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ROBERT BINGHAM DOWNS, Alumnus of this University of the Class of 1926; B. S. and M. S. in Library Science, Columbia University; Doctor of Letters, Colby College; he has served college and public libraries in North Carolina, in Maine, in New York, and in Illinois, where he is now Director of the Library and Library School of the state University. Authority on library resources, research worker, editor, he is an executive and teacher whose scholarly attainments have earned the respect of his colleagues, who elected him President of their Association; and of his government, who commissioned him to advise with the Japanese Diet on the reorganization of its Library.

He brings to his calling a fund of specialized knowledge, a love of books, and a respect for records of the past, the raw materials of humanistic studies. By the employment of these talents he has rendered through his publications, invaluable service which entitles him to the gratitude of the scholarly world.

By vote of the Faculty and the Trustees of the University of North Carolina we confer upon you the degree of Doctor of Laws.

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