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DOCTORATES CONFERRED BY AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH.

THE development of the American university during the past twenty-five years may perhaps be regarded as the great achievement of the nation. The foundations laid at Harvard and at Johns Hopkins within the life-time of those students now profiting from them have been built upon, until we have now a score of universities, as places for research, equal to Oxford, and half a dozen rivalling those of Germany. The American college, though founded upon the English system, was of native growth, and the university based upon this college, though influenced by German methods, is distinctly national, while, at the same time, our different institutions show a marked individuality. The American university is definitely a place for research, where both teachers and students are engaged in research or in learning the methods of research. The results of the work of the students is in large measure summarized by the theses for the doctorate, and it is interesting to know what is the outcome of the past year's research.

It appears, from a somewhat careful enquiry, that eighteen leading universities conferred the Ph. D. degree on 234 candidates. The degree was not given last year by Indiana, Illinois, Kansas, Texas, Colorado, Missouri, Tulane or the Catholic University