

**NATHANIEL COOPER KENDRICK**, Dean of Bowdoin College and Frank Munsey Professor of History.

It is two-score years since you joined the Bowdoin Faculty after earning your undergraduate degree at Rochester and your graduate degrees at Harvard, and furthering your knowledge of history by study in Europe. During that long tenure you have taught many hundreds of Bowdoin students, bringing your dispassionate intelligence to the interpretation of the Renaissance, the Reformation, the French Revolution and the Napoleonic Era. Outside the classroom, especially during the two decades you have served as Dean of the College, you have counseled thousands more, joyfully bringing to your task endless patience, compassion, understanding and flexibility. Your skill and perception in your work has long been manifest to all, but your obviously effective communication with both students and faculty remains forever a “mystery wrapped in an enigma” – a process a mere chemist might call osmosis. Your own heritage from a long line of educators and scholars has stood you in good stead at Bowdoin, as Bowdoin’s inheritance from you stands it in good stead now and in years to come.

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