

THE HARPSWELL LABORATORY

The Harpswell Laboratory for the study of marine biology was established in 1898 at South Harpswell, Me., on the shore of Casco Bay. In 1901 a small wooden building with nine private rooms was erected for its accommodation. In 1906 the Laboratory became solely an institution for research. In all, sixty different persons have carried on investigations there, these representing Colby, Harvard, Tufts, Institute of Technology, Wellesley, Clark, Westfield Normal, Yale, Columbia, Barnard, College of the City of New York, Cornell, Syracuse, Wells, Princeton, Lehigh, Pennsylvania, Bryn Mawr, Johns Hopkins, Virginia, Western Reserve, Cincinnati, Ohio Wesleyan, Depauw, Knox, Chicago, Northwestern, Illinois, Milwaukee-Downer, Iowa, Nebraska, Washington, American Museum of Natural History, U. S. National Museum, and the Carnegie Institution. So far, about 50 papers embodying original investigations carried on wholly or in part at Harpswell have been published, while several others are in an advanced state of preparation and will appear during the coming year. The Harpswell Laboratory has certainly demonstrated that it has a right to exist. It does not compete with, but supplements other institutions, as it offers a very rich fauna and flora, greatly different from that found at any other station, while the climate of Harpswell is a great attraction to many.

It may be said that the very moderate running expenses have been met in the past by annual subventions from Tufts and Knox Colleges, Columbia and Princeton Universities and the Wistar Institute of the University of Pennsylvania.

In the years since the foundation of the Laboratory the building has become somewhat shaky and has proved too small adequately to accommodate all who wish to work there. As it is a wooden structure it is exposed to the danger of fire and hence it is hardly advisable to attempt the collection of much apparatus or an extensive library.

In view of these facts it has seemed desirable to attempt to raise from \$2500 to \$3000 for the purpose of putting the laboratory on a permanent basis. For this sum a concrete building can be erected, sufficient to accommodate twenty workers at the same time; needed additions can be made to library and equipment, and a larger motor boat can be had, making it possible to dredge in deeper waters than is possible now.

This circular is sent to a number of persons interested in the advancement of biological science, with an earnest request for subscriptions of any amount. Those supporting the Laboratory feel that it is accomplishing proportionally as much as any other station in the world, and that it is deserving of a better building and better facilities than it now possesses. If the larger of the sums mentioned can be had it will be possible for the laboratory to enter upon the important study of the oceanography of the Gulf of Maine, one of the least known regions on the American coasts.

Any contributions and all letters relating to the Laboratory may be addressed to the directors,

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