THE ANTARCTIC.

LECTURE BY MR. C. T. MADIGAN.

Before the South Australian branch of the League of the Empire by Mr. C. T. Madigan delivered an illustrated lecture in the Institute Rooms, North Terrace, on "The Antarctic."

In comparing the Arctic with the Antarctic, Mr. Madigan said the former was a frozen drifting sea, whereas the latter was a great land continent about twice the size of Australia and much of it was a plateau 10,000 feet high. Being a land continent the Antarctic was much colder and windier than the Arctic. It was a land covered with low feet of ice, which was moving upwards to the sea and breaking off in bogs. The sea was warmer and saltier, and thus any bird or animal life. Many places in the Arctic Circle, such as the Carolines, Alaska, Siberia, and Norway were in higher latitudes than much of the Antarctic, but the climate and vegetation were very different. It was the speculation that the Antarctic would contain habitable land like the Arctic and lend itself to South Pole exploration.

The lecturer, with some excellent slides, displayed the Australian Antarctic Expedition of 1911-14, which was led by Sir Douglas Mawson. This expedition set out to explore the sector line immediately south of Australia, which was covered by about 1,860 miles of coast. The stay at Mount Hope, King George Bay, and the landing point being the head of thousands of miles of ice, was particularly described. Here the expedition established a wireless station, which was afterwards taken over by the Commonwealth. After the landing they were immediately cordially welcomed by the Eskimos. During their stay there, they had a fine view of the surrounding country. The times were good for the men, and the weather was perfect. The only disappointment was that they were not able to see the Aurora Borealis. The times were very fine for the men, and the weather was perfect. The only disappointment was that they were not able to see the Aurora Borealis. The times were very fine for the men, and the weather was perfect. The only disappointment was that they were not able to see the Aurora Borealis. The times were very fine for the men, and the weather was perfect. The only disappointment was that they were not able to see the Aurora Borealis. The times were very fine for the men, and the weather was perfect. The only disappointment was that they were not able to see the Aurora Borealis. The times were very fine for the men, and the weather was perfect. The only disappointment was that they were not able to see the Aurora Borealis.