

the perfecting of gas masks. He has been appointed by the National Research Council member of a committee of four, known as the sub-committee on colloids.

PROFESSOR H. BURGER, of Amsterdam, has been elected corresponding member of the laryngological section of the Royal Society of Medicine at London.

MR. W. BOYD CAMPBELL, assistant superintendent at the forest products laboratory, McGill University, Montreal, is now in charge of the chemical engineering work of the Process Engineers Limited Montreal.

THE fourth lecture of Harvey Society will be given by Dr. Frederic S. Lee on "Industrial Fatigue" at the New York Academy of Medicine on Saturday evening, March 1.

PROFESSOR ROBERT F. GRIGGS, director of the National Geographical Society Katmai Expeditions, delivered an address on "Katmai and ten Thousand Smokes" before the Washington Academy of Sciences on February 18.

DR. ALEŠ HRDLICKA, curator of the division of physical anthropology, United States National Museum, will give four lectures on "The Origin and Antiquity of the American Indian" at the Wagner Free Institute of Science. The lectures, which are in the Richard B. Westbrook foundation, will be given on March 8, 15, 22 and 29.

SIR R. H. INGLIS PALGRAVE, distinguished for his work on economics and statistics died on January 25 at the age of ninety-one years.

DR. LOUIS-ÉDOUARD BUREAU, formerly professor of botany at the Paris Museum of Natural History has died at the age of eighty-eight years.

DR. EUGENE PENARD, of Geneva, Switzerland, has nearly completed his great work on the Infusaria, on which he has been working for five years. He has material for two volumes of 850 pages each, but it will be necessary, on account of the cost of the publication, to condense it to a single volume of 650 pages. Dr. Penard is much occupied at the present time with his duties as a member of the commission to administer relief to

refugee Russians in Switzerland, under the American Red Cross.

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS

A GROUP of alumni, headed by George P. Adamson, have completed the endowment of the Edward Hart fellowship at Lafayette College. The endowment is in the sum of \$10,000, yielding \$500 per annum, and is open to students of chemistry holding the bachelor's degree desiring to do research work in problems connected with viscous and plastic flow. The endowment was made in honor of Professor Edward Hart, who has completed forty years as professor of chemistry at Lafayette.

THE Women's College in Brown University received a gift of \$50,000 to be used for a new dormitory.

DR. BENJAMIN IDE WHEELER has presented his resignation as president of the University of California.

PROFESSOR D. W. WORKING, of the Office of Farm Management of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, has accepted the positions of dean of the Arizona College of Agriculture and director of the Agricultural Experiment Station.

IN the absence on leave in Europe of Director H. Hayward, Professor A. E. Grantham, agronomist, has been appointed acting director of the Delaware College Agricultural Experiment Station beginning February 1. E. A. Hodson, of Cornell University, has been appointed assistant professor of agronomy.

DR. W. E. MILNE has been appointed professor of mathematics at the University of Oregon, to succeed Dr. R. M. Winger.

DISCUSSION AND CORRESPONDENCE

A STANDARD SCIENTIFIC ALPHABET

STANDARDIZING is one of the unending labors of science. By accurate standards scientists are able to test and prove, to plan intelligently, and to indicate precisely. Scientists substituted a simple and definite metric system for a great number of irregular and unrelated