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THE MCINTOSH COMET

The press reported on January 28th the discovery of a comet by Mr. A. A. McIntosh of Auckland, New Zealand. The coordinates given were one hour and nine minutes in right ascension and fifty degrees and six minutes of southern declination, placing the comet in the constellation of Phoenix. It was said to be moving at the rate of five degrees per twenty four hours. This comet is visible now with the naked eye in the constellation of Sculptor, in the southwest sky. Its positions in the evening of February 2nd was zero hour and ten minutes in right ascension and thirty two degrees and forty-five minutes of southern declination. The comet is well formed, showing even to the naked eye, a considerably bright head and well developed tail. The comet can be easily located, being about fifteen degrees away from the bright star Formalhout. If the sky is clear, the comet becomes visible shortly after sunset and remains so during the early hours of the evening. This comet is altogether different from the Cunningham comet, which rises now about the