

tion with the question of the simplification of the calendar, which is one of the agenda.

Professor Marvin is vice-chairman of the National Committee for the United States on Simplification of the Calendar, which is an unofficial committee consisting of representative men and women interested in the improvement of the present calendar. His attendance at this conference was as an expert observer for the State Department and not as chief of the Weather Bureau.

In addition to attending the meetings of the League of Nations committee, Professor Marvin attended, as chief of the Weather Bureau, the meetings of the International Meteorological Committee and a meeting of the executive council of that committee. These meetings were held at Locarno beginning on October 5.

The International Meteorological Organization, which consists of the directors of all the meteorological services of the world, meets every six years. The International Meteorological Committee is a subcommission of the major body and has 21 members. Its meetings are held on the call of the president, usually every two years. There is an executive council, composed of five members, which is charged with the conduct of the administrative affairs of the main body. Professor Marvin is a member of both the subcommission and the executive council. This year these are meeting at the same time at Locarno.

The program of the International Meteorological Committee consists of the consideration of the reports of the president, secretary and other officers, as well as meteorological subjects, among them being that of the polar year program. One of the items to be handled by the executive council is that of selecting a permanent secretary of the major organization, the headquarters of which are to be in Switzerland. The secretariat is supported by the various governments concerned.

TECHNO-CHEMICAL LECTURES OF THE MELLON INSTITUTE

Two series of lectures on important subjects in industrial chemistry and chemical engineering are being presented by technologic specialists of the Mellon Institute of Industrial Research during 1931-32. These discourses are delivered on Mondays, from 10:30 A. M. to 11:30 A. M., throughout both semesters, in the fellows' room of the institute, and are open to all students of industrial chemistry and chemical engineering in the University of Pittsburgh, as well as to the institute's members.

The introductory lecture was given on September 28 by Dr. Edward R. Weidlein, director of the institute, on "The Field and Opportunities of the Chemical Engineer." The first series of lectures entitled "Some Important Chemical Engineering Materials,

Their Manufacture, Properties, Uses, and Evaluation" is being given on the following dates:

October 5, Mr. H. J. Rose, "Coke"; October 12, Mr. R. F. Ferguson, "The Manufacture of Refractories"; October 19, Mr. S. M. Phelps, "The Properties and Uses of Refractories"; October 26, Mr. C. H. Geister, "The Manufacture, Properties and Uses of Lime"; November 2, Mr. Tracy Bartholomew, "The Manufacture, Properties and Uses of Portland Cement"; November 9, Mr. R. H. Heilman, "Heat-Insulating Materials"; November 16, Mr. J. D. Alley, "Abrasives"; November 23, Dr. S. A. Braley, "Iron and Steel"; November 30, Dr. A. W. Coffman, "Corrosion-Resistant Materials"; December 7, Dr. W. W. Duecker, "Sulphur"; December 14, Mr. R. R. McClure, "Rubber."

The second series include: "Lectures on Professional Opportunities in Various Industries—What the Chemist and Chemical Engineer Have Done, are Doing, and can Probably Accomplish in these Fields," and will be given as follows:

January 4, Dr. F. P. Lasseter, "Hydrometallurgy"; January 11, Mr. H. H. Meyers, "Fertilizers"; January 18, Mr. E. J. Casselman, "Glass"; February 8, Mr. E. W. Reid, "Solvents"; February 15, Dr. P. B. Davidson, "Paper"; February 29, Dr. R. N. Wenzel, "Fatty Oils and Soaps"; March 7, Mr. E. R. Harding, "Foods"; March 14, Mr. C. F. Goldthwait, "Textiles"; March 21, Dr. H. K. Salzberg, "Paints"; April 4, Dr. A. G. Loomis, "Petroleum Production"; April 11, Dr. H. E. Foote, "Industrial Gases"; April 18, Dr. G. J. Cox, "Sugar"; April 25, Dr. J. J. Enright, "Bacteriology, Chemistry and Public Health"; May 2, Dr. O. F. Hedenburg, "Insecticides and Fungicides"; May 9, Dr. George D. Beal, "Pharmaceuticals"; May 16, Dr. L. H. Cretcher, "Synthetic Medicinals."

THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS

DR. J. BENTLEY SQUIER, professor of urology at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University, and director of the Squier Urological Institute of Presbyterian Hospital, was elected president of the American College of Surgeons for next year at the recent New York meeting. He will be inducted into office to succeed Dr. Allen B. Kanavel, of Northwestern University, at the next annual meeting, the date and place of which have not yet been determined. As its next vice-presidents the college elected Dr. C. Gordon Heyd, professor of clinical surgery and attending surgeon at the New York Post-Graduate Medical School and Hospital, and Dr. W. Edward Gallie, surgeon-in-chief of the Toronto General Hospital.

At the concluding session on October 16 three honorary fellowships and 647 regular fellowships were conferred and an address to the initiates was given by Dr. Allen B. Kanavel, president of the college.