

mon with all English men of science, for the brilliant discovery of radium, and its unique properties—the crowning point of the long and painstaking series of researches on radioactive bodies undertaken by Professor Curie and his talented coadjutor, Mme. Curie.

*THE MARINE BIOLOGICAL LABORATORY OF
THE U. S. FISH COMMISSION.*

THE Marine Biological Laboratory of the U. S. Fish Commission at Beaufort, North Carolina, will be opened to investigators on June 1, 1903, for a period of four months.

The laboratory is well equipped with glassware, reagents and running water, both salt and fresh, and is lighted with electricity. The apparatus needed for the collection of materials for investigation is furnished, and an experienced collector will assist in this work. A sailboat and steam launch are available for dredging, trawling and other collecting in the harbor and there is a prospect that facilities will be provided for deep-sea dredging and collecting in the Gulf Stream for a considerable time during this season.

Rooms and board for a limited number of men are furnished at about the cost of supplying the table and caring for the rooms. A well-trained and experienced cook will be in charge of the 'mess.' All water used on the table and for cooking comes from an artesian well driven on the island to a depth of 236 feet. Last season all expenses of living at the laboratory were covered by \$5.25 per week and it is probable that this season they will be a little less.

It is well known that the marine fauna of Beaufort is very rich and that pelagic organisms are especially abundant. The climate is neither unpleasant nor unhealthful. The temperature rarely rises above 85° F., and there are few days when a sea breeze does not prevail. The atmosphere is humid, but fogs are almost unknown. With the water and diet provided at the laboratory mess there is no danger to health.

Beaufort is connected with Morehead City, the nearest railroad station, situated across the harbor, by a line of launches which stop at the laboratory wharf. The Atlantic and

North Carolina Railroad connects at Goldsboro with the Southern and Atlantic Coast Line railroads. The laboratory may also be reached by an almost all water route via Norfolk, Elizabeth City and New Bern.

Those desiring to occupy tables in the laboratory should write for application blanks to Caswell Grave, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, until May 28. After that date to Beaufort, North Carolina.

*MONOGRAPH OF NORTH AMERICAN
MOSQUITOES.*

DR. L. O. HOWARD, of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, is engaged in arranging plans for an elaborate monograph of the mosquitoes of North and Central America and the West Indies under a grant from the Carnegie Institution. It is proposed to devote at least three years to the work, and to make the monograph as perfect as possible, both on the systematic and biological sides. The large collections of the U. S. National Museum and the Department of Agriculture will be used as a basis. Trained observers will be stationed at different points, the faunal regions being taken into consideration in choosing localities. Up to the present time the following localities and observers have been selected: Chicopee, Mass., Mr. Frederick Knab; Ithaca, N. Y., Mr. O. A. Johannsen; Minneapolis, Minn., Professor F. L. Washburn; Kaslo, B. C., Dr. H. G. Dyar; Stanford University, Cal., Professor V. L. Kellogg, or an assistant; Salt Lake City, Utah, Mr. R. V. Chamberlin; Victoria, Texas, Dr. W. E. Hinds; Baton Rouge, La., Professor H. A. Morgan; Clemson College, S. C., Professor C. E. Chambliss; Havana, Cuba, Mr. J. R. Taylor; Guanajuato, Mexico, Dr. Alfredo Dugés. Additional localities and observers will be selected later. Dr. Howard will be assisted in the systematic work on the adults by Mr. D. W. Coquillett, of the National Museum, and on the larvæ, by Dr. H. G. Dyar, also of the National Museum, since both of these observers are skilled in these subjects.

Volunteer observers are greatly needed, and it is Dr. Howard's hope that persons interested in this subject, and especially those resident