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## AUTHOR'S NOTE

THIS book is the product of a recent survey of some dozen representative Universities and Colleges of the United States. It does not pretend to the authority of the educational expert; but it may be of some service to him, as well as of interest to the general reader. I desire here to express my indebtedness to Principal MacAlister, of Glasgow University, for his kindness in suggesting many lines of useful inquiry, as well as in providing a Preface; to Dr. Thwing's *Higher Education in America*; to Mr. Clarence Birdseye's *Individual Training in Our Colleges*; to pamphlets, articles, and proof corrections by Dr. R. M. Wenley of Michigan University; and to the proprietors of the *Glasgow Herald* for courteous permission to reprint these papers.





## PREFACE

LAST year Mr. Risk, a graduate of this University and a practised writer, before proceeding on a short journey through the United States, did me the honour to consult me as to the Universities he might visit, and the matters relating to higher education into which he might inquire. It appeared to me that he would more usefully employ his time by ascertaining facts and forming opinions concerning a few institutions, of diverse type and aim, than by attempting a cursory survey of many. His purpose was not merely to describe American colleges, with a view to entertainment, but to compare and appraise their methods, in order to throw some light upon University problems at home. His brightly-written chapters show that he brought to the task an open mind and an observant eye. These papers attracted attention in the city when they were published in the