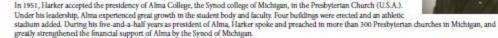
## The Rev. Dr. J. Stanley Harker

## Class of 1925

Dr. J. Stanley Harker, the fourth president of Grove City College, was ordained to the Presbyterian ministry by Shenango Presbytery in Pennsylvania. For 22 years he served churches in New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio.

Harker's last pastorate was with the Pirst Presbyterian Church of Hamilton. Ohio. There, he began a three-year term on the nominating committee of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Throughout his years in the pastorale, Harker was deeply interested in the work of the Presbyterian Church colleges and the Westminster Foundations on the state university campuses.



In July 1956, Harker returned to Grove City College as its president. During his years at Grove City, he encouraged academic excellence and provided a Christian climate on the campus. In the academic area, the faculty doubled in number. He broadened the curriculum, such as the addition of a certified elementary education program, and emphasized use of the library facilities. He also strengthened and supported the College's athletic teams. Harker taught one class each year in ancient history, and he preached each Sunday morning in the vacant pulpits of local Presbyterian churches.

He passed away Oct. 9, 1984.

During his tenure at Grove City College, stx new buildings were built, all dedicated debt free, Harker stepped down from his work as College president in 1971.