

WILLIAM PICKARD JACOCKS, born in Winsor, North Carolina, is a citizen of the world through his long service with the International Health Division of the Rockefeller Foundation. Graduating from this University just half a century ago, he earned the Golden Fleece for his brilliant career as athlete and scholar, star in football and track and member of Phi Beta Kappa. Appointed instructor, he continued his studies here, receiving the master's degree in 1905, and completing the medical curriculum in 1909. He holds the M. D. degree from the University of Pennsylvania and the D^sP.H. degree from Johns Hopkins. Beginning public health work with the North Carolina State Board in 1912, he joined the Rockefeller Foundation in 1914, and except for brief intervals remained with that organization until his retirement in 1942. As Regional Director for India and Ceylon, he was an authority on control of the hookworm disease, a subject on which he has published a number of papers. Upon his return to the United States, he again joined the staff of the North Carolina Board of Health, serving as Director of the Division of Nutrition from 1945 until his retirement in 1948. During a lifetime of service to others, he "not only carried on a notable work in public health" but furnished "in his own person a demonstration of American character and personality at their best." Now in the sunset of his days a resident of Chapel Hill and a familiar figure about the campus, he continues in his quiet, unobtrusive way to honor his alma mater by notable gifts to her library and museum collections and by his keen interest in her manifold activities. For his service to humanity in both the hemispheres, the University is proud to honor her loyal son. (For the degree of Doctor of Laws.)

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