

MR. BURTON M. VARNEY has been appointed Assistant Meteorologist, U. S. Weather Bureau. He is stationed at the central office of the Bureau in Washington, where he is Assistant Editor of the *Monthly Weather Review*, and is also engaged in research. Mr. Varney, who has a Master of Arts degree in climatology from Harvard, and who has recently spent a year in further graduate work at Clark University, was for 6 years instructor in meteorology and climatology at the University of California.

Argentine Weather Service—Some Recent Appointments

Sr. Fredrico Burmeister has recently been appointed Director of the Argentine Meteorological Office in place of Mr. G. O. Wiggim, resigned. Mr. Robert C. Mossman has been promoted from chief of the division of statistics to the position of Sub-director. Mr. Burmeister was formerly chief of the printing division of the Argentine Government, and later entered the Meteorological Office as Sub-director. His father was one of the noted scientists of Argentina, and so popular that a statue was erected to him in one of the public squares of Buenos Aires. Among other changes in the office was the appointment of Senor A. Galmarini as chief of the Hydrometric Section.—*H. H. Clayton.*

Sir Gilbert T. Walker, who has recently completed a period of about twenty years' service as director-general of Indian observatories, has been appointed Professor of Meteorology at the Imperial College of Science and Technology, South Kensington, in succession to Sir Napier Shaw, who is retiring August 31.—*Nature.*

C. A. ANGOT, noted French meteorologist and director of the Central Meteorological Bureau, Paris, died on March 16, 1924, aged seventy-five years.

Reseau Mondial

Through the kindness of the Director of the British Meteorological Office, Dr. G. C. Simpson, the Society's library has recently received the *Reseau Mondial*, for 1910 to 1916 inclusive. This publication contains "Monthly and annual summaries of pressure, temperature, and precipitation at land stations, generally two for each ten-degree square of latitude and longitude." This highly valued publication is practically essential in any investigation of world weather.

SOME RECENT PUBLICATIONS

The second number of a new publication, sure to be of interest meteorologically, has just been issued. "*Materiaux pour L'Etude des Calamités*" is published at Geneva four times annually by the Geographical Society of Geneva, under the auspices of the International Committee of the Red Cross and the League of Red Cross Societies.

Of especial interest to meteorologists are vivid accounts of such calamities as landslides, floods, severe storms, droughts, and famines occurring all over the world. Between June and September, 1924, the period covered by the second number, severe landslides, all due to heavy and persistent rains, took place in Japan, Switzerland, and England.