

CONGRATULATIONS.

Captain Amundsen said he had received large numbers of congratulatory telegrams. Amongst these were messages from King George of England, King Haakon of Norway, the Norwegian Ministry, Parliament, and Navy, the Geographical Society of Norway and the City of Christiania, and the Geographical Society of Chicago. The message of congratulation received from King George was hearty, said Captain Amundsen, and was much valued by members of the expedition, especially as their first place of call on the way back from the Antarctic had been in British territory.

"What will be your future movements?" the explorer was asked.

"I will stay in Hobart for some days; I cannot as yet say how many," he replied, "and then I am to start on a month's lecturing tour in Australia. After that I intend to join the Fram in Buenos Ayres. Thence we intend to go round the Horn up through Behring's Straits, and try to carry out our plan of drifting across the Arctic basin."

"Will you try to reach the North Pole, too, on the way?" was a further question.

"I do not think so," replied Captain Amundsen. "Our voyage will be mainly directed towards scientific ends, and I do not fancy we shall try to reach the Pole."