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PREFACE

There is an entrance examination to every course of study leading to a primary degree, like B.A., B.S.

This examination varies somewhat in the different institutions, but it may be said that the average entrance examination is upon those branches which are studied in the average high school.

Usually a man must be a bachelor before he can commence the course leading to a master degree, and a master before he can become a candidate for a doctor degree.

There is always an examination before a degree is conferred, although this may not be distinctly stated in this work. In the case of an honorary degree, there is an examination of the character, professional and scholastic standing, and of the literary, scientific, and professional works of the candidate.

I know that some of these degrees are conferred by institutions which could not properly be called universities, yet as any of them might be a department of a university I have ventured to use the title: A Dictionary of University Degrees. If I had used no limit-

ing word it might have been thought that the work included all scholastic and perhaps Masonic degrees.

I do not consider this book perfect nor my work finished. I rather look upon this as a step toward a larger and more exhaustive book which will deal more fully with the history of each degree. To assist in this expansion I have had the work printed with alternate blank pages, so that every reader may make his own notes, which I shall be glad to have him send to me.

I shall be very glad to receive criticisms, corrections, information relative to new degrees and the history of old ones.

In explaining a degree which is not common it is usually stated what institution confers it, but this does not always mean that it is not conferred by any other.

OUR NOBILITY

“ There is no aristocracy in the United States but that of intellect.”

—*Boston Herald.*

“ ‘ Our only nobility now ’ said the Major turning to the collegian.”

—*Old Town Folks.*

“ During the mediaeval period an academic degree was almost equivalent to an order of nobility.”

—*President Barnard.*

“ New Englanders have always looked upon a degree from Harvard in the light of a title of nobility.”

—*Charles Bacon.*

“ A graduate of a great university passes down into history as a man of talent and culture, although he may not continue his studies a single day after graduation.

“ Without his diploma one may spend a lifetime in severe study and gain little credit for scholarship.” ✓

—*Boston Musical Herald.*

“ To pass successfully these examinations (examinations by the government for position, rank and degrees)