

ELLISON SMULLEN PURINGTON, of the Class of 1912, *summa cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa, Alpha Delta Phi. Inventor extraordinary, wizard in electronics circuitry, native of Mechanic Falls, member of an old Bowdoin family, after your brilliant undergraduate career and graduate work in physics at Harvard University, your research in ordnance in the First World War and your writing of early training manuals for radio technicians presaged your latest contributions. In your work since at the Hammond Laboratories, lately as Vice President and Chief Research Engineer, your inventive mind has produced almost fourscore of patents in the radio and electronics field. Your “contributions to circuit design, radio control and communication systems” have been recognized by your being elected a Fellow of the Institute of Electronics and Electrical Engineers. Now retiring from active research, you are by no means of a retiring mind in your search for new means of improving technical education in your specialized field. Poincaré once wrote:

“To invent is to discern, to choose, avoiding the construction of useless combinations and constructing the useful combinations which are in infinite minority.”

In you we recognize the discernment of the educated man.

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