

March 27. "The home-coming of our birds."

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#### 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