

UNIVERSITY FINDS THAT COOK'S PAPERS CONTAIN NO PROOF THAT HE REACHED THE NORTH POLE.

DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED BY DR. COOK.

First, a typewritten report prepared by Dr. Cook's secretary, Walter Lounsdale, and covering sixty-one pages of foolscap.

Second, a typewritten copy made by Mr. Lounsdale from Dr. Cook's notebooks. This occupies sixteen pages of foolscap, and includes a description of the expedition during the period from March 18, 1908, to June 13, 1908, during which, according to the statement, Dr. Cook journeyed from Svartevog to the North Pole and returned to a point on the polar ice not specifically indicated, but west of the Axel Heiberg land.

FINDINGS REPORTED BY THE EXAMINING COMMISSION.

First, the report of the expedition sent to the University by Dr. Cook is the same as that printed in The New York Herald during the months of September and October last.

Second, the copy of Cook's notebooks does not contain any original astronomical observations whatsoever, but only results.

Third, the documents presented are inexcusably lacking in information which would prove that the astronomical observations therein referred to were really made; and also contain no details regarding the practical work of the expedition and the sledge journey which would enable the Committee to determine their reliability.

The Committee therefore is of the opinion that the material transmitted for examination contains no proof that Dr. Cook reached the Pole.

VERDICT OF COPENHAGEN UNIVERSITY CONSISTORY.

The documents handed the University for examination do not contain observations and information which can be regarded as proof that Dr. Cook reached the North Pole on his recent expedition.
