



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

June 17, 1955

I regret to announce the death at his Boston home on June 16th of Franklin Warren Hobbs, a distinguished leader of the New England textile industry and an emeritus Life Member of the Institute's Corporation. He was 86 years old.

Mr. Hobbs, who was the only manufacturer ever to head both the national cotton and wool manufacturers' associations, was born in Roxbury, Mass., and in 1889 received the degree of Bachelor of Science at M. I. T. After two years as an assistant in the Institute's department of mechanical engineering, Mr. Hobbs entered the employ of the Arlington Mills (now the William Whitman Company, Inc.). Throughout more than sixty years of service he assumed constantly increasing responsibilities, and in 1952 retired as chairman of the board of directors. Since 1930, he had served as board chairman of The Textile Foundation in Washington, D. C. For his leadership in the textile industries, Mr. Hobbs was awarded the honorary degrees of Master of Science by Dartmouth College, Doctor of Science by Middlebury College, and Doctor of Textile Science by the University of North Carolina.

Elected a term member of the M. I. T. Corporation in 1914, a Life Member in 1923, Mr. Hobbs became a Member Emeritus in 1951. He had also been an active member and officer of the Institute's Alumni Association; chairman of the board of Wentworth Institute; a director and trustee of numerous companies; and a member of many professional, service, and social societies.

He is survived by a son, Marland Cogswell, and a daughter, Rebekah. Funeral services will be held Monday noon, June 20, at Bigelow Chapel of Mt. Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge.

J. R. Killian, Jr.
President

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