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Knight of the Order of the Midnight Sons
Membre de l'Institut de Gall

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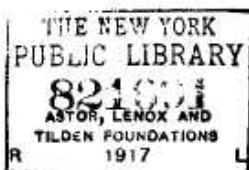


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**This book is affectionately dedicated
to the members of the New Haven
Choral Union, who, if they did not
believe my story, had the grace to
conceal their emotions**

A Few Press Notices

"Away, away, good William de la Pole!"

—HENRY VI., Part I

"Nor will it yield to Norway or the Pole."

—HAMLET

"Over the Pole thy thickest mantle throw."

—MILTON

"Spread the truth from Pole to Pole."

—ADDISON

"Paradise and the Peary."

—MOORE

Preface

SOME of the more vital extracts from this narrative were first laid before the New Haven Choral Union in my annual President's Report to that august body. I felt it to be only fair that, while I was besieged by heckling reporters, the Choral Union should be the first organization to get the galley-proofs of my great discovery. For the sole reason why I had been elected President was the reasonable desire of this Musical Society to have a presiding officer whose loud annual reports should remind them of the Lyre.

W. L. P.

Yale College, Halloween, 1909.



Early preparation — a walk in the Arctics



A Dash at the Pole

CHAPTER I

Early Preparations

Icebergs, Sunset, October, 1909

DURING all my life I had felt in my bones that I should some day discover the pole. This assurance was especially strong in slushy winter weather, when I had taken many a walk in the arctics, which seemed to belong to me; and the