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To speak of Anton Dohrn before zoologists is both easy and difficult. Many, perhaps the greater number, of you have known him personally, some longer and better than I; and all know his work. Of his aims and their attainment he has left us his own graphic recital full of personal charm; and others have paid tribute to his achievements in a manner so incomparable that I can not hope to bring to you anything new. But I have been encouraged in this undertaking by the thought that I do not first need to arouse in you sympathy for his personality. What I have to say will awaken in most of you an answering chord, recalling so many varied reminiscences that my aim will be accomplished, even though my words fail in their expression. So bring back to your mind the image of the beautiful white building with its red loggias, against the dark background of green ilex; picture this building as it stands on the shore of the Bay of Naples. Upon the facade zoologists read with pride the words "Stazione Zoologica," telling each one that here stands a temple of science symbolizing their aims and ambitions. More than two thousand square meters are covered by this building containing more than 150 rooms, in which fifty persons, officials, technicians, artists, fishermen and laboratory servants are continuously engaged in work. At Easter time the visitor to the station will find there as many

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