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Exploration

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Antarctic and Arctic

The Strand Magazine:

Vol. vi (1893), p. 614-624. Towards the North Pole /by Dr. Fridtjof Nansen. Includes facsimile of author's signature.

Vol. x (1895), p. 547-559. Illustrated Interviews. No. XLIV. Rear-Admiral A. H. Markham, R.N., F.R.G.S. /by William G. FitzGerald. (2 copies)

Vol. xii (1896), p. 593-596. Mrs. Nansen. /by J. Arthur Bain.

Vol. xii (1896), p. 693-702. A talk with Dr. Nansen. /by J. Arthur Bain. (2 copies)

Vol. xiii (1897), p.15-25. Life on a Greenland whaler. /by A. Conan Doyle.

Vol. xiii (1897), p. 137-140 (article incomplete). Illustrated Interviews. No. LII. Sir Clements Markham and the Royal Geographical Society. /by William G. FitzGerald.

Vol. xiii (1897), p. 343-352. Antarctic Exploration /by C. E. Borchgrevink.

Vol. xviii (1899), p.277-288. The "Southern Cross" Antarctic expedition. /by Sir George Newnes, Bart. with photographs taken during the expedition.

Vol. xix (1900), p. 33-40. To the Poles by ice-breaking steamer : an interview with Vice-Admiral Makaroff /by Herbert C. Fyfe.

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Antarctic

Printed letter, signed by hand, accompanying "copies of a report made by the Joint Committee of Physics and Meteorology of the Society to the Council on the subject of an extended system of Magnetic Observation and of the Resolution of the Council taken thereon." The letter also contains a list (including estimated prices) of the instruments intended to form the essential equipment of observatories to be established at St. Helena, Montreal, the Cape of Good Hope, and Van Diemen's Land, by an expedition of discovery, consisting of two ships under the command of Captain James C. Ross. Royal Society, July, 1839.

National Antarctic Expedition:

Appeal on behalf of a National Antarctic Expedition, to the Fellows of the Royal Geographic Society.

Prospectus for "The South Polar Times", including a list of the principal contents and 2 (out of 3 said to be enclosed) specimen pages.

Scottish National Antarctic Expedition:

Announcement of preparation of Volumes for publication of the outcome of the expedition

Shackleton:

Announcement of publication of "The story of the British Antarctic Expedition, 1907-1909, by E. H. Shackleton, C.V.O", with order form.

"Shackleton in the Antarctic" leaflet (4 leaves) published after Shackleton's death, containing appreciations by Commander Wild, and Dr. Mill.

Captain Scott:

Flyer for "Postcards from the South Pole". Includes printed letter from Robt. S. Scott. Prospectus for "The Voyage of the 'Discovery' by Captain Robert F. Scott". Includes specimen coloured plate. (3 copies)

Booklet (16 p.) "the Valstar bulletin". Includes facsimiles of letters sent to the company by Scott.

Letter, with enclosure of tribute to the memory of the late Captain Scott and his comrades, from John Stones to the Chevalier Marconi (Feb 19th, 1913).

Announcement of publication of "Photographic Pictures of the Scott Expedition" by the Fine Art Society.

Flyer for "with Captain Scott in the Antarctic and Animal and bird life in the South Polar regions by Mr. Herbert G. Ponting". July 17th 1914, Philharmonic Hall, Gt. Portland St. Programme (8 pages) for "with Captain Scott in the Antarctic and Animal and bird life in the South Polar regions by Mr. Herbert G. Ponting".

Poster for Mr. C. H. Meares, of the Antarctic Expedition, will deliver Mr. Herbert G. Ponting's Lecture "with Captain Scott in the Antarctic" on Friday, May 29th, at 5 and 8, and Saturday, May 30th, at 2.30 and 8, at the Town Hall, Oxford. Includes printed letter from E. H. Shackleton.

Advertising card for Mr. C. H. Meares will deliver Mr. Herbert G. Ponting's moving picture lecture "with Captain Scott in the Antarctic" on Friday, May 29th, at 5 and 8, and Saturday, May 30th, at 2.30 and 8, at the Town Hall, Oxford. Includes printed letter from E. H. Shackleton.

Poster for Commander Evans to deliver a public lecture on "Capt. Scott's Expedition" on Monday evening, October 20th, at 8. 1913, at the Town Hall, Oxford.

Invitation to the private view of an exhibition of 150 Very Remarkable Series of Photographic Pictures taken by Herbert G. Ponting, at the Clarendon Gallery, Cornmarket, Oxford, on Wednesday & Thursday, May 13th & 14th, 1914.

Arctic:

Erebus and Terror /by Walter White (poem, 18 p.)

Poster for an exhibition of Mr. Marshall's "Panorama of Eight Views of Captains Parry, Ross, Franklin, and Buchan's Voyages of Discovery in the Polar Regions. Displaying the North Coast of Spitzbergen, Baffin's Bay, Melville Island, Arctic Highlands, &c."

Prospectus for "The First Crossing of Spitsbergen" by Sir William Martin Conway with contributions by J. W. Gregory, A. Trevor-Battye, and E. J. Garwood. Includes order form, specimen illustration and specimen page.

Circular from W. Parker Snow requesting “statistical, personal and general facts” from “Arctic and other explorers” for “an Arctic Treasury, with synchronal tables of chronology and a history of explorations, etc.” (2 copies, 1 including a hand-written letter from W. Parker Snow).

Chambers’s Miscellany of Instructive and Entertaining Tracts. No. 20(?). “Arctic Regions and Arctic Explorations”. 32 p.

Printed translation of letter from Alexander von Humboldt.

Announcement of publication for “A thousand days in the Arctic by Frederick G. Jackson with a preface by Admiral Sir F. Leopold McClintock.”

Prospectus for “Andree and his balloon by H. Lachambre and A. Machuron”.

“‘Alert’ and ‘Discovery’” Farewell and Welcome poems, Robert Whitby, C.G.M., Royal Naval College, Greenwich, 1875 and 1876.

Book jackets:

Dark companion : the life story of Matthew Henson first of all great Negro explorers /told by Bradley Robinson with the active co-operation of Matthew Henson himself.

Men against the Arctic /by Frank Illingworth.

Modern Arctic Exploration /Gunnar Seidenfaden with an introduction by Peter Freuchen.

The Saturday Magazine:

No 91. Supplement, November, 1833. “Some account of the Arctic regions, and of the voyages undertaken for the discovery of a North-West passage from the Atlantic to the Pacific.”

No 96. Supplement, December 1833. “A further account of the Arctic regions, and of the expeditions undertaken for the discovery of a North-West passage from the Atlantic to the Pacific.”

Music title:

Frost’s Arctic Expedition Galop for the Pianoforte. Presentation Copy.

Sir John Franklin:

Printed letter from J. H. Pelly to the Editor of The Times (Feb. 14, 1850), enclosing a printed letter from John Ross to Sir John Henry Pelly (Feb. 12, 1850), asking for publicity to raise funds for an expedition in search of Sir John Franklin. Includes hand-written list of subscriptions received (£9.6.0) and forwarded to Sir J. H. Pelly on 13th April 1850.

Bellot Testimonial Fund. Resolutions adopted at the meeting held at Willis’s Rooms, Nov. 4th, 1853. (Royal Geographical Society). Includes Bellot Testimonial delivered by the Right Hon. Sir James Graham.

Cutting from Morning Post, Wednesday, November 10, 1853. “The search for Sir John Franklin.”

Announcement of publication sent to John Lee, Esq. (Nov. 28th, 1859), of “Captain McClintock’s Narrative of the Voyage of the Steam-Yacht ‘Fox,’ and of the discovery of the fate of Sir John Franklin and his companions in the Arctic Seas.” Includes list of recent maps and geographical books.

Cutting, Oct. 29, 1859. “Birthplace of Sir John Franklin.”

Announcement of publication of "The North-West Passage, and the plans for the search for Sir John Franklin. A review, with maps, &c. by John Brown, F.R.G.S. Second edition, with a sequel, including the voyage of the 'Fox'". 1860.

Chambers's Journal of popular literature, science, and art. 4th series. Saturday, February 26, 1881. No. 896. p.129-132. "Thirty years' search from Franklin."

Chambers's Journal. p. 448 (no date). "Fresh news of Sir John Franklin's expedition."
Two facsimile pages (one of advertisements and one of text and illustrations) from the Illustrated Arctic News.

Admiral Sir John Ross, F.R.A.S.:

Skelt's Scenes in Captain Ross. Scene 1st & 3rd. Published by M. & M. Skelt, 11, Swan St. Minorities, London.

2 scrapbooks containing various items of relevance to Admiral Sir John Ross F.R.A.S., both printed and handwritten. Some items may be in the handwriting of John Ross himself.

Scrapbook No. 1 includes:

"A short treatise on the deviation of the mariner's compass; with rules for its corrections, and diagrams. By Sir John Ross." 2nd Ed. London, 1849.

Poster requesting subscriptions for "Sir John Ross' Expedition in search of Sir John Franklin, by public subscription."

Handwritten note, annotated "1850 March, Sir J Ross to Abernethy".

Newspaper clippings

Bookplate

Printed letter from John Ross "to the worthy electors of the burghs of Stranraer, Wigton, & New Galloway".

"On intemperance in the Royal Navy by Rear Admiral Sir John Ross". London, 1852. (2 copies)

Royal Cornwallis Theatre, Saturday 18th January 1851.

Handwritten "List of Eskimo Books" annotated "books presented to the Hartwell Library by Admiral Sir John Ross, June 1853".

Theatre bill for the Royal Arctic Theatre, Friday 28th February 1851, "Charles the Twelfth".

Sermon by Captain John Ross 1850. Handwritten, and signed by John Ross.

Prospectus for "Arctic enterprise: a poem in six parts, by Chandos Hoskyns Abrahall."

Scrapbook No. 2 includes:

2 bookplates

Hand-signed list of subscribers to "The memoirs of the celebrated Admiral Adam John de Krusenstern, the first Russian circumnavigator, translated from the German by his daughter Madame Charlotte Bernhardt, and edited by Rear Admiral Sir John Ross, C.B. &c., with a portrait and correspondence."

Handwritten list of "Birds &c from Admiral Sir John Ross. Unpacked July 8th, 1853."

Handwritten scraps from which the list of birds (above) was compiled.

Advertisement for Gutta Percha Soles, including testimonial from Rear-Admiral Sir John Ross, R.N.

Obituary from the Illustrated London News, September 3, 1856.

Funeral notice from the Bucks. Herald, Sept 13, 1856.

Transcription of funeral notice from the Naval & Military Gazette, September 13th, 1856.
Transcription of notice of death from the Times, September 3rd, 1856.
“List of articles in a Trunk for Doctor Lee”. ?signed by John Ross. 1855.

Fridtjof Nansen:

3 articles from The Strand Magazine (see above).

Order of proceedings. Royal Geographic Society. Nansen Meeting, Albert Hall, 8th February 1897. (2 copies)

“Sketch map showing the route of the ‘Fram’ with Nansen’s & Johansen’s sledge journey.” Royal Geographic Society, Nansen Meeting, Albert Hall, 8th February 1897. (2 copies)

Reduced Facsimile of Cover. Nansen’s “Farthest North” to be published in 20 parts by George Newnes, Ltd.

Announcement of publication of Fridtjof Nansen’s “Farthest North” to be published in 2 vols by Archibald Constable & Company, 1897.

3 bookplates “presented to Fridtjof Nansen by British Arctic Explorers...”.

Booklet “Polarskibet ‘Fram’” (18 p.). Contains text in Norwegian, English, French and German.

Africa:

Scrapbook containing letters and a statement relating to the Society for Exploring and Evangelising Central Africa, by means of native agency.

Prospectus for book about Dr. Barth’s Travels in Africa.

Mrs. Rosita Forbes:

Invitation to a National Appreciation from the National Political League. Reception in the Grand Hall, Hotel Cecil, on Wednesday, June 29th, 8.30pm.

Dr. Bialloblotzky:

Printed letters and subscription lists (via Dr. Beke). 1848/50

Mr. Petherick/Captain Speke:

Letter for raising subscriptions for expedition to find the source of the Nile. Includes map. December 1860.

David Livingstone:

Cutting, reprinted from the Cambridge Chronicle, April 27, 1861.

Facsimile of note (supplement to “The Graphic”, August 10th 1872).

Title page and 19 plates from “The Life and Explorations of David Livingstone, LL.D.”. London.

Henry Stanley:

Photograph

Prospectuses for books written by and about Henry Stanley

The Strand, I, 1891, p. 283-4, including facsimile of Handbill.

Captain Richard Francis Burton (b.1821):

Photograph and biography

Emin Pasha:

Prospectus and advertisement (supplement to Nature) for "His life and work compiled from his journals, letters, scientific notes and from official documents by Georg Schweitzer with an introduction by R. W. Felkin." Westminster, 1898.

Poster for lecture "Mit Emin Pascha ins Herz von Afrika".

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Johnson:

Advertising leaflets for the picture "Simba"

Leaflet "Commander Gatti Takes 'Jungle Yachts' to the Belgian Congo : powered by International trucks."

Box 2

The Alps

The Alpine Journal, Vol 1, No. 1, March 2, 1863.

"The Story of Mont Blanc", The Strand Magazine, vol. iv. 1892. (2 copies)

Sir Martin Conway:

Notice of a General Meeting of the Alpine Club, at which Mr Conway read a Paper.

Letters addressed to Martin Conway.

Booklet "The Route du Jura by Sir Martin Conway". 19 p.

Article from The Strand Magazine

Membership leaflet for the English Branch of the League for the Preservation of Swiss Scenery.

Two brochures for Alpine Hotel and Pensions

Asia

Prospectuses/poster for four books about Asia by Sven Hedin.

Mount Everest:

"Mount Everest" booklet. Poem, 14 p.

Book jacket, "Mount Everest 1938 by H. W. Tilman."

Notice of meeting at the Royal Albert Hall 17th October 1924 to receive the reports from the Mount Everest Expedition of 1924.

Poster for two public lectures on the Mount Everest Expedition 1924, at the Town Hall, Oxford, on Saturday January 31st, 1925.

Newspaper clippings, The Times, 1951.

Syrian Expedition, The Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago. Special Bulletin.

Other items:

Posters/advertisements for lectures/exhibitions:

“Midst Ice & Snow in Labrador.” Dr. W. T. Grenfell C.M.G.. Queen’s Hall. Monday evening, Feb. 6th, 1911, at 8.30. Chaired by Sir Ernest Shackleton, C.V.O.

“The Wonderland of Big Game.” Major A. Radcyffe Dugmore. Town Hall, Oxford. Jan. 31st, Feb. 1st and 2nd, 1924.

“The Golden Eagle & other Mountain Birds.” Seton Gordon. New Masonic Hall, High Street, Oxford. Thursday December 4th, at 5.30pm.

Mr J. Brown, Botanist. “... three or four hundred medicinal herbs ... some very interesting relics of Sir John Franklin’s Expedition, found on Greenland’s icy mountains ...”. Exhibition open on Monday July 14th.

Two items relating to The Scientific Expeditionary research Association.

British Association for the Advancement of Science, Centenary Meeting, 1931. Visit to the R.R.S. Discovery II. 29th, 30th September 1931.

International Exhibition of 1862: Outline of the principal aims and general scientific results of the Novara Expedition, undertaken during the years 1857, 1858 and 1859.

A letter to M. Daussy, by Charles T. Beke (printed translation).

Prints:

Salita al Vesuvio, 2 items

Major George Keppel, 1827.

One miscellaneous

Photographs:

Cetywayo, taken in the castle at Cape Town by J. E. Bruton.

Sir Samuel Baker