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 National Museum: Smithsonian Institution,

Washington, February 17, 1876.

Dear Mr Marsh.

I do not think anything can be done
 in regard to a subscription to Dr. Söhrn's laboratory.
 The distance is too great for most Americans to com-
 -pass; & my own establishment at Woods Hole offers
 equally good facilities for research in marine zoology.
 I have all the conveniences referred to by Söhrn,
 in a constant stream of salt water running on tap,
 & aquaria of various sizes, while all the material is
 procurable at very little or no expense. The researches
 prosecuted within the last few years under my direc-
 -tion, will compare favorably with any thing done at
 Naples; & I trust that the erection of the perma-
 -nent establishment will so stimulate inquiries
 as to multiply investigations there. There is no pos-
 -sible department or Bureau of the Government that
 can in any way connect itself with the Naples
 aquarium. If, however, Dr. Söhrn will say
 what his charge is for a table, I will publish
 it in Harper's Weekly, & possibly some individual
 at my conclusion to become a subscriber.