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ROBLEY WILSON, JR., master of the short story; chronicler of love and loss, of romance and disillusionment; editor, poet, and teacher, welcome back to Bowdoin from which you graduated in 1957 with Honors in English. From your first job as a reporter for the Tribune in Sanford, Maine, to your present distinguished post as editor since 1969 of the North American Review, you have championed the integrity of the written word. You have taught the craft of writing to a generation of students at the University of Northern Iowa; you have provided them with the living example and encouragement of a body of work taking shape -- your three much-esteemed volumes of short stories, the most recent, Dancing for Men, fittingly honored with the 1982 Drue Heinz Literature Prize. From a former editor of The Quill, one would expect no less. We look forward this fall to your first full-length book of poetry, confident that a poet already so widely published will please us once again. We honor your talent, and your creativity, and your service to the cause of literature, by naming you, *honoris causa*, DOCTOR OF LETTERS.