

prepared to Place His Observations
Before Any Geographical
Society in the World.

October, Sept. 4.—The most detailed account of his polar journey was given by Dr. Cook was obtained from him by a large body of newspaper correspondents this evening at the Hotel Fenix. Dr. Cook at the request of the correspondents, consented to answer all questions. First he was asked whether, or not the first account of his discovery of the pole could be regarded as entirely his own work. He replied in the affirmative, except for a few errors in transmission. He then explained the doubt about the 200 square miles discovered, saying he meant that they were able to see land on each side during their journey to the pole and that therefore a large unknown territory of 20,000 square miles was now discovered.

PREPARED FOR WORK

Dr Cook proceeded to show that he was fully competent to take all observations, saying that on previous expeditions he did very little observation work, which usually was done by the other members of the party. He continued, "We had sailed out to reach the pole and everything else was of secondary consequence. It was not possible to carry out the duties and it was impossible also to study the deep sea or take readings. We carried all necessary instruments for the purpose of making observations. We were very lucky to obtain observations virtually every day. The positions noted must have been nearly correct. We had no compass, but used a watch compass and a set of repeaters. All were carefully controlled by each other from time to time. The watch, however, got out of line."

We had all the modern instruments which other explorers have had, including barometers, barometers and sextants of the latest model. The observations we made were better than those of early days, but I do not think that I am perfectly familiar with making astronomical observations. I think that all explorers will be satisfied with my data.

WHY SHOULD HE INVENT?

"Why should I sit down and invent observations?" he exclaimed. "I did not do this thing for anything but sport and because I take a real interest in the problem. It would not do me any good to invent these things. The only reason was to test Eskimoes' certain knowledge of the aurora's positions and to compare their observations with the observations made by one man. I regard the Eskimos as much more intelligent in finding positions than the white man in the Arctic. These people, as a rule, are not absolutely ignorant. They know that the earth is round. They know the names of the world's oceans and the big rail." They appreciate the work of explorers when participating in them.

I think Rasmussen has obtained some information regarding my expedition to the mountains, which he has learned it from the two who were with the Rasmussen as there much later his information will be published shortly, possibly tomorrow.

As to the pole, and the pole, as far as I could see, it was slightly more active there than at one or two places south. It drifted somewhat towards the north and east. It generally has been in the same position at all other places. We stayed around the pole for two days making many observations. I don't claim to have put my foot on the pole, but I claim to have put my foot on it, not precisely. I think we have been at the spot. When the observations have been made, our agents will be possible that there will be found slight differences, but I am certain that

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