

**NOEL CHARLTON LITTLE**, of the Class of 1917, Josiah Little Professor of Natural Science, Emeritus.

Born on what is now campus, reared in the shade of the Bowdoin Pines, family ties tracing back to the first decade of the College and leading forward to two Bowdoin sons, his own distinguished career as an undergraduate culminated in his election to Phi Beta Kappa and his graduation *summa cum laude*. For more than half a century he has played a lively part in all phases of Bowdoin's growth and development. A durability hidden by his youthful exterior is evidenced by his joyous skating in the Arena and his vigorous swimming in the Gulf of Maine. Former Chairman of the Department of Physics, his humanity was long appreciated by undergraduates, as well as by Navy officers of the World War II Radar School whose success testifies to his ingenuity and persistence as a physicist, educator, and counselor. Retirement for Bowdoin a year ago was not retirement from teaching or productivity, for at Hollins College these past months he spent his hours outside the classroom reading page proofs for a new book, and he now prepares for next winter's service to Harvard Project Physics. We honor him as a teacher, physicist, colleague, and friend.

*Honoris Causa*, DOCTOR OF SCIENCE