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THE degree of doctor of philosophy has this year been conferred on 266 candidates by 27 institutions. This exceeds by 10 the number conferred in 1901, and is doubtless the largest number ever conferred by American universities. The increase from year to year is, however, uncertain and small, the numbers for the six years being 234, 222, 239, 253, 216 and 266. It seems that the number of graduate students has increased more rapidly than the doctorates, which may possibly be due to somewhat more strict requirements. Still it is rather disappointing that the number of men with a proper training for research and advanced teaching increases so slowly. It should also be remembered that the number studying in Germany tends to decrease.

The statistics here given do not agree with those published subsequently by the U. S. Commissioner of Education, and as the latter figures are widely quoted, it may be well to call attention to the fact that they are valueless. The report of the commissioner records 343 doctorates conferred in 1901, but the table shows that the largest number of degrees conferred on examination was by Taylor University at Upland, Ind., which gave the doctorate of philosophy to no less than 45 candidates. One may well wish to learn something in

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