

CITATION

WILLIAM JAMES LORD WALLACE  
Doctor of Humane Letters

WILLIAM JAMES LORD WALLACE, pastor, chemist, educator and distinguished college president, you can stand before us as man with the right to be proud of his many achievements. Born in North Carolina and reared in East Saint Louis and in Pittsburgh, you graduated from the University of Pittsburgh, received your Master's degree from Columbia, and earned your Doctorate at Cornell. You began your teaching career over forty years ago in North Carolina, became a professor at Lincoln University in Missouri, and for thirty-seven years have been at West Virginia State College, the last seventeen as its President. With the coming academic year, you will be the senior president of all the colleges and universities, both public and private, in West Virginia. Ever ready to help advance the dignity and the spiritual and physical well-being of your fellow-man with the love and understanding of one who really knows, you have given freely of your time and talent to youth service, to civil rights, to economic development, to orphans, to the handicapped, to crime prevention, and to a host of other worthy and humane endeavors. Often your presence and your wise counsel have been the catalyst in the formula that produced good human relations without explosion. To a man deserving of our honor goes an appropriate accolade, and today Concord College is proud to confer upon you her degree of Doctor of Humane 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 first day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy, and of the College the ninety-ninth.

Joseph F. Marsh, Jr.  
President