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## PREFACE

This volume contains a list of the Latin and English Salutatorians, Valedictorians, Honormen, Junior Orators, Lynde Debaters, Prizemen, Fellows, First Group Men, and University Debaters, from the first Commencement in 1748 until the present day. It is unfortunately incomplete for the years 1750-'53, 1755-'59, 1763-'64, 1776-'77, and in minor detail; a careful search through the files of nearly all the current newspapers, from which source the honormen for the first seventy-five years have been obtained, has failed to supply the omissions. In 1757 and in 1777, however, the public exercises of Commencement were omitted, and it is believed no honors were assigned. The absence of official source-material, notably the Minutes of the Faculty, for the eighteenth century and a period of some twenty years in the nineteenth, has made the task of collation one of the greatest difficulty, which will account for the fragmentary nature of the record during the early years of College history.

From 1748 until 1835, the honors have been compiled from the published accounts of the Commencements which appeared in the various newspapers of the day, supplemented by the Minutes of the Faculty where extant, by biography and history, and the manuscript records of the University. From 1835 until 1902, they are taken from the Minutes of the Faculty and the official lists of honormen printed in the yearly catalogues.

Unless otherwise specifically stated in the notes, the arrangement of the honormen is in the order of their standing; where the Minutes of the Faculty are available, they have been strictly followed in this particular. Since the adoption of the system of honor groups by the University in 1886, the names under each group are arranged in alphabetical order.

The work of compiling this volume was undertaken at the suggestion of Mr. M. Taylor Pyne, '77, to whom the editor is further indebted for valuable advice and assistance. He has also been courteously assisted by the librarians of the New York Public Library, the State Library of New Jersey, and the Pennsylvania Historical Society, while at work among their collections, and by many other persons; which indebtedness is most gratefully acknowledged.

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## INTRODUCTION