

Lady Blake's letter is as follows : —

KING'S HOUSE, JAMAICA, 1st Feb., 1892.

Dear Mr. Brown,—

My husband and I are at present much interested in a scheme on behalf of which I am anxious to enlist your energetic assistance. It is proposed to establish here a Marine Biological Station, on the lines of the Stations at Plymouth and Naples. The Station is to be founded as a Memorial of the fourth Centenary of the discovery of the New World, and to be named "The Columbus Marine Biological Station." In England the scheme is supported by Professor Huxley, Professor Ray Lankester, M. A., Professor Flower, Gunther, (British Museum) Dr. Ball, F. R. S., and many other eminent scientific men. The Hon. Walter Rothschild has undertaken to act as Honorary Secretary; Messrs. Coutts & Co. to be Bankers and the Editor of the "*Times*" has promised a prominent position to correspondence on the subject. We have also promises of support from many leading scientific men in America and are most anxious to secure the assistance and countenance of leading men in Canada. We shall be so much obliged if you will do anything in your power to push the scheme there. We are anxious that the Institution should be as international as possible in its scope, and it would be a great matter to have a meeting place in common for scientific students from the old and new worlds. Jamaica is within easy reach of both, and appears to offer every advantage for the proposed institution. Your advocacy of the plan in Canada would be of great value. Please let me know if you think we may hope for any assistance from there.

Believe me,

Yours truly,

EDITH BLAKE.

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The value of such a station is undoubted and the Island of Jamaica is particularly suitable for its location. The accessibility and convenience of this station for American students would assure its