

and both were manned principally by Scandinavian sailors. These accomplished a certain amount of successful scientific work, but neither they nor a subsequent expedition under the auspices of the German Government did anything more than Ross had accomplished half a century earlier towards the actual solution of the problem of the South Pole.

It cannot be doubted, however, now that the South Pole has actually been reached, that the twentieth century will witness the final and complete conquest of the regions of the Antarctic. Ere the century was a year old a determined effort was made when Commander R. F. Scott, R.N., set sail in the *Discovery* for the South Pole; or rather, according to the official statement of the main object of the expedition—"to determine as far as possible the nature and extent of that portion of the South Polar lands which the ship should be able to reach; and to conduct a magnetic survey."

Captain Scott wintered five hundred miles farther south than anyone had ever ventured before; and when winter gave place to spring he organized sledge journeys. More than one of these was accomplished under circumstances of extreme difficulty and danger, but the brave explorers never wavered in their determination to overcome every obstacle, and the result of their toils and trials was a