

assistant to the director; that the fixed Parliamentary grant of £15,300 be transferred to the vote for the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries; and that the post office should make arrangements at the 27 reporting stations in the United Kingdom for the transmission of daily telegraphic reports one hour earlier than the present one of 8:15 to 8:30 A.M., and that storm warnings should, if practicable, have priority over all private messages at all hours. The committee also call attention to the expediency of testing the efficacy of wireless telegraphy in providing advance news of weather in the Atlantic, and urge that no unnecessary delay should take place in organizing this experiment. They also recommend that in future the cost of instruments supplied to his Majesty's ships be borne upon the Navy Votes, except where such instruments are intended for use in research or observation specially called for by the director of meteorology, and they consider that the premises now rented by the council are neither suitable in character nor adequate in space for the present requirements of the office, and that others should be provided wherein the staff might perform their duties under more favorable hygienic conditions, and necessary accommodation for the rapidly growing library might be secured.

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS.

THE new laboratory of physics and engineering, given by Mr. William H. Reid, of Chicago, to Washington and Lee University, was dedicated on June 15.

At the recent commencement of the University of Nebraska three men graduated from the Department of Forestry which was established two years ago. These men on the establishment of forestry work in the university were transferred to this department from other departments of science, and thus were able to complete the course in two years. The full course is four years, and the requirements for admission to the freshman class are the same as for other departments of the university.

A DEPARTMENT of medicine with a two-years' course has been added to the curriculum of

the Washington State University. For the present the work will be in charge of Professor Byers, head of the department of chemistry. Dr. C. W. Johnson, assistant professor of pharmacy, has been made dean of the department of pharmacy.

A MEDICAL department will be established next year as part of St. John's College, a catholic institution at Fordham, New York City.

THE Mercers' Company have given a donation of £1,000 to the Institute of Medical Science Fund (University of London), and the Clothworkers' Company have given £300.

MR. FRANCIS G. SMART, M.A., M.G., of Gonville and Caius College, has founded, in the University of Cambridge, a studentship of £100 a year, tenable two years, for the encouragement of botanical research.

It is announced that work on the buildings for the Harvard Medical School has not progressed as rapidly as had been hoped, and that they will probably not be occupied until the autumn of 1906, instead of 1905, as was originally expected.

At Cornell University, Mr. Carl P. Thomas, a graduate of the class of 1895, has been appointed assistant professor of marine engineering. Drs. James McMahon and John H. Tanner have been promoted to full professorships of mathematics.

DR. A. N. COOK, who has been professor of chemistry in Morningside College, Sioux City, for the past four years, has been elected professor of chemistry in the State University of South Dakota at Vermillion.

DR. C. H. GORDON, who has been acting professor of geology in the Washington State University during the past year, has accepted a call to the chair of geology in the New Mexico School of Mines.

MR. HARRY R. FULTON, assistant in biology in the University of Mississippi, has been awarded a fellowship in botany for 1904-5 in the University of Missouri.

DR. PHILIP HENRY PYE-SMITH, M.D., F.R.S., has been reelected vice-chancellor of the University of London, for the year 1904-5.