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**B**RADFORD PAUL RAYMOND, D. D., LL. D., President of Wesleyan University and Professor of Moral Philosophy, 1889-1908, Professor of English Bible, 1908-1909, Professor of Ethics and Biblical Literature, Emeritus, 1909-1916, died on Sunday, February 27th, 1916.

At the vesper service in the chapel that afternoon, the death of Dr. Raymond was announced to the assembly in the following words:—

"It is my duty to make the sad announcement that Bradford Paul Raymond, ex-President, more recently Professor emeritus in Wesleyan University, died suddenly this afternoon. He attended divine service as usual this forenoon, and was conversing with a friend in his home, and then with scarcely a moment's warning he passed away from earth. In youth a brave soldier of his country, in all his life a brave soldier of the truth, a faithful and useful pastor, the honored president of two colleges, a man of singular purity of character and sweetness of spirit. 'Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord. Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them.'"

On Wednesday, March 1st, the day of the funeral, all college exercises were omitted except the morning chapel service. That service was opened with the following words by President Shanklin:—

"Though a memorial service for Dr. Raymond is to be held Sunday afternoon, it is peculiarly fitting that the faculty and undergraduates of Wesleyan University should, as a body, make this recognition of him who was the head of Wesleyan for nineteen years, and whose personal character was one long service to the men of Wesleyan. His life taught Wesleyan men that integrity, the love of truth, and high, unselfish aims, make, for any man in whom they meet, a rich and happy life."

In the afternoon of that day, the funeral service was held at Dr. Raymond's home. The funeral services were conducted by the Reverend William D. Beach, Pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, Professors Winchester and Rice, and the Right Reverend E. Campion Acheson, D. D., Suffragan Bishop of Connecticut.

On Sunday, March 5th, a Memorial Service in honor of Dr. Raymond, under the auspices of Wesleyan University, was held in the First Methodist Episcopal Church. President Shanklin presided. Prayer was offered by the pastor of the church. Addresses were delivered by Professors Rice and Winchester, Rev. F. Mason North, D. D., who has been for many years a member of the Board of Trustees of the college, and Rev. Azel W. Hazen, pastor of the First Congregational Church of Middletown. In arranging the plan of the memorial service, it was understood that Professor Rice should give a biographical sketch of Dr. Raymond, and that the other speakers should speak of various phases of his character and work as they had appeared to a colleague in the Faculty, to a member of the Board of Trustees, and to a fellow-worker in the civic and religious life of the town. The four addresses are published entire in this pamphlet.

The profound respect and warm esteem felt for Dr. Raymond by all who had been in any manner associated with him found expression in resolutions adopted by various organizations in college and in town. In this pamphlet are published the resolutions of the Board of Trustees of Wesleyan University, the Faculty, the College Body, the Wesleyan Chapter of Commons Clubs, the Official Board of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, and the Mansfield Post of the Grand Army of the Republic.



## The Memorial Service



ADDRESS BY  
WILLIAM NORTH RICE

Bradford Paul Raymond, son of Lewis and Sallie A. Raymond, was born in the little village of High Ridge, in Stamford, Connecticut, April 22, 1846. His life therefore nearly reached the traditional limit of three-score years and ten. The influences of his childhood home revealed themselves in his life and character. His father was a farmer, living on a farm which he had inherited from a former generation. Though possessed of no more than a common school education, he was a man of vigorous and active intellect, the leader of a debating society in which the farmers of that part of the town were accustomed to meet, deeply interested in the affairs of town and state and nation, and influential in local politics. From him the son may well have derived his intense patriotism and his wide outlook upon public affairs. For the influence revealed in the profoundly religious spirit of the son, he was chiefly indebted to his mother. A woman of great religious earnestness, she prayed for her children, and she prayed with them, and her prayers were richly answered. Her husband had been in his early life not altogether in harmony with the teachings of the more conservative Christian denominations, but in his later life he was a member of the Methodist Church and a teacher in the Sunday School.

Bradford was educated in the district school in High Ridge. The little community supported no high school, but they were fortunate in having some good teachers, who inspired their pupils with a love of learning, and who led them somewhat beyond the curriculum of the ordinary graded school.

When Bradford was fifteen years old, the controversy in the nation over the slavery question suddenly flamed into war. The farmers of High Ridge had been deeply interested in political questions, and responded loyally when the call to arms sounded on their ears. From almost every house along the village street, one or more of the sons went into the army