar, educational statesman, he does honor to the position once occupied by Robert E. Lee, and his sister university is happy to recognize his merit. Doctor of Laws, Commencement, 1953