

The Committee on Professional Recognition, Professor Emeritus Charles F. Scott of Yale University, *chairman*, discusses the matter of engineering as a profession, and an appreciation of it as such. He strongly urges the various constituent organizations of the council to encourage emphasis on ethics, the teaching of ethics, and the professional spirit among engineering students, in order that they may acquire a full conception of the profession as early as possible.

The Engineering Council for Professional Development, which was founded in 1932, is an organization representing the American Society of Civil Engineers, the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, the American Institute of Chemical Engineers, the Society for the Promotion of Engineering Education, the National Council of State Boards of Engineering Examiners and the Engineering Institute of Canada. Its purpose is to enhance the professional status of the engineer.

PROMOTIONS AND NEW APPOINTMENTS AT THE ROCKEFELLER INSTITUTE FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH

THE Board of Scientific Directors of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research announces the following appointments and promotions on the Scientific Staff to take effect on or after July 1.

Promotions: Associate Member to Member, Dr. René J. Dubos, Dr. Rafael Lorente de Nó.

Assistant to Associate, Dr. Lindsay M. Black, Dr. Jorge Casals-Ariet, Dr. Max A. Lauffer, Jr., Dr. David P. C. Lloyd.

Fellow to Assistant, Dr. James A. Baker, Dr. Paul B. Hamilton, Dr. Margaret R. McDonald.

New Appointments, Member, Dr. Frank L. Horsfall, Jr. Assistants, Dr. Frederik B. Bang, Dr. Vincent P. Dole, Jr., Dr. George H. Hogeboom, Dr. Robert E. Shank.

Fellows, Dr. Robert A. Phillips, Dr. Sidney Rothbard.

Dr. Robert F. Watson has been appointed resident physician at the hospital.

HONORARY DEGREES CONFERRED BY PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

AMONG the honorary degrees conferred at the one hundred and ninety-fourth commencement of Princeton University were the degree of doctor of engineering on Dr. Harvey Clayton Rentschler; the degree of doctor of science on Professor Leonard Eugene Dickson, and the degree of doctor of laws on Professor Wesley Clair Mitchell.

In presenting the recipients, Professor Eisenhart gave the following citations:

Harvey Clayton Rentschler, director of the research laboratory of the Westinghouse lamp division; a Bachelor of Arts of Princeton and of the class of '03 and a Doctor of Philosophy in Physics of the Johns Hopkins Uni-

versity; after teaching at Princeton and the University of Missouri, he joined the staff of the laboratory of which he is now director, and for a quarter of a century has applied his talents to the investigation of photoelectric cells and of x-ray and electron tubes, which he has developed for commercial use. A brilliant and persistent seeker after nature's secrets, with a generosity toward his collaborators which wins their confidence and their cooperation, he has utilized for the welfare of others the knowledge which he has discovered.

Leonard Eugene Dickson, professor of mathematics emeritus of the University of Chicago; a graduate of the University of Texas and one of the first doctors of philosophy of the Department of Mathematics of the University of Chicago which set the high standard for the subsequent development of mathematical research in this country; a member of the National Academy of Sciences and corresponding member of the Academy of Sciences of the Institute of France; author of hundreds of papers in algebra, writer of many books for college students and research workers, chief of which is his three-volume "History of the Theory of Numbers." The leading American algebraist, whose researches have added much to the knowledge of his field, the inspirer and counselor of a host of young mathematicians, a historian of science whose writings are notable for their clarity and exact expression, for conciseness without loss of completeness.

Wesley Clair Mitchell, professor of economics in Columbia University and director of the National Bureau of Economic Research; a native of Illinois and graduate of the University of Chicago during its early years; deeply interested and competent in the formulation of policies of research leading to a more orderly functioning of the national economy, he has been chief of the Price Section of the War Industries Board, chairman of the President's Research Committee on Social Trends, member of the National Planning Board of the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works and of the National Resources Board; past-president of the American Statistical and Economic Associations and the Association for the Advancement of Science. Distinguished analyzer of the economic and social order with the phases of business cycles as guiding factor, a kindly and incisive critic, with singular objectivity in his approach to problems of group behavior, a widely sought public servant.

HONORARY DEGREES CONFERRED BY YALE UNIVERSITY

HONORARY degrees were conferred on June 18 at the commencement exercises of Yale University on Dr. Thomas Francis and on Dr. Henry Bryant Bigelow. The remarks were made by the public orator, Dr. Arnold Whitridge, professor of history, arts and letters and master of Calhoun College, and the citations by Dr. Charles Seymour, president of the university. Dr. Whitridge, a grandson of Matthew Arnold, succeeded this year Dr. William Lyon Phelps, who has been public orator at the university for more than twenty years.

The degrees were presented as follows: