MARINE BIOLOGICAL LABORATORIES

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In spite of the war, interest in tropical marine biology has not waned. Indeed, there are a number of problems directly connected with the war effort which can only be attacked by making use of the facilities offered by a marine biological laboratory. The Bermuda Biological Station for Research is closed for various obvious reasons. The Bermuda Aquarium continues open to the public and I see no reason why that should not be a successful enterprise for a long time to come, inasmuch as our Armed Forces to-day are helping support it by their attendance, and as soon as the war is over there is every reason to believe that Bermuda will resume its importance as a tourist center. I am proud to have had a finger in closing up the Biological Station at the Dry Tortugas, where the cost per day per investigator was something the less said about the better.

It is becoming increasingly obvious that the question of economy must be given more and more consideration as funds available for research become more and more restricted. It seems to me clear, therefore, that all our resources, both intellectual and financial, should be devoted to develop that laboratory which offers the optimum biological opportunities with the greatest accessibility, since accessibility means least transportation costs for both investigators and shipments of material. The laboratory recently opened by the University of Miami at Belle Isle, near Miami Beach, answers these requirements. The premises at present occupied by the station are temporary and rather limited in scope, but opportunity for economical expansion is right there and is assured. The director of this station is Dr. F. C. Walton Smith, whose address is care of the University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida. I know that Dr. Smith will be glad to answer inquiries regarding facilities for research,