The Death of Robert Ryland

President of Richmond College

The Trustees were called together at one o'clock on Monday, April 24th in the Room of the Former Music School in Richmond.

The President, W. E. Hatcher, D.D., announced the death of Rev. Robert Ryland, D.D., long-time President of the College, and stated that he would read the desire of all to honor the memory of the deceased.

Judge R. C. Wrodbuck led the Board in prayer.

The meeting was opened by President George E. Steele, and a Committee of five members was appointed to retire and report on the feelings and sentiments of the Board as to a suitable memorial.

The following were named: Thos. J. Searaaway, D.D. J. B. Gulliver, D.D., Geo. B. Steel, A.R.

The Committee reported as follows:

The Trustees of Richmond College having heard with profound sorrow of the death of the venerable Robert Ryland, D.D., who passed to his heavenly reward on Sunday, April 20th, 1899, at the advanced age of sixty-five years, and wishing to honor the memory of so noble and useful a man, and to put upon record our high appreciation of his valuable services to the University and the Cause of Higher Education, as President of Richmond College from its foundation in 1832 to the year 1866, when he resigned that office, therefore,

resolved,

That we deem it fitting that the body of the deceased ex-President of the College should be brought to Richmond and placed near the grave of his great life work and under the care of the friends and brethren who have known and honored him through the long years of his remarkable life, and that we tender to the bereaved family our sympathy.
Place in the College Chapel in Hollywood Cemetery and request that his remains may be laid at rest in that beautiful spot, allowing at the same time a place in the lot for his charming wife should she desire to be buried there.

2. That the funeral service be held in the College Chapel which shall be appropriately decorated in mourning and the doorway of the Institution he frequented for such time as the President may direct in order that all connected with the Institution may attend the funeral in a body.

3. That we tender to the family the assurance of our heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement.

4. That the residue be and is hereby authorized to pay any and all expenses connected with the removal of the body of our deceased friend and brother from Kentucky to Richmond and its burial in Hollywood.

5. Be sworn of the most work done by Mr. Bush for Richmond College which Institution we believe to be a monument to his patriotism, industry, wisdom and learning, a Committee of five members of the Board be appointed to consider and report at the Annual Meeting in June next upon the properties of the property in the College, a suitable Memorial of the President and what shall be the character of the same.

6. That these resolutions be spread upon the records of the College, and a copy be sent to the afflicted family by the Secretary.

Signed by

W. L. Dunham
J. S. Gallie
P. E. Williams
A. W. Conner
G. W. Nel.

Committee

The Report was adopted and the Board adjourned to meet in the College Chapel at the hour of the funeral and to act as a body at mass burial service in the adjacent cemetery.

C. B. Reynolds
Secretary

The Committee on Memorials

J. F. Bagby, F. W. Davis, J. E. Owen
J. W. Pocock, J. N. Bostwick
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The following:

You are asked to approve the resolution of the board of trustees, that the Rev. Mr. Ryland, for which purpose this resolution be transmitted to the College for the memory of that noble, wise, and learned man, who has left to the College to the memory of that man, we beg leave to suggest, in the interests of the College, to consider the possibility of erecting in memory of the memory of the late Mr. Ryland, a memorial building, to be named the Ryland Memorial Building, and that a suitable inscription be placed in the main hall of said building. And we wish to express the hope that at no distant day, this will be placed in the College, and that the name of the College shall be worthy of the memory of Mr. Ryland.