

SCIENTIFIC EVENTS

THE JANE COFFIN CHILDS MEMORIAL FUND FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH

THE establishment of the Jane Coffin Childs Memorial Fund for Medical Research in memory of the late Mrs. Starling W. Childs was announced at the alumni luncheon at the two hundred and thirty-sixth commencement of Yale University. The name of the donor was not made public, but it is reported in the daily press that the endowment was set up by Starling W. Childs, New York investment broker. Under the deed of gift the foundation, which is expected to cooperate closely with the Yale Medical School, will be administered by a board of managers advised by a board of scientific advisers. The members of the board will be:

- Dr. Stanhope Bayne-Jones, dean of the Yale Medical School, a bacteriologist.
- Dr. Rudolph J. Anderson, professor of chemistry at Yale, who has done extensive research into the chemistry of the tuberculosis germ.
- Dr. Ross G. Harrison, professor of biology at Yale and director of the Osborn Zoological Laboratory in the university.
- Dr. Peyton Rous, of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research.
- Dr. Milton C. Winternitz, formerly dean of the Yale Medical School and now Anthony N. Brady professor of pathology at Yale.

The resources of the foundation, said to be in the neighborhood of \$10,000,000, will be devoted primarily to research into the causes and origins of cancer. It is provided that when in the judgment of the board of managers the causes and origins of the disease had been sufficiently determined, the fund "may thereafter on the advice of the board of scientific advisers" be devoted to research into "some other unsolved problems of medicine" or of "some other field of science."

In announcing the gift, Dr. Angell, retiring president of the university, spoke as follows:

The generous gifts pledged for the endowment of the Jane Coffin Childs Memorial Fund places the university and our alumni under an enduring debt of gratitude to the donors.

Our abiding appreciation of their great gifts for this purpose will be shared by the world at large because of the vision and imagination shown by them in planning for the administration of this foundation, to make sure that it will benefit not merely Yale and our own community of New Haven, but that it will also, through Yale, help advance the cause of scientific research elsewhere and thus, indeed, render signal service to mankind.

I only wish that I could put into adequate words half of what I would like to say of our happiness that Yale

has been entrusted with the means to benefit from what is, I think, the greatest opportunity ever given to any of our universities.

I count myself fortunate in that this has come to us while I am still Yale's president, so that I may have the honor to voice her gratitude and assure the donors of her determination to prove worthy of their confidence.

THE WORK OF THE NEW YORK ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY

THE forty-third spring meeting of the Board of Trustees of the New York Zoological Society, following the luncheon given in the Administration Building at the Bronx Park, occurred on May 13.

It will be recalled that this society, in addition to managing the Zoological Gardens, operates the Aquarium at Battery Park; is responsible for the series of marine expeditions under the direction of Dr. William Beebe and is an active force in conservation.

The meeting was presided over by Madison Grant, president, whose subsequent death on May 30 completed forty-two years of service as an officer of the society.

The trustees present were Messrs. W. Redmond Cross, first vice-president; Cornelius R. Agnew, treasurer; Fairfield Osborn, secretary; and Messrs J. Watson Webb, DeForest Grant, Warren Kinney, W. Douglas Burden, Ogden L. Mills, C. Suydam Cutting, Childs Frick, Alfred Ely, Herbert L. Satterlee, Laurance Rockefeller, Robert Gordon McKay and Bayard Dominick. There were also present Dr. W. Reid Blair, director of the park; Dr. Charles H. Townsend, director of the aquarium; Messrs. William H. Latham, park engineer, Department of Parks; and George L. Quigley, borough director, Department of Parks. In addition to matters involving the administration of the park and aquarium, the following matters of particular interest were presented at the meeting:

The Permanent Wild Life Protection Fund, created by the late Dr. William T. Hornaday and which was under his direction until his death on May 6 last, was formally accepted by the society under whose management it was placed under the terms of Dr. Hornaday's will. The capital of this fund approximates \$130,000 and the use of the income therefrom will naturally result in materially broadening the scope of the society's activities in wild life conservation.

In this connection resolutions were passed at the meeting aimed at the establishment of a bear sanctuary on Admiralty Island on the southeast coast of Alaska; the extension of boundaries of Yosemite Park to insure forest conservation; and the establishment of a national park on the Olympic Peninsula.

It was announced that subscriptions of certain trustees and friends of the society are now adequate to in-