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HUSTON CUMMINGS SMITH
Doctor of Letters

HUSTON CUMMINGS SMITH, scholar, teacher and citizen of the world, you most ably represent the "Queen of the Sciences," philosophy. Born of missionary parents in China where you spent the first seventeen years of your life, educated in our mid-West at Central College and the University of Chicago, you now have the distinction of serving a great institute of technology as its first professor of philosophy in this century. According to reliable testimony, you have brought to your teaching a warmth and vitality that may well make a philosopher of every prospective physicist in your classes. You have travelled the world in your study of its diverse cultures, and while some may say that they have sat at the feet of the great masters of philosophy, you can say that you have sat in the monasteries of Zen, the collective communities of Israel, and in the temples of Buddhism in the preparation of your writings on the religions of man. Also, you have sat before the television cameras to discuss East and West, science and the humanities, and so markedly successful have been your ventures into adult education by television that some are persuaded that you are "T. V.," not "H. C." Well do you exemplify in your career the Platonic injunction, "We are at issue about matters which to know is honorable, and not to know disgraceful . . ." Concord College is honored to have this opportunity to confer upon you her degree of Doctor of Letters.

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Joseph Franklin Marsh, Jr.
President