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ADDRESS BY DR. MAWSON.

Dr. Mawson, who arrived from Adelaide yesterday to attend the Science Congress, will probably lead his Antarctic expedition south from Melbourne in about November of this year. Its objects will be scientific and economic. It will make no dash for the Pole, but explore the 1,800 miles of coastline between Cape Adare and Grause Berg Point, in Kaiser Wilhelm Land, at which the German expedition wintered. Its work is expected to fill in the gaps between the Shackleton and Grause expeditions.

"At the Science Congress," said Dr. Mawson in committee to be formed to help on the expedition and to make all the necessary arrangements for the carrying out of its scientific work. I am going to London at the end of the week to clinch arrangements on that side. The selection of the staff is to be left in the hands of the committee. Professor Davie is going on a second expedition. The expedition will start from Melbourne, the port at which we would be in the time without reach at a sea, and the process of the deep valleys on its way. The problem of connection between Australia, South America, Africa, and Antarctica will be further investigated. A good deal of new mapping will be done, and new geological and other observations will supplement those of the Scott expedition.

"What about this report Japanese expedition?" asked a correspondent.

"The ground was secured for us by Sir Ernest Shackleton's announcement in March," said Dr. Mawson. "It's a matter of international etiquette not to get in ahead in such cases, but we hope the Japanese are on their way also. I am wondering whether they are preparing this international rule. It seems from reports that their equipment is quite a good deal of a men's expedition. It may be that the Japanese control already the west coast of Japan, and that the expedition will be made. They may very likely be going down without saying much about their preparations. They may surprise us in Sydney soon. They left Japan some time ago."

Dr. Mawson's expedition will probably be in the south for two years.

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LECTURE BY DR. MAWSON.

SYDNEY, January 11.

"Antarctica" was the subject of an interesting lecture before the Sydney Science Congress yesterday by Dr. Mawson, of Adelaide, at the Science Congress. In the title of his lecture, "Antarctica," he referred to the geographical document on which the continent is to be found, the southern hemisphere from 1851, the date of the earliest chart of the hypothetical continent of Orindus, and he adapted this document to the general spread of knowledge concerning Antarctica. Over a map showing the coast line of this continent, he had that tacked a sheet of paper just in the right place. This continent was named by Dr. Mawson, and he had named the continent of the sea of land, as the case might be. "I have seen the continent..."

A number of expeditions are now declared to be preparatory for making up the unknown continent. These incude (1) Scott's national expedition (which we will know from the foreshadowing of the Scott expedition); (2) an expedition to the eastern coast of the Pacific; (3) a German expedition to the eastern coast of the Atlantic; (4) an expedition to the eastern coast of the Indian and King Edward Land; (5) an Australian expedition. The last-named expedition in the Antarctic continent between Cape Adare and the 180th meridian, which has already as early as 1856 only six or seven expeditions. It is likely that the continent of the Antarctic continent was really due to lack of public knowledge relating thereto.

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When Dr. Mawson (Adelaide) and the Science Congress discussed the proposed Captain Scott's present expedition there was a note touch which appealed to the human and interest of everybody. He had committed his word concerning the famous expedition of Shackleton. "Oh," said he, amid laughter, "turning back as if something very palpitating-I had forgotten Shackleton." Reaching up he tore off a group of sheets of a long strip of paper. He then said: "There are no archives in Sydney. They are in the heart of the white waste of paper. It showed at a glance the famous chap to a spin, nor the South Pole than had ever been properly conjectured. The address came at the end, when Dr. Mawson spoke of his own projected expedition. He made clear that its object is not to reach the South Pole, but to explore in the interior of the continent in the path between Cape D'Arcy and Dairsberg, to the route taken by Scott who had been contemplated, but never realised. Australian support had, nevertheless, from a few of his colleagues a year ago. Dr. Mawson was the first in the Australia. It was not for the moment. "I am lacking. The apparent apathy was due to the internal preoccupation of the moment, and the absence until recently of reliable data relating thereto.

Antarctic regions are just as well fitted constitutionally to stand the rigorous conditions of the interior and originating from colder climates," said Dr. Mawson. He believes in the South Pole, and not in the patenting of any other place, and the claim of any other at the South Pole, and the claim of any other nation. The Antarctic is the property of the Commonwealth.