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FOR the fifth year we publish statistics in regard to the conferring of the degree of doctor of philosophy by American universities. The figures have been obtained from official sources; they are correct and reasonably complete. Twenty-seven institutions are given on the table, and replies have been received from as many more. Several of our best colleges do not give the degree. This appears to be wise, at least so long as universities such as Kansas, Missouri and Tulane have found occasion to grant it but once in five years, and Stanford and Princeton have on the average granted it but twice a year. The figures published, not very promptly, by the Bureau of Education indicate a larger number of doctorates of philosophy, but these must include institutions that have no right to confer this degree, giving it for work done *in absentia* or perhaps for the payment of a fee. Our record during the past five years shows that the degree has been granted by good institutions to 1,158 candidates, or an average of about 230 each year. This is a considerable number of well-educated men, but after all rather insignificant when compared with the population of the country, or even with the number of teachers employed in our schools. No statistics are available to show

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