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WILLIAM GROSVENOR POLLARD

Mr. President, I have the honor to present as a candidate for an honorary degree William Grosvenor Pollard, physicist, educator, and clergyman. A scientist who graduated from the University of Tennessee as a major in philosophy, he demonstrates in himself that synthesis of disciplines without which all knowledge is sterile. A teacher so much dedicated to making the treasures of atomic research available to colleges and universities everywhere that he was called upon to lead in converting the government facilities at Oak Ridge into a permanent educational and research center and to become its executive director, he has made manifest the truth that the findings of research cannot be hid under a bushel and that whatever man learns must be taught to others. An atomic physicist who is also an ordained clergyman in the Protestant-Episcopal Church, he shows in himself that union of faith and knowledge without which either alone is futile; and by the courageous declaration of his faith he has made himself an example to our time that men can both be wise and believe. Therefore, on behalf of the Faculty of Kalamazoo College, I recommend that upon him be conferred the honorary degree, Doctor of Science.