

placed in Westminster Abbey. The tablet has been executed by Mr. Charles L. Hartwell, A.R.A., and was exhibited at the Royal Academy this summer.

DR. HORATIO R. STORER died at his home in Newport on September 18, at the age of ninety-two years. Dr. Storer was a distinguished gynecologist, who, after an infection from an operation, retired from active practice in 1872. He continued to be active in many scientific movements, having been the founder and life-president of the Newport Natural History Society.

### UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NOTES

By the will of Dr. William S. Halsted, lately professor of surgery in the Johns Hopkins University, the residue of his estate, valued at approximately \$100,000, is left to the university, subject to the payment annually to his widow of five per cent. of the value of the legacy. The bequest is to be devoted to research in medicine, preferably in surgery.

ON September 6, the old chemical laboratory of the Massachusetts Agricultural College was destroyed by fire. The building was one of the oldest on the campus, having been built in 1867, and occupied more or less completely by the department of chemistry since that time. About four thousand dollars' worth of apparatus, including all the platinum, was recovered. A new laboratory was provided for during the last legislature by an appropriation of \$300,000. This building is now being erected and will be ready for occupancy in August, 1923.

By action of the board of trustees of the Ohio State University on June 19, supplemented by further action on July 11, the College of Homeopathic Medicine, which had been a part of the university since 1914, was abolished.

DEAN D. W. MOREHOUSE, for twenty-two years professor of physics and astronomy at Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa, has been elected dean of the liberal arts college and acting president. President Arthur Holmes is

on leave of absence, his resignation taking effect on June 1, 1923. Dr. Morehouse was awarded the Donahue Comet Medal in 1908 for discovery of the Morehouse comet.

DR. W. N. STELL, of the University of Wisconsin, has been appointed professor of botany in Marquette University, the former department of biology having been divided into the separate departments of botany and zoology. Dr. Edward J. Menge, former director of the department, automatically becomes director of the department of zoology.

DR. MARTIN C. E. HANKE has been appointed instructor in physiological chemistry at the University of Chicago.

W. J. KOSTER, who during the past year has been instructor in zoology at Columbia University, returns this fall to Ohio State University as assistant professor of zoology and entomology.

DR. L. E. MILES, of the Mississippi Plant Board, has become associate professor of plant pathology and associate plant pathologist in the Alabama Polytechnic Institute and Experiment Station.

PROFESSOR H. R. DEAN, of the University of Manchester, has been appointed professor of pathology at the University of Cambridge in succession to the late Sir German Sims Woodhead.

CAPTAIN GEORGE PAGET THOMSON, lecturer in mathematics at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, has been appointed to the chair of natural philosophy in the University of Aberdeen, in succession to Professor C. Niven, recently retired. Mr. Thomson, who was unanimously elected by the court out of seventeen applicants, is the only son of Professor Sir J. J. Thomson, master of Trinity, Cambridge. He has had a distinguished academic career, and is only thirty years of age.

### DISCUSSION AND CORRESPONDENCE

#### GROWTH OF PLANTS IN ARTIFICIAL LIGHT FROM SEED TO SEED

DURING the past winter the author has succeeded in producing good seed from plants