

WILLIAM CLYDE DE VANE, native of Georgia, educated at Furman and at Yale, Doctor of Philosophy of Yale University, Doctor of Letters of Wooster College, and Washington and Lee, Dean of Yale College and Director of its Division of Humanities and Social Sciences. He has earned, by his wise counsels and broad humanism an honored position among our educational leaders. His executive talents were soon recognized, when, after a brief apprenticeship at Yale, he was made head of the Department of English at Cornell, whence, after four years his Alma Mater recalled him to his present position. For his constructive work in formulating educational policies, he has been honored by election and appointment to positions of responsibility in the Modern Language Association, the American Council of Learned Societies, and the Ford Foundation. Widely acclaimed as a Browning scholar, he has produced standard works in his field. Author, editor, scholar, educational statesman, Dean De Vane exemplifies the fine flower of a life dedicated to the pursuit of learning, embodying the peculiar grace of Browning's Grammarian who desired to know, who wished to "magnify the mind," and so, like him has become an inspiring teacher, a beloved leader.

The degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred by Chancellor House, using the following formula: By virtue of the authority vested in me by the President and the Board of Trustees and by virtue of the vote of the Faculty, I confer on you the degree of Doctor of Laws, with all its rights and privileges.

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