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of the Y. M. C. A. building be asked to adhere to their undertaking, for the good of the Y. M. C. A. and the credit of the city and province—no matter who contributes otherwise—and that in every case they be asked to arrange (if possible) to give 50 per cent. of the promised sum by, say, September 1st, 1918, and the remainder before the end of the year.

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THE "WHEREFORE?" OF DEGREES, ESPECIALLY "D.D.'s"

TO men who have been acquainted with "D.D.'s" in the Old Lands, it is rather amusing to find that many of our friends on the other side of the "line" (in the United States) refer to almost every minister as "Doctor"—often, of course, without the clergyman having claim to the title. It is gratifying to note that in Canada "D.D.'s" are not so numerous, and that the degree does not seem to be often conferred without some measure of outstanding merit in the recipient. Without having to his credit some special service to his denomination and generation, in research work or other service in the realm of exposition or literature, it is practically impossible for a minister in the Old Countries to have conferred upon him the honorary degree of D.D., and the honour associated with the degree is correspondingly enhanced.

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A HINT TO DOMINION GOVERNMENTS RE KNIGHTHOODS

WE noticed that in his "Notes and Comments" the other month Rev. R. G. MacBeth wrote against the indiscriminate conferring of titles.

Notwithstanding Old-country upbringing, we care little and would argue less for *hereditary* titles. But knighthood—which is not hereditary—if given to a man without political wire-pulling and directly as a recognition of his outstanding public service in Church or State, in Law or Medicine, Literature, Art, Engineering or Manufacture, might serve a double purpose. The title might mark merit and proclaim to the world that a man's worth and service intellectually and socially have a value to the community and nation beyond the computation and attainment of the mere money-maker.

Certainly, let us continue to have knighthoods—not of the kind purchasable by the purse-proud through political patronage, but knighthoods awarded to men in all spheres of usefulness for outstanding worth and real community service.

NOTE

ADVANCING THE DATE OF PUBLICATION

At this time we are making certain changes in connection with the circulation of this magazine, and in advancing the date of publication this issue will be dated July, though consecutively it is No. 4 of Volume XIII.