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Oxford, following after a seemly interval, and with some difference in the circumstances, the example of Cambridge, declared last term that its highest academical status should be open to students of 'Science' and 'Letters.' It is a subject of various speculation to what extent these will 'suppliate' for the new doctorates. Perhaps the number of applicants would have been increased by the success of an amendment to the statute, proposing that the new degrees might be conferred *iure dignitatis* upon Heads of Colleges and Professors who should apply for them; but by a large majority, and not without the approval of the classes concerned, the University refused to accept a proposal which might have involved uncertainty as to the value of the new degrees. The doctorates of Letters and Science are to be given upon published work; and this seems to be clearly the best method of awarding them. But it is to be hoped that, in adjudicating on the merits of applicants, account will be taken not merely of their 'books,' but of their uncollected contributions in the learned journals. The fees to be levied are high, though not higher than is the case with all such degrees. They would be paid more cheerfully if they should form part of some fund specially allocated to the encouragement of research and not be merged in the general income of the University. CXXIII. VOL. XIV.

versity. The need of such provision is incontestable; and the friends of research at Cambridge must regret that advantage was not taken of the institution of the new degrees there to do something towards meeting it.

It is high time the University Presses adopted the principle of the "illustrated classic" in their elementary publications. They should have led the movement; but they must at least follow it quickly, if they do not want to be left behind. In addition to Messrs. G. Bell and Sons' series, edited by Mr. Marchant, to which reference has already been made in these columns, we have Messrs. Blackie's, edited by Professor Tyrrell, and Messrs. Blackwood's, edited by Mr. H. W. Auden, each with merits of its own. There is one point in which the Latin texts may, and should, be improved. The former English and present American practice of marking the long vowels ought to be adopted.

We are glad to be able to announce the completion of the Latin catalogue of *Greek* MS. in the Ambrosian Library, Milan. Its compilers, Messrs. Domenico Bassi and Emilio Martini have taken the greatest care to regard the practical convenience of its users.

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