ASTRONOMY AND METEOROLOGY.

INTERVIEW WITH MR. W. E. COOK.

Mr. W. E. Cooke, M.A., F.R.S., Government Astronomer and Director of the Public Observatory, Western Australia, in an interview with the Register on Wednesday, said that he had been a strong supporter of the proposal for a university in Western Australia, and that he had been appointed a member of the University Council of the University of Western Australia, of which Mr. E. J. Miller, M.A., is president.

Influence of the University.

Speaking of the educational value of the university, Mr. Cooke said:—"I have been greatly impressed by our visits to Adelaide and the other states, which have been of importance in the development of our educational institutions. The influence of the university is being felt in every direction, and it is to be hoped that such a university will be established in Western Australia as soon as possible." He also spoke of the importance of the university in the development of the state, and of the contributions it will make to the welfare of the community.

Astronomy.

Mr. Cooke said that astronomy was a science which had been neglected in Western Australia, and that it was to be hoped that the university would take steps to remedy this state of affairs. He said that the observatory was well equipped for the work of this kind, and that the scientific community of the state would be well pleased if the university would provide the necessary facilities for the study of astronomy.

Meteorology.

The Register has been much interested in the meteorological work of the observatory, and has always been ready to co-operate with the government in this work. Mr. Cooke said that the university was doing all it could to further the work of meteorology, and that the observatory was well equipped for the work of this kind.

In conclusion, Mr. Cooke said that he was sure that the university would be a great asset to the state, and that it would be a source of pride to all the people of Western Australia.