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New Trustee



JOHN F. MAGEE, '13

Member of Alumni Council who was elected Life Trustee of Lafayette College by the Board of Trustees at their meeting last month.

Endowment to American College of Teheran

A gift of \$20,000 for the endowment of a college science building in Persia has been given recently to the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, New York. The new building will belong to the American College of Teheran, a Presbyterian Mission institution, which has won for itself a remarkable record in Persia. The president of the college is Dr. S. M. Jordan, '95, who went to Persia in 1898.

Hundreds of students from every phase and every stratum of Persian life come under the direct influence of this college. The boys may be from the humblest homes in the most backward parts of Persia, from the houses of royalty, from the homes of the premier, cabinet ministers, and high Moslem clerics, from the tents of the nomad tribes which range over the vast stretches of Persian deserts and mountains, and other environments. At the college, boys who have fought against the Persian armies fraternize with the sons of administration leaders and learn together the great bond of a united patriotism.

The students are not trained to be "Americans." For this reason the department of Persian has been

highly developed. With the same objective in mind, all students—Armenian, Jewish, Assyrian, Turkish and Kurdish are required to learn the Persian language. Graduates of the college are en-

couraged to remain in Persia to serve their own land. It is significant that practically all who have graduated have done so and are now filling positions of trust and responsibility in all parts of the country.

Regional Scholarships

WILLIAM M. SMITH, '03

Registrar, Lafayette College

SIX scholarships of the annual value of \$500 each will be awarded by Lafayette College to men entering the freshman class in September, 1933. The awards will be made to candidates in financial need upon the basis of three College Entrance Board examinations, viz.: (1) Scholastic Aptitude examination or Psychological test; (2) English examination; (3) examination in some Mathematical subject or some Foreign Language. Two of these scholarships will be awarded to candidates from the Middle Atlantic Section and one in each of the following four districts: (1) New England; (2) South Atlantic; (3) North Central, East of the Mississippi and North of Ohio; (4) West of the Mississippi. The scholarships will be renewed at the end of each undergraduate year if the holder maintains a satisfactory record in college.

In 1926, the Board of Trustees of Lafayette College raised the tuition charge from \$300 to \$400. At the same time they voted to inaugurate a system of Regional Scholarships. The purpose of these scholarships was threefold. The regional feature was adopted with the idea of stressing the desirability of having all sections of the country represented in the student body. For this purpose it was originally decided to award one scholarship of \$500 per year and two scholarships of \$200 each per year to candidates from each of five sections. The second purpose back of these awards was a desire to raise the quality of scholarship of the college by selecting outstanding scholars for these awards. To insure this the faculty voted that the awards should be made upon the basis of the record

made in the examinations set by the College Entrance Examination Board. The third thing which the trustees had in mind was to prevent the increased tuition from debarring from college a number of worthy students unable financially to pay the increased fees.

During the six years in which these scholarships have been in force, a group of forty-six young men have been brought to the campus, who, with few exceptions, have been the leaders in the scholastic life of the college. The scholarship average of this group is 4.03 (better than a B average) which means that, as a group, they have ranked in the highest fifth in scholarship.

It was found, after a trial of those years, that the number of applicants for these scholarships in districts outside of Middle Atlantic section was small and so as an experiment we tried selecting the candidates from the other sections upon the basis of their high school record and recommendations of local alumni committees. After a trial of three years, the College feels that from the standpoint of scholarship, the number of applicants, and proper publicity, this has not been as satisfactory as the former method to which we are returning with the class entering next September.

Every alumnus undoubtedly has contacts with his local high school or preparatory school and he could do the College a real service by bringing to the attention of the principal of his high school the facts concerning these scholarships, and that additional information about the scholarships or the courses of study at Lafayette can be secured from the Registrar at Lafayette College, Easton, Pa.