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#### RESPONSE OF THE PRESIDENT

**M**AY I express to all of you my appreciation of the warm welcome that has been extended to me and my family during these two days? It gives us some slight understanding of the pride with which every Texan regards his state.

In extending to me an invitation to become associated with the Rice Institute you have done me an honor of which I am deeply conscious. To undertake to carry on the traditions so ably established by Dr. Lovett is an almost overwhelming task. It is a task that can be accomplished only through the coöperative efforts of the faculty, the students, the trustees, the alumni, and all the citizens of Houston. May I ask that you will permit me to join with all of you in this effort?

W. V. HOUSTON.