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THE HOHENTHAL SCHOLARSHIPS

IN a communication addressed to the Trustees of the Rice Institute in June, 1918, Mr. William M. Rice, Jr., informed the Trustees that under the last will and testament of the late Lionel Hohenthal, of Houston, Mr. Rice, his executor, had been authorized to devote the residue of the estate to the establishment of a permanent memorial to Mr. Hohenthal's mother, father, and brother. In this letter Mr. Rice intimated further that he had decided to ask the Trustees of the Rice Institute to accept in Mr. Hohenthal's name his residuary estate as an endowment for a scholarship fund to be known as the Hohenthal Scholarship Fund. This generous gift the Trustees have gratefully accepted.

The scholarships made possible by the income of this fund will be known as the Hohenthal Scholarships, and the names of the bearers will appear in the announcements as Hohenthal Scholars of the Institute. The Hohenthal Scholarships will be awarded on a basis of high standing in scholarship. They will be open to students of the Rice Institute, both young men and young women. The annual stipend of each scholarship will be two hundred dollars, and at present some half-dozen of them will be available. Undeveloped resources of the estate may yield sufficient income to provide additional scholarships in the future.

A few years before his death Mr. Hohenthal had retired from a long and successful business career in Houston. Of gentle manners and quiet pursuits, he was greatly beloved of his intimates and highly esteemed by all who knew him. It was characteristic of the modesty and temper of his life

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that to a lifelong friend he should have accorded the privilege of devising a fitting memorial to his nearest of kin. And it would seem to be singularly in keeping with the interests of his well-ordered life that to an institution of learning should be entrusted the means whereby he sought to preserve in living memory, not himself, but his mother, father, and brother. Nor will his example of filial devotion fail of emulation by the Rice undergraduates, some of whom directly, and all indirectly, are to share in the benefits of Mr. Hohenthal's benefaction to their Alma Mater. And in their local traditions of song and story the students and scholars will also pay tribute to the donor's fine tribute to friendship, and celebrate another instance of his friend's friendly interest in the college.

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THE SHARP LECTURESHIP IN CIVICS AND PHILANTHROPY

IN a letter addressed to the Trustees of the Rice Institute in June, 1918, Mrs. Estelle B. Sharp, of Houston, expressed her desire to place in the hands of the Trustees funds for the provision of a lectureship in civics and philanthropy, and in the same letter Mrs. Sharp intimated her willingness to secure under this lectureship four annual scholarships. This generous gift of an endowed lectureship, the first of its kind in the history of the new institution, and its accompanying scholarships, the Trustees have gratefully accepted.

Mrs. Sharp's donation of the Sharp Lectureship in Civics and Philanthropy makes possible the expansion of the university's educational programme along lines of usefulness for which immediate provision could not otherwise have