

College in 1895-1896; master of history at the military academy at San Rafael, Calif., 1896-1897; lecturer in American diplomatic history at Johns Hopkins in 1898; professor of history and economics at Randolph-Macon Woman's College, 1898-1902; and professor of history at Washington and Lee University, 1902-1913. In the latter year he was called to Johns Hopkins University, where he henceforth remained, serving as professor of American history, head of the history department, dean of the faculty and on the research staff of the Walter Hines Page School of International Relations.

Dr. Latané's printed works chiefly concerned America's international relations, and among his books were "America as a World Power," 1907; "From Isolation to Leadership," 1918; "The United States and Latin America," 1920; and "History of American Foreign Policy," 1927. He was also editor of the *American Political Science Review* from 1906 to 1912. He was an ardent champion of the League of Nations, for which France made him chevalier of the Legion of Honor. He received the honorary degrees of LL.D. from the University of Alabama in 1913, and also from Washington and Lee University in 1928. He was elected to the American Antiquarian Society in 1911.

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#### EDWARD PERCIVAL MERRITT

Edward Percival Merritt of Boston died, after two years of failing health, at Monte Carlo, April 16, 1932. He was born at Boston, the son of George Washington and Almira (Curtis) Merritt on March 28, 1860. After preparation for college at the Noble School, he went to Harvard, where he was graduated with the degree of A.B. in 1882. He then went into the banking business, being connected with Blake Bros. from 1882

to 1885, then a partner in Adams, Blodget & Co., which firm in 1893 became Blodget, Merritt & Co. He retired from active business in 1910. On October 6, 1886, he married at Brooklyn, N. Y., Elisabeth Fitch Birdseye, daughter of Judge Lucien Birdseye, who survived him.

Mr. Merritt was a keen collector of books and had many rare volumes in his fine library. Among his hobbies were the publications of Walpole's Strawberry Hill Press and eighteenth century children's books. On both subjects he wrote highly valuable monographs, "Horace Walpole, Printer" for the Club of Odd Volumes in 1907, and "The Royal Primer" for the Eames Bibliographical Essays in 1925. He was especially interested in the early ecclesiastical history of Boston, and wrote frequently on the subject for the Publications of the Colonial Society of Massachusetts, and also compiled a small volume in 1917 entitled "A Parochial Library of the 18th Century—Christ Church." Most of his publications were issued under the name of Percival Merritt, which name he invariably used in correspondence and also upon his various bookplates. He was fond of art, the drama, and travel, but was particularly attached to the place of his nativity.

Mr. Merritt was a member of the Club of Odd Volumes, the Colonial Society of Massachusetts, the Grolier Club and the Hawaiian Historical Society. He was elected a member of the American Antiquarian Society in 1928, continuing an interest in the Society which he had shown for several years. He presented many volumes to the Society's library, and was always ready to aid us in solving problems in fields in which he was an authority.

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### WILLIAM DAVIS PATTERSON

William Davis Patterson died at Bath, Me., July 16, 1931. He was born at Dresden, Me., March 5, 1858,

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