

\$500 for the Lafayette
Work in Persia



S. M. JORDAN, 95



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Our Colleges in the East

THE growth and expansion of the influence of our colleges in countries less fortunate in educational and medical enlightenment than ours, is marvelous indeed. Harvard has gone into India, and Yale, Princeton and the Univ. of Pennsylvania have entered China. Mercersburg Academy is supporting one of its graduates in medical work in the celestial Kingdom, too. And Lafayette, in line with this movement, has two men working in Persia. In 1898 S. M. Jordan, '95, was sent to Teheran, Persia's capital, to take charge of the American School for Boys there. Last August, "Artie" Boyce, '07, went to join him as a teacher of science.

What We Want To Do for Our School

First, it should be borne in mind that the support of this work is not a matter for the Y. M. C. A. alone, but one for the whole undergraduate body. Jordan said last winter, "We are not running a Sunday-school in Teheran, but a regular high school, soon to be a college."

Second, our support must be more than interest and sympathy. It must be of cash. Last year we raised \$400 from faculty and students. This year it will be \$500.

Jordan's College Life

Jordan entered college in the fall of 1891, and from the first was prominent in football and track. He played centre for three years on the 'Varsity team, and in 1894 captained the team on which Barclay, Walbridge, Sigman, Rinehart and Rowland played. It was in that year that the present series of football victories over Lehigh was initiated. Jordan has brought back from Persia, and presented to the trophy room, the football with which Lafayette defeated Lehigh 28-0 in November, '94, a most remarkable game in those days. Early in his course, Jordan became a volunteer, and throughout his college life was prominent in all forms of Christian work. He was a good student, graduating with honors, and universally popular among the student body.

Next week's *Lafayette* will give a good idea of what Boyce is doing and what he thinks of the work.

Jordan's Work in Persia

Before his graduation from Princeton, Jordan was appointed to go to Teheran, the capital of Persia, and take charge of the American School for Boys. With his bride he sailed from New York, September 19, 1898, and arrived at his destination November 3rd. At that time there was no carriage road from the Persian port on the Caspian to Teheran, and the journey



SENIOR CLASS, AMERICAN BOYS' SCHOOL, TEHERAN, PERSIA

across the Elborz Mountains, more than 8,000 feet high, was made by means of pack animals.

During his eight years' residence in Persia, he has had many interesting experiences visiting her cities and villages and traveling through the wilds of Kurdistan, but his principal work has been in the school at the capital. This school corresponds in grade to a preparatory in America, and a college is needed to round it out. It is patronized by Persians (Moslems), Armenians, Zoroastrians and Jews. Ninety-five per cent. of the population of Persia are Moslems.

This school has made wonderful progress. Six years ago the total attendance was 66, of whom 22 were of the ruling race. Last year the enrolment was 230, and 130 of these were Moslems,

and many of these were from the wealthiest and noblest families. About 100 of them bear the title of nobility, Khan, and several of them are princes of the ruling dynasty. The school is affecting the life of the nation at its very center. Six years ago the tuition from the pupils amounted to \$153.00; last year to \$1000.00. The Persians have awakened to the value of an education, and are eagerly seeking for it on every side. We have the opportunity to educate the men who will be the leaders of Persia. Shall we do it?

Lafayette Spirit Will Insure Success

We appeal to the best spirit of Lafayette men to back this project. It is as much a part of college life as are the different forms of athletics and other activities. It is a *college affair*, not the project of a few enthusiasts. Every man who possibly can, is asked to give at least \$1.00.



Chairman of Committee.