

CONCORD COLLEGE
Athens, West Virginia

CITATION

C H A R L E S H O D E L
Doctor of Laws

CHARLES HODEL, early in life you climbed high in a hickory tree, faltered and fell, but now you stand straight in mind and spirit as a man who enjoys the special regard of his fellows. Life's path from your humble beginnings in Ohio has brought you to success in West Virginia, but your humility remains. From a printer's devil in 1903, you have risen in your work to become the owner of one of the State's most successful publishing firms. There were no ivy-covered walls for you: your font of learning was the ink and type under the print shop roof. A self-made man, you have the right to be proud of the job. Although others may not have helped you, you unselfishly have served your fellow men, and it is a grateful adopted State that has named you chairman of the West Virginia Centennial Commission. "Sing, sing, sing the green land -- Sing, sing, sing the mighty rivers -- Sing of the mountains and the hills and the valleys, sing of the kingdom and the power and the glory -- Sing West Virginia -- West Virginia!" These words from Honey in the Rock reflect your life. But, as you know so well, "The real honey in the rock is the deep, underlying faith of our people: faith in themselves, faith in the future." To an unassuming man, to a man of high principle, to a man who looks ahead, to a man who caters to nothing but his own conscience, goes Concord College's highest accolade, and she hereby confers upon you her degree of Doctor of Laws.

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