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ROYAL SPANISH HONORS FOR
LOCAL SCIENTIST.

Most Distinguished Order Given to
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Order of Isabel la Catolica, Con-
ferred on Author.

More than thirty years ago Charles F. Lummis was already smitten with the romance of the Southwest, to which his walk across the continent in 1884 had been a rather intimate introduction. His studies and explorations soon led him deep into many frontiers and for nearly a quarter of a century he has been a recognized authority on the history, character and peoples of Spanish-America. His books have become

standard, here and abroad, and at least one of them has been translated into French, as well as Spanish; while his pioneer work to preserve the California missions and the history of the Southwest has had international recognition. He has been honored by the Royal Academy of Spain and by many learned bodies in America.

The King of Spain has now decorated him with the most distinguished order given to foreigners and one of the highest in the gift of the crown—as Comter dador con Placa de la Real Order de Isabel la Catolica," knight Commander, with the star of the Royal

Order of Isabel la Catolica.

This was the good Queen Isabella, who sold her jewels to equip Columbus and gave us our new world. That star is one of the most coveted in Spain, and has been given to few Americans.

The order was founded in 1815 under the patronage of Santa Isabella, wife of Diniz of Portugal. It was originally instituted to reward loyalty in defense of the Spanish possessions in America. It is now a general order of merit in three classes. The badge is a red-rayed cross with rays in the angles and in the center a representation of the Pillars of Hercules. The cross is attached to a yellow-and-white ribbon by a green laurel



Sr. Don Charles F. Lummis,
Knight Commander of the Royal Or-
der of Isabel la Catolica. He was
made such by King Alfonso XIII of
Spain.