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COOPERATION BETWEEN ZOOLOGICAL LABORATORIES AND THE GOVERNMENT BUREAUS

THE establishment of the Council of National Research and the utilization of a host of other scientific workers from universities and colleges in all sections of the country as parts of the war machinery of the government has for a considerable period and on a large scale brought the college scientists in close contact with the scientists of the governmental bureaus in Washington. This has, I believe, brought about a mutual feeling of friendship and cordial understanding far beyond anything hitherto existing.

Now that the extraordinarily varied scientific work being regularly conducted in Washington under governmental auspices has become more widely known to college workers, the way is open to make this information useful. For instance, would it not be practicable for the head of each college biological or zoological laboratory to make a point year by year to secure first-hand information as to the many lines of governmental work in progress in his branch of science, both as to research problems and as to the application of scientific knowledge to economic work? Probably no field of research offers the student a greater number of subjects of general value to the community.

Possibly the college zoological laboratories might obtain funds, perhaps as fellowships or in other form, with which the more promising students could be given opportunity to visit government laboratories in Washington and elsewhere and become acquainted with government workers in the lines in which they are interested. In this way they could get definite information as to methods of research, the practical handling of various problems and the technique of the leading government