

To Our Patrons.

Our Roll of Honor—The names of several of the editors of the Funk & Wagnalls' "Standard Dictionary" have been recently placed on the rolls of honor of leading Universities.

News comes from Ohio that the University of Wittenberg has just conferred the degree of LL.D. on the editor-in-chief of the "Standard"—the Rev. Isaac K. Funk, D.D., to whom is due the credit of evolving the original plans of the dictionary and much of the persistent energy that carried these plans to completion.

On the managing editor of this vast undertaking, the Rev. Daniel S. Gregory, Princeton College conferred the degree of Doctor of Divinity. Shortly after the completion of his labors on the "Standard Dictionary," the University of Wooster, Ohio, conferred an LL.D. upon him. Dr. Gregory, besides being managing editor of the "Standard Dictionary," was also editor-in-charge of the departments of Theology and Philosophy.

Word has been received from abroad that Dr. F. A. March, of Lafayette College, has been invited to attend the commencement at Oxford University as the guest of Vice-Chancellor McGrath, and will receive the degree of D. C. L. on June 24. Only six persons have ever been honored with both this degree and the Lit. D. from Cambridge, which also has been already conferred upon Professor March. The degrees of Doctor of Civil Law and Doctor of Literature are the highest honors bestowed respectively by Oxford and Cambridge. Professor March, who was the consulting editor of the "Standard Dictionary," and editor of the departments of Spelling and Pronunciation of the same work, will then have these high degrees: LL. D., L. H. D., Lit. D., and D. C. L.

Prof. Simon Newcomb, Ph.D., LL.D., was also selected for a similar distinction by the University of Cambridge. Prof. Newcomb was editor of the departments of Astronomy, Mathematics, and Physics of the "Standard," in conjunction with Prof. Frank H. Bigelow, M.A., of the United States Weather Bureau.

On Rossiter Johnson, Ph.D., associate editor and editor of the department of Literature of the "Standard," the University of Rochester, N. Y., conferred the degree of LL.D. Dr. Johnson's work in literary fields has been so

vast that it is gratifying to note that this degree was bestowed upon him while in the pursuit of his labors on the "Standard."

Ex-Chief of the United States Weather Bureau, Mark W. Harrington, now President of the University of Washington, Seattle, has also recently been the recipient of the same degree. Dr. Harrington's excellent work for the "Standard" has attracted considerable attention.

Miss Frances E. Willard has the distinction of being the first woman on whom the degree of Doctor of Laws has been conferred. This honor was bestowed upon her by the Ohio Wesleyan University within a few days after the completion of the "Standard Dictionary," on which Miss Willard was engaged as a member of the committee on spelling and pronunciation.

These honors, conferred at the close of the arduous labors performed for the "Standard Dictionary" by these eminent persons, come as fitting acknowledgments of the high degree of excellence attained by them in the performance of their lexicographical labors, as well as their labors in other literary and educational fields.

On an occasion such as this, it is fitting to recall the universal approbation that greeted the "Standard Dictionary" on its publication. Its merits have been proclaimed by the philologists, linguists, and scholars of the entire world. The Right Hon. Justin McCarthy, the famous Irish Historian, declared that the "Standard" was "destined to be a conclusive authority for the English-speaking people for many generations to come." Prof. J. E. Sandys, Lit. D., of Cambridge, proclaimed it "an admirable work that deserves to become famous on both sides of the Atlantic." E. C. Stedman, the poet and critic, called it "the most inclusive and scholarly of recent English dictionaries." To Stanley, the explorer, it was "nearest his idea of a first-class dictionary."

Prof. A. H. Sayce, of Oxford University, pronounced the "Standard" "truly magnificent and certain to supersede all other dictionaries," while Prof. E. J. Phelps, of Yale, asserted that "for general and practical purposes it is the best American dictionary now available."