

JEFFERSON BARNES FORDHAM, native of Greensboro and graduate of this University, with the degrees of A. B. (1926), the M.A. (1929), and the J. D., with honors, as well as the J.S.D. from Yale, where in 1930 he was Sterling Fellow, stepped out from a brilliant career as a student to win equal eminence in his profession. Varsity football player, member of Phi Beta Kappa, and finally president of the student body during his college days, he has, in the larger world, fulfilled the early promise he so clearly manifested. Although private practice and government service detained him briefly, his principal activity has been in the teaching profession, where he is now a recognized leader. Beginning in the Law School of the University of West Virginia in 1930, he has served with distinction on the law faculties of Louisiana State, Vanderbilt, Ohio State, where he became dean in 1947, and the University of Pennsylvania, where he is now dean. Recognized authority in municipal law, prominent author in his field, and chairman of the Section on Municipal Law of the American Bar Association, he is also an able administrator in an ancient and honorable University. With pride in the accomplishments of one of her sons, Alma Mater welcomes the opportunity to honor a distinguished teacher and scholar who elucidates in the classroom our great tradition of liberty and justice under the law. Doctor of Laws, Commencement, 1953.