

## LETTERS TO EDITOR

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### DISCONTINUANCE OF CO-OPERATION IN MAGNETIC WORK WITH THE BRITISH ANTARCTIC EXPEDITION.

Previous to the departure of the "Discovery" to the Antarctic, it was arranged here by Mr. Bernacchi, in charge of the magnetographs of the "Discovery," and Dr. Farr of this observatory, with the approval of Captain Scott, that magnetograph records at quick speed should be made for twenty-four hours on the first and fifteenth of the month until the return of the Expedition. Several observatories undertook to cooperate in this work. Mr. Bernacchi writes that he has been able to do this so far while in winter quarters, but in consequence of his supply of fast photographic paper being insufficient, he will not be able to continue these records this winter. The co-operating observatories, Mauritius, Batavia, De Bilt, and Kew, have been advised of this and asked to discontinue likewise.

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### CONTINUANCE OF INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION IN RAPID REGISTRATIONS DURING SPECIAL TERMS.

Although the program for international co-operation in connection with the Antarctic Expeditions, as published,<sup>1</sup> terminated on Feb. 15, last, it was deemed best, in the absence of official advice, by the Coast and Geodetic Survey magnetic observatories to continue the work, as outlined for the 1st and 15th of each month, a little while longer. An official inquiry was directed to the German Government through the German Embassy at Washington to which after several months a reply was received to the effect that the German Government would be glad to have the United States observatories co-operate for another year and that the work was to be timed and arranged in accordance with the program for the period February 1, 1902, to February 15, 1903.

Dr. Schmidt, in charge of the Potsdam magnetic observatory, replying to an inquiry from the Editor of the Journal briefly writes: "The Potsdam observatory on June 1st will resume the special term observations, beginning with rapid registration one-half hour before the required hour and continuing until one-half hour after the hour, hence for two hours—

<sup>1</sup> See T. M., Vol. VI, p. 49.