

March 27. "The home-coming of our birds."
By Thos. S. Roberts, director of the zoological
museum, University of Minnesota.

THE MARSH FUND OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

At his death in 1899 Professor O. C. Marsh left to the National Academy of Sciences a sum slightly in excess of \$7,000, the income from which was to be used for support of researches in natural history. By reason of judicious handling, the principal and interest now amount to more than \$20,000, and the income is made available to the Committee on the Marsh Fund for grants in accordance with the original purpose of the bequest. At its last annual meeting the National Academy approved the following recommendations of the Committee on the Marsh Fund, namely:

That in general the income be used for important pieces of constructive, scholarly work within the field of science to which Professor O. C. Marsh gave his principal effort. It seems appropriate that grants in the first instance should be used for the support of paleontological and geological research, and that beyond this field the committee should next consider research in aspects of biology related especially to paleontology.

The interest on the Marsh Fund available for the coming year will make possible grants totaling approximately \$1,500. The committee desires to make the allotments in such a manner as to contribute most definitely to the advance of constructive work in the subject to which Professor Marsh dedicated this gift.

Suggestions as to the best utilization of funds will be appreciated. Proposals made may take the form of recommendations regarding problems to be solved, or may concern individuals or organizations guaranteeing through their work the type of constructive effort to which the support of this fund might well be given.

Applications or recommendations should be forwarded to the secretary of the National Academy of Sciences, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C., on or before April 5, 1921.

JOHN C. MERRIAM, *Chairman,*
Marsh Fund Committee

THE ELECTION OF DR. ANGELL AS PRESIDENT OF YALE UNIVERSITY

THE Yale Corporation at its adjourned meeting on February 20 by unanimous vote elected James Rowland Angell as president of the university to succeed Arthur Twining Hadley at the close of the present university year. While the decision was reached last week, no formal action was taken until it was ascertained that Dr. Angell could accept. The Corporation has endeavored to choose for its head the ablest educational administrator available in the United States, irrespective of the college of his graduation or the place of his residence.

Dr. Angell is a son of the late President Angell of the University of Michigan, a graduate of that university of the class of 1890, and as professor at the University of Minnesota, professor, dean and acting president of the University of Chicago, chairman of the National Research Council, and president of the Carnegie Corporation, he has shown ability as an administrator and as an educational leader. Dr. Angell is a distinguished psychologist, having been president of the American Psychological Association and being a member of the National Academy of Sciences. Dr. Angell gave the Thomas Lecture to freshmen at Yale this year and was sought for by Yale several years ago for a chair in the Department of Philosophy and Psychology.

The election of Dr. Angell to the Presidency of Yale comes as a result of ten months of study on the part of the Corporation to decide on the strongest man in America for the position. President Hadley submitted his resignation April 10, 1920, and a committee was appointed to receive names of possible candidates for the office of president and to transmit them to the Corporation. In this way some eighty names have been under careful consideration. The Corporation believes "that no one in America combines the breadth of educational experience, and business ability, high public service and spiritual ideals more completely than Dr. Angell. He has also shown during his many years of

service at the Universities of Minnesota and Chicago a rare capacity for sympathetic understanding of undergraduate life."

President-elect Angell is now in the south. It is expected that he will later make regular visits to confer with members of the faculty and familiarize himself with the Yale situation.

SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

At the annual meeting of the trustees of the American Museum of Natural History changes in the scientific staff were announced as follows: Dr. J. A. Allen, former curator of mammals, was made honorary curator of mammals; Dr. Henry E. Crampton, former curator of invertebrate zoology, was made honorary curator, and Dr. Willard G. Van Name was made assistant curator of lower invertebrates; Dr. F. E. Lutz, former associate curator of invertebrates, was made curator of entomology; Dr. Robert Cushman Murphy, former curator of the department of natural science at the Brooklyn Museum, was made associate curator of marine birds; Mr. Carl E. Akeley was made associate in mammalogy; Dr. J. Howard McGregor, of Columbia University, was made research associate in human anatomy; Mr. E. W. Gudger was made an associate in ichthyology. A new department was formed, to be known as the department of comparative anatomy, of which Dr. William E. Gregory and Mr. S. H. Chubb, both previously of the museum's staff, were made curator and assistant in osteology, respectively.

At the Charter Day Exercises of the University of Pittsburgh on February 18, the honorary degree of doctor of laws was conferred upon Mr. William Boyce Thompson, the copper industrialist of New York, N. Y. On the same occasion the honorary degree of doctor of science was conferred upon Mr. C. H. MacDowell, president of the Armour Fertilizer Company and director of the chemicals division of the War Industries Board during 1918. These honors were given upon the recommendation of the Mellon Institute of Industrial Research.

Dr. A. F. BLAKESLEE, of the department of genetics of the Carnegie Institution of Washington, has been elected an associate member of the Royal Botanical Society of Belgium.

THE American Genetic Association has awarded the Frank N. Meyer medal on Dr. Trabut, a botanist who is a member of the faculty of the University of Algiers.

MR. LLEWELLYN TREACHER has been selected for the Foulerton award of the Geologists' Association.

At the annual general meeting of the Faraday Society, London, the following officers were elected to serve for the coming year: President, Professor A. W. Porter; Vice-presidents, W. R. Cooper, Professor C. H. Desch, Dr. J. A. Harker, Emil Hatschek, Professor T. M. Lowry, Dr. E. H. Rayner and Dr. G. Senter.

LAWRENCE WILKERSON WALLACE was elected secretary of American Engineering Council at the meeting of the executive board in Syracuse, N. Y., on February 14, succeeding L. P. Alford, of New York, who has been acting secretary since the formation of the council on November 19, 1920.

At the meeting of the board of trustees of the American Medical Association held on February 5, the following fellows were re-elected for terms of six years to positions on the editorial boards of the special journals published by the association as indicated: Richard C. Cabot, Boston, *Archives of Internal Medicine*; John Howland, Baltimore, *American Journal of Diseases of Children*; Samuel T. Orton, Iowa City, Iowa, *Archives of Neurology and Psychiatry*; Martin E. Engman, St. Louis, *Archives of Dermatology and Syphilology*. E. S. Judd, Rochester Minn., was elected to the editorial board of the *Archives of Surgery*, succeeding Dr. William Mayo, who had resigned.

At the "Utility Corn Show" held at Galesburg, Ill., January 5 and 6, Mr. J. R. Holbert, agronomist, Office of Cereal Investigations, U. S. Department of Agriculture, was presented with a silver loving cup inscribed: