

CONCORD COLLEGE
Athens, West Virginia

CITATION

OLIVER PERRY CHITWOOD
Doctor of Letters

OLIVER PERRY CHITWOOD, able historian, true scholar, renowned author, and beloved teacher, you are a worthy example of the best in a noble profession. A distinguished student of Colonial America, your historical writings have enjoyed respect since the beginning of this century. On this very occasion today you need not look far to discover at least one college president who found inspiration in the classroom where you presided. Born in a log house in Virginia, you worked on a farm until you were fourteen. Eager for an education, you received your bachelor's degree at The College of William and Mary, and the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at Johns Hopkins University. Your teaching career began before you reached the age of eleven, when you assisted your brother, without compensation, in the public school near your home. The period of your remunerated service as a teacher covered over half a century. To say that you have been "retired" since 1946, although that is when you acquired the formal title of "Emeritus," undoubtedly shakes your confidence in the historical accuracy of biographical writers, for you actively continue your productive, scholarly pursuits in your office in the chemistry building convenient to the University's library. A West Virginian for fifty-five years, and now in the ninth decade of your life, you are most deserving of our admiration. Concord College is happy to have this opportunity to honor you, and hereby confers upon you her degree of Doctor of Letters.

In testimony of this degree I hand you this diploma and cause you to be invested with this hood.

Given under the Seal of Concord College, and conferred from the academic halls in Athens, West Virginia, on this thirty-first day of May in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixty-two, and of the College the eighty-seventh.

Joseph Franklin Marsh, Jr.
President