

### 1998 SPRI Christmas card

This year's SPRI Christmas card, measuring 14.8 x 10.5 cm in full colour, features a photograph of a reindeer herd, taken during a period when efforts were being made to introduce them into Alaska. The photograph is from the SPRI Picture Library's Raymond Priestley collection. Cards with envelopes may be bought by mail in packs of 10 at the following rates, which include envelopes, packing, and postage. Please return orders to: Christmas cards, Scott Polar Research Institute, Lensfield Road, Cambridge CB2 1ER, UK.



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The expedition, led by Carsten Borchgrevink, was the first to winter on the Antarctic continent, at Cape Adare in 1899. Pictures from the expedition, such as the accompanying one, are reproduced from lantern slides held in the Picture Library Collection. These provide some stunning images in sepia tones. A brief account of the expedition is given inside the back cover.

The calendar, which is A4 size, is available for £5.50 (including packing and postage) or for £5.00 if collected at the Institute.

## The Photographs of H G Ponting

Herbert George Ponting (1870–1935) was one of the greatest photographers of the early twentieth century. As every reader of *Polar Record* knows, he is best remembered for his work as 'camera artist' and cinematographer in the Antarctic, where he portrayed in vivid detail the lives of the men who went south on Robert Falcon Scott's last expedition, 1910–1913.

But Ponting was also a world traveller and an early photo-journalist, and his photographs of Japan, China, Burma, and India are exquisite, allowing a tantalising glimpse of cultures then little known to most westerners and now long since changed.



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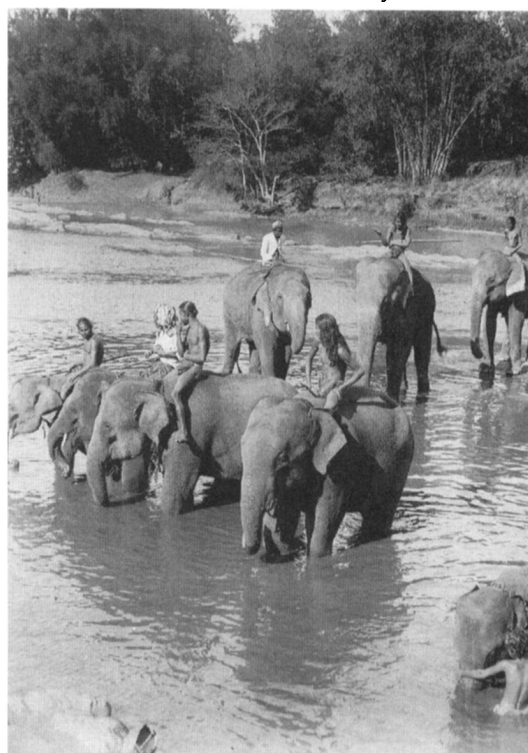
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*The Photographs of H G Ponting* is a collection of the work — from both the Antarctic and the wide world — of this great photographer. It is also a biography, tracing the life and travels of an elusive, solitary man. Born in Salisbury, he moved to California, taught himself photography, abandoned his family for his 'art,' and became a highly sought-after commercial talent, working in distant reaches of the British Empire and spending years at a time travelling. But fame did not bring happiness, and Ponting did little work after his return from the Great White South, investing his energies in curious business ventures.

*The Photographs of H G Ponting* puts together the very best of the work of this immortal of photography. It is available for only £19.50.



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