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A TRIBUTE

SINCE OUR LAST COMMENCEMENT WILLIAM M. RICE, JR., PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, PASSED AWAY IN THE FORTY-FIFTH YEAR OF HIS TRUSTEESHIP AND THE EIGHTY-SEVENTH OF HIS AGE. HE STARTED FROM SCRATCH AND PROSPERED. HE PRACTICED AN ANCIENT PRINCIPLE THAT NO LESSON IS SO IMPORTANT TO LEARN, AND NO HABIT IS SO IMPORTANT TO ACQUIRE, AS A RIGHT JUDGMENT AND A DELIGHT IN FINE CHARACTERS AND NOBLE ACTIONS. HE MET JOY AND DUTY AND THE SHOCKS OF EXPERIENCE IN THE SERENITY OF HIGH PURPOSE, A DISCIPLINED MIND, STRONG BUT PATIENT WILL, AND A LIGHT AND HOPEFUL HEART. BY GIFT AND BY BEQUEST HE INCREASED THE FUNDS OF THE RICE INSTITUTE IN AN AMOUNT EXCEEDING TWO AND A THIRD MILLION. HE RESTS FROM HIS LABORS. HIS WORKS DO FOLLOW HIM. LET US STAND A MOMENT IN SILENT TRIBUTE TO HIS MEMORY.