

**WILLIAM DUNNING IRELAND**, of the Class of 1916.

Maine-born, Maine-bred, and Maine-educated, from Bowdoin's peaceful pine groves he went directly to fight on the muddy fields of France, rising from Army private to Major, decorated by France with the Croix de Guerre. In the more even tenor of peacetime pursuits, his vigorous competition as a banker in Portland gained him high respect and carried to a most responsible post in banking in Worcester. These two successes were but preliminary to his outstanding organizational success in Boston, where from the presidency of the old Second National Bank, he developed the highly respected and enterprising State Street Bank and Trust Company. Here, as in his earlier home communities, out of his demanding business life and many directorships he still made time for superb civic service, and for his continuing active role in behalf of his alma mater. Elected an Overseer of Bowdoin in 1929 and Trustee in 1940, Vice President of the Corporation of President and Trustees, recognized by the Alumni Service Award in 1962, never did he stint of himself in time or effort toward the betterment of this College. From the rarified air of Beacon Hill to fresh, salt breezes of Casco Bay, his business acumen, his responsible leadership, his gracious manner, his modesty and his loyal devotion have marked him among his colleagues in business, in community activity, and at his College.

*Honoris Causa*, DOCTOR OF LAWS