OFF TO THE ANTARCTIC

Aurora Sailed.

From Hobart.

The steamer Aurora, with Dr. Maxwell, Messrs. Wild, Hannan, Webb, Harrison, Kennedy, Thubry, Bickerton, Nalwa, Macklin, MacDonald on board, left Hobart yesterday afternoon for the antarctic via Macquarie Island. The vessel, which was low in the water and carried a heavy deckload of provisions and miscellaneous articles, went out under steam. A large crowd assembled on the neighbouring wharves to see the steamer sail, and vessels in the harbour were decorated. The Governor (Sir Harry Barron) and Lady Barron and the masters of the Marine Board accompanied the Aurora for some distance in the Marine Board's launch. Donations for the Marra, offered by the Tourist Association, which had a number of relatives and friends of the expedition as well as living on Ganges River. A number of other craft and rowing and motor boats went out short distance with the Aurora. The result soon became apparent and stopped off the quarantine station to pick up 36 Emu dogs. That operation took some time, since the dogs appeared to prefer their shore quarters, and one or two went as far as to jump overboard and swim ashore. They were chased and recaptured. After having gone a little further, the Aurora turned back, hearty cheers having been given by those on board for the expedition.

The Aurora is due to leave Hobart on Thursday. She will take the remaining part of the expedition, and the remainder of the stores and coal, and will arrive at Macquarie Island on December 10. There have been a number of telegrams wishing the expedition success. Dr. Maxwell is reported as likely to come from the Aurora until she reaches the Cape of Good Hope. Among those who went down on the Marra to see the departure of the vessel were members of the Lord of the British Empire.

Dr. Maxwell, before leaving, gave the following message to the waiting crowd: "The British flag is to be raised on our landing, and the British Empire will be扩张 in the South Pole. We have been carefully engaged in the work of preparation, and the time has come for us to set out. We have been fortunate in the choice of our method, and we are confident of the success of our expedition. We are grateful to the Australian Government for its support, and to our friends and supporters for their kind assistance. We are ready to face the difficulties of the voyage, and we are confident of the success of our expedition. We are grateful to the Australian Government for its support, and to our friends and supporters for their kind assistance. We are ready to face the difficulties of the voyage, and we are confident of the success of our expedition."

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