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Deviser of the policies and builder of the organization from which evolved one of the country's great industrial enterprises, the efficiency of which in production was matched alone by its fruitfulness as a training school from which other great corporations have drawn executives; later in the critical post-war period as head of the world's greatest public utility, the conservator of its strength and eliminator of its war-imposed weaknesses to a degree that restored internal morale and gained public confidence to unprecedented degree; of you, Dartmouth men say now, in deep appreciation of the continuing magnitude of your service to the College, as has been said before to you in formal address by your business associates, "You have had more than our confidence, more than our loyalty, and more than our respect. You have had, and you always will have, our deep and sincere affection." Today, on occasion of your fiftieth graduation from this college, Dartmouth confers upon you the deferred honor your modesty has long made you reluctant to accept, and in recognition of your contribution to the economic forces of this nation, in admiration for the great administrative genius which is yours, and in gratitude for the incalculable value of your service to the College as alumnus and trustee, declares that you are preeminently entitled to be, and that you are, a Doctor of Laws.