

Alberta, the tentative route laid out for him extending from Estevan, Saskatchewan, to Edmonton, Alberta, to Macleod, Alberta, and from thence easterly along the international boundary to the western boundary of Manitoba.

Dr. C. M. Barbeau is engaged in intensive study of the folk technology and colonial arts and crafts of the ancient French colony of Quebec and vicinity. The headquarters for this work will be on the Isle of Orleans.

Professor L. Bloomfield will be engaged in a study of Cree linguistics for a period of three months. His work will probably be carried on in the Province of Saskatchewan.

THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE PROFESSORSHIP AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

At the one hundred thirty-seventh convocation of the University of Chicago, held in Hutchinson Court on June 16, Professor Albert A. Michelson was appointed to the first of the distinguished service professorships established as a result of the present \$17,500,000 program of development.

In raising new endowment of \$6,000,000, the university has sought to obtain special funds in sums of \$200,000, the income from which could be applied to the salaries of scholars of high rank, either already members of the faculty of the University of Chicago or men called from other institutions. This would establish virtually on a ten-thousand-dollars-a-year salary basis such distinguished service professorships, and would confer a special distinction upon those appointed, in addition to the increased income. The plan is considered also to be a recognition of scholarship which will encourage young men to enter the teaching profession.

"It was considered fitting by the university trustees," said Vice-president James H. Tufts, "that the first of these professorships should be awarded to a member of the present faculty, and that the choice should fall upon Professor Michelson, who has not only gained world-renown by his studies of the velocity of light and other problems of physics, but for years has been an inspiration to students and men with the spirit of discovery.

"This distinguished service professorship comes about as another instance of the generosity of Mr. Martin A. Ryerson, of Chicago, formerly president of the board of trustees, donor of Ryerson Physical Laboratory, and consistent friend of the university."

The presentation of this honor to Professor Michelson, head of the department of physics and winner of the Nobel Prize, the Copley Medal and other distinctions, comes on the eve of his departure for California where he will continue his remarkable investigations of the velocity of light.

SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

In connection with the forthcoming meeting of the International Astronomical Union at the University of Cambridge, it is proposed to confer the honorary degree of doctor of science upon the president of the union, President W. W. Campbell, of the University of California; also upon Professor F. Schlesinger, director of Yale University Observatory; Professor W. De Sitter, of the University of Leyden; Professor B. Baillaud, director of the Observatory of Paris, and Professor H. Nagaoka, of the Imperial University, Tokyo.

HARVARD UNIVERSITY has conferred the honorary degree of doctor of science on Professor W. J. V. Osterhout, formerly of the department of botany in the university and now a member of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, and on Dr. John Jacob Abel, professor of pharmacology at the Johns Hopkins University.

YALE UNIVERSITY has conferred honorary doctorates of science on Dr. Donald Dexter Van Slyke, research chemist at the Rockefeller Institute, and on Dr. Robert Andrews Millikan, of the California Institute of Technology.

FRANK B. JEWETT, vice-president of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company and a past-president of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, was awarded the honorary degree of doctor of science by New York University at the commencement exercises held on June 10.

DR. JOHN VAN WICHERIN REYNDEERS, of New York, president of the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers, delivered the commencement address at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, on June 19, and was awarded the degree of doctor of engineering by the institute.

DR. GELLERT ALLEMAN, professor of chemistry in Swarthmore College, received the honorary degree of doctor of laws from Gettysburg College on June 10.

COLONEL JAMES I. BRENNAN, M.E., city efficiency engineer and managing engineer of the city water supply system of Pittsburgh, has received the degree of doctor of science from Duquesne University.

DR. CHARLES ALBERT BROWNE, JR., chief of the bureau of chemistry in the Department of Agriculture, has received the honorary degree of doctor of science from the Stevens Institute of Technology.

DR. FRANCIS C. WOOD, director of the Crocker cancer research fund of Columbia University, has had conferred upon him by Tufts College an honorary Sc.D. degree.