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Joe, age 6 with family members upon Roy’s return from Antarctica.
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A shelf of the *Worst Journey*. 
Lot 54  The South Polar Times
EVENTS OF THE MONTH.
March 21. The “Discovery” was launched
by Lady Markham, 1901.
Dinner followed by discussion on title
of this paper, 1902.
March 28. Good Friday. Two white
crocuses flowered in the ward room.
March 30. Easter Sunday. The last Skua left us.
March 31. Depot sledge party left with 4000 lbs and 16
dogs.

April 3. The sledge party returned.
April 6. An exciting seal chase.
April 8. Great Emperor
penguin hunt.
April 11. His Majesty
the King became
Patron of the
Expedition.
April 13. Windmill
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April 15. Term Day.
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281 Aurora Australis, 1908-09, edited by Sir Ernest Shackleton, coloured lithograph on title-page, illustrated with 6 lithographs and 4 etchings by George Marston, 4to, wooden boards from a provision case, leather spine, stamped in blind with title and the device of the press (slightly rubbed; joints skilfully repaired), uncut, Published at the Winter Quarters of the British Antarctic Expedition . . Printed at the Sign of ‘The Penguins’, by Joyce and Wild . . . Antarctica, 1907-08

£1000

Only 100 copies of this book were printed in the hut at Cape Royds on a handpress. The provision cases were manufactured by Day, who sand-papered the boards, thonged the pages, and made the leather spine to hold the cover. "No other book has ever been produced South of Latitude 70 deg."—Dr. Mill. There is no copy in the British Museum, and only an imperfect one in the Scott Polar Research Institute, Cambridge.

282 Backhouse (Janet) The Madresfield Hours. A Fourteenth-century Manuscript in the Library of Earl Beauchamp, 4 coloured and 46 other plates of facsimile, sm. folio, cloth, morocco back, e.g., others uncut, Oxford, ROXBURGHE CLUB, 1975

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what is there in this thing in the which I can make more gold.

And one who was called a broker, which being interpreted meaneth gambler, answered, A business man cannot afford to be sentimental; for which saying no interpretation can be found.

¶ And the heart of Shackleton was heavy, and was sunk even unto his shoes, when there arose a great and mighty man who did build ships for the Great King, and who wrought cunningly in iron, with which he made the ships so strong that they could not be broken, and he did speak in this wise saying;

My son, though my house in which I do dwell, lieth a long journey to the north of the chief city of the Great King, even the city of London, yet hath it come to my ears of the work which ye would perform, and it seemeth good in mine eyes.

It hath also been told unto me that because thy purse is not too heavy, thy way is not clear before thee.

Behold! I have here great stores of gold and of silver, and because thy design hath found favour with me, take of my wealth sufficient for thy needs.

¶ Then indeed was Shackleton a happy man, and he straightway cast about him for a ship which should
Cover are made out of our previous cases and the whole was done during the long polar night. There are only 80 cases in existence. Not being the number printed and only 30 have been distributed.

Again thanking you.

Believe me,

[Handwritten signature]

Emerick Mitchell
To Ernest. Penis
from Ernest Shackleton
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Chris her year.
with warmest wishes
for his birthday
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1200 SOLDIERS

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TABLE BAY
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OBJECTS.
The Expedition will leave England in the summer of this year with the following objects:—

(1) To cross the Antarctic from sea to sea, securing for the British flag the honour of being the first carried across the South Polar Continent.

(2) To make all possible scientific observations on that journey.

(3) To carry on similar scientific work by parties operating from the two bases on the Weddell and the Ross Seas.

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Joe & Beth with Amundsen at the Fram Museum Oslo 2017
Joe & Beth at Amundsen’s house south of Oslo 2017
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