

## MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

### GEORGE W. DOWRIE (1880 – 1964)

George William Dowrie was born in Pontiac, Illinois on December 27, 1880. He received the Bachelor of Arts degree from Lake Forest College in 1901. In 1941 he was awarded a doctor of laws degree from the same institution. In 1907 he received a Master's degree from the University of Chicago and in 1913 his doctorate in Economics from the University of Illinois. From 1913 to 1916 he was Assistant Professor, from 1916 to 1917, Associate Professor, and from 1917 to 1918, Professor of Economics at the University of Michigan. From 1918 to 1919 he served as Professor of Economics at the University of Minnesota. In 1919 he became Dean of the School of Business at the University of Minnesota, a post he held until 1926 when he was called to Stanford to become Professor of Finance in the newly established Graduate School of Business. For the next twenty years, until he became the School's first emeritus professor in 1946, George Dowrie was an outstanding member of the faculty. He took a most active part in community as well as university affairs, and on his retirement in June of 1946 was tended a testimonial dinner by the man he had taught and with whom he had worked over the years.

Professor Dowrie was a writer of eminence in the field of finance. In addition to many articles he was author of "Development of Banking in Illinois", 1914; "American Monetary and Banking Policies", 1929 and "Money and Banking", 1936. He was co-author with Douglas R. Fuller of "Investments", 1941, a widely used college textbook, the third edition of which appeared in 1960. After retirement he taught for three years at San Jose State College, and from 1948 to 1962 served on the Board of Trustees of Menlo School and College where he was instrumental in establishing and guiding the college's four year School of Business Administration.

His nonacademic activities, both while at Stanford and afterward, included service on the Palo Alto Planning Commission, Adviser to the Palo Alto School Board in its building program, membership on the Board of the Home Foundation Savings and Loan Association, and longtime membership on the Advisory Board of the local branch of the Bank of America. His annual economic forecasts were a tradition with the Palo Alto Rotary Club, of which he was president in 1929-1930. He also served as a deacon of the First Congregational Church of Palo Alto.

Professor Dowrie was a wonderfully warm-hearted human being. In the course of his long years of service, his sympathetic understanding and helpfulness had a lasting influence upon countless numbers of students, many of whom affectionately referred to him as "Uncle George".

Professor Dowrie is survived by his wife, Lillian, a son, Dr. James O. Dowrie of Sacramento, and two grandchildren. To them we extend our deepest sympathy.

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