

parties, Arctic exploration, under judicious leadership, is not unduly dangerous.

Universal interest continues to be felt in the examination of the unknown North Polar Region. Every first-class power of Europe and America, except England, has sent forth expeditions for Arctic discovery during the last twelve years. These attempts have been watched with the deepest interest, and not without some feeling of shame, by the press and the people of Great Britain; and there is now a very general feeling, in this country, that the time has come for us again to assert our old pre-eminence in the field of Arctic discovery.

I have the honour to be your obedient Servant,

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