

ARTINE ARTINIAN, of the Class of 1931, teacher and scholar.

Native of Bulgaria, emigrant to Massachusetts at thirteen, you epitomize the courage and fearlessness, the grit and determination characteristic of your Armenian ancestors, long victims of oppression, in rising from bootblack to scholar. With graduate degrees from Harvard and Columbia, always appreciative of helping hands held out to you in your new country, you have in turn helped other newer generations, as professor at Bard for thirty years, and as director of effective programs for American students in France. An Officier d'Académie of France for your "contributions to cultural relations between France and United States," you have become the world authority on Guy de Maupassant, whose works form the heart of your magnificent collection of French literature of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries which you freely and frequently lend to libraries throughout the country. But in your meticulous scholarship, you have retained a joyous love for life and all its beauty, and a never-ending zest for intellectual adventure. Your alma mater proudly recognizes an admirable son.

Honoris Causa, DOCTOR OF LETTERS