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THE SUMMER'S WORK AT THE WOODS HOLE LABORATORY OF THE BUREAU OF FISHERIES (FORMER U. S. FISH COMMISSION).*

THE laboratory was thrown open on the sixteenth of June last for the nineteenth summer since the establishment of its present quarters, and scientific work was in progress until the end of September, after which time there remained but a single investigator. The work accomplished during the season is summarized below, together with mention of certain important lines of work which were planned and commenced. This statement has been prefaced by a brief account of the present equipment for scientific work at the station, although this latter of course varies but little from year to year.

I. EQUIPMENT.

Rooms.—In addition to the large laboratory room with nine tables, there were fourteen private rooms at the disposal of investigators, all of which are provided with gas and electricity and otherwise equipped for research. To this list must be added the library, supply-room and aquarium, as well as the main hatching-room, which, as usual, was available for laboratory purposes from the end of the lobster-hatching season, early in July. Through the courtesy of Superintendent Locke, certain other portions of the fish-cultural plant were also at the service of investigators. Early in the summer im-

* Report to the Commissioner of Fisheries by the director of the laboratory.