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MAWSON EXPEDITION.

LEADER'S MOVEMENTS.

SYDNEY, November 13.

Mr. Mawson, leader of the Australian expedition to the antarctic, left Sydney to-night en route for Adelaide. He made a satisfactory trial of a motor boat, specially constructed here for the purposes of his expedition. He will also take from Sydney a living hut, built here, wireless telegraphy outfits and tide gauges, provided by the Public Works Department, Sydney. Mr. Mawson will leave Adelaide on Saturday for Hobart.

Hut for the South Pole.

A hut, which will be used by the members of the south polar expedition, has been built by Walter & Morris, Limited, of Port Adelaide, to the order of Dr. Mawson. It is constructed of Oregon, with matchboard lining inside and out. The dimensions of the structure are 16 ft. by 8 ft., and it contains six sleeping berths, table, stove, and a dark room for the photographer. A 5-ft. verandah runs around the building, and three sides are enclosed for the storage of provisions. The roof is also of matchwood, but will be covered with malthoid. The outside lining of matchboard has been put on vertically to allow the accumulations of snow and ice to move off more readily. There are no side windows, but the gable end of the roof is louvred, and a window has been let in the roof. A trapdoor between the verandah and stoveroom will enable the inmates to secure coal supplies without having to go outside. The entrance is guarded by two doors, one of which will be closed while the other is opened. The whole structure is solidly built to withstand the rigours of an antarctic winter. It will stand upon stumps 3 feet high. On Monday the hut was taken down and carefully packed; and the sections marked and numbered for shipment by steamer to Hobart to-day.

The Draftsman.

On Sunday morning the Rev. Lionel B. Fletcher, pastor of the Port Adelaide Congregational Church, publicly referred to the impending departure of Mr. A. J. Hodgman to the south polar regions with Dr. Mawson's expedition. Mr. Hodgman, who will officiate as draftsman to the expedition, is a member of the Port Adelaide Congregational Church, and an enthusiastic worker among young men. Mr. Fletcher, in behalf of the congregation, bade Mr. Hodgman "godspeed and a safe return."

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FAREWELL TO DR. MAWSON.

It has been arranged that the public farewell to Dr. Mawson upon his departure for the antarctic shall take place at the Adelaide Town Hall, at noon on Saturday, November 18, and not Friday, as first suggested. His Excellency the Governor, Sir Samuel Way (Chief Justice and Chancellor of the University), the Premier, the Mayor of Adelaide, Professor Henderson (representing the Australasian Association), and Dr. Mawson's colleagues, the President of the South Australian branch of the Royal Geographical Society (Mr. A. W. Piper, K.C.), and the President of the Royal Society (Dr. J. C. Verco) will take part. The speeches will be short, and the proceedings will be concluded by 1 o'clock. The public are invited to be present, and a large and enthusiastic gathering is expected.

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Dr. Douglas Mawson, who is to take charge of an Australian expedition to the Antarctic, returned to Adelaide on Wednesday from Sydney, where he has been engaged in making arrangements for the expedition. He will leave Adelaide on Saturday by the Melbourne express on the way to Hobart, where he will join his ship, the Aurora, which is now being fitted out. He will sail from Hobart on December 2 from Macquarie Island.

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Franklin Harbour.

University examinations are being held at Cowell this week under the supervision of Dr. Marshall, the Revs. H. E. Inger, B.A., and A. M. Trengove. A number of teachers are availing themselves of the opportunity of sitting at Cowell instead of journeying to Adelaide. The establishment of such centres is a great boon to country students.

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AUSTRALASIAN ANTARCTIC EXPEDITION.

PUBLIC FAREWELL.

PUBLIC MEETING to bid FAREWELL to DR. MAWSON (Leader) and other SOUTH AUSTRALIAN MEMBERS OF THE EXPEDITION will be held at the TOWN HALL, ADELAIDE, on SATURDAY, the 18th inst., at noon. His Excellency the Governor will preside. 321-2 W. HOWCHIN, Secretary of Committee.

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THE GOVERNMENT GEOLOGIST.

The Commissioner of Crown Lands (Hon. C. Vaughan) has not yet definitely appointed a successor to Mr. H. Y. L. Brown as Government Geologist. He stated on Thursday that the Premier and he would personally interview the likely applicant for the position before any appointment was definitely made.

WOMEN LAWYERS.

From "Not a Student Now":—"May I be permitted to point out a strong reason for the non-acceptance of the Female Practitioner (Legal) Bill? The first year I attended lectures on the law of contracts the professor gave us several pages of notes on the question of 'unmoral considerations.' The following year, when a woman was in the class, the subject was avoided, and I understand the question was similarly avoided this year. This is not the only matter that would be difficult for a lecturer to discuss with a woman among his hearers. Judging from my notes large portions of the criminal law and the law of evidence will have to be deleted if women are admitted to the classes; and I think it will be unfair to make students pay heavy fees for lectures and then to have important questions missed because females invade the classroom. Unless the women have separate lectures this will certainly happen. Other reasons suggest themselves, e.g., the non-necessity of female lawyers (Victoria's first woman barrister retired after a few months' practice), the susceptibility of jurymen, Magistrates, and the fact that man has for centuries been taught to defer to woman."

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UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE.

The agenda paper for the meeting of the Senate of the University of Adelaide, to be held on Wednesday next, has been issued. The following election nominations have been received:—For members of the council (five required)—Dr. J. A. G. Hamilton, B.A. (withdraws), Professors W. Lowrie, M.A., and W. Mitchell, M.A., Messrs. S. J. Jacobs, R. Barr Smith, and S. Talbot Smith, M.A.; warden, Mr. F. Chapple, B.A., B.Sc.; clerk, Mr. T. A. Caterer, B.A.

A proposal has been made to alter the statutes of the J. A. Hartley studentship, by supplementing the income derived from the sum of £600 subscribed in memory of the late Vice-Chancellor and Inspector-General of Schools, so as to provide a studentship of the value of £25, open for competition every year to students intending to enter upon the course for the B.A., B.Sc., LL.B., M.B., and B.S., or Mus. Bac. degree. This studentship will be awarded to the most successful candidate at the Higher Public Examination in December, and every Hartley student shall forthwith commence his course for the B.A., B.Sc., LL.B., M.B., and B.S., or Mus. Bac. degree.

Regulations are framed for the diploma in education, and it is proposed that to obtain the diploma (Diplom. Educ.) every candidate (1) shall be a graduate of the University in arts or science; (2) shall have attended lectures regularly and passed the examinations in English language and literature, psychology, and the principles and history of education, as prescribed for the ordinary degree of Bachelor of Arts; (3) shall take a course of professional study in the principles and practice of education as prescribed by the council; (4) shall produce evidence to the satisfaction of the council of having obtained adequate practical experience in teaching and school management in schools approved by the council. Other proposals are that ordinary and honors degrees may be obtained by candidates in the courses for Master of Arts, Bachelor of Arts, and Bachelor of Science.

Conservatorium Orchestral Concert.

The second orchestral concert of the 1911 session by the Elder Conservatorium Orchestra was given in the Elder Hall on Monday evening. There was a large attendance, and the conductor (Mr. H. Heinicke) and leader (Miss Sylvia Whittington) are to be congratulated upon the success of the entertainment. The programme was opened with an almost faultless rendering of Schubert's "Symphony in B minor" (unfinished). The composer had wonderful originality and imagination, and this fragment of a great work is singular for its beauty and striking in its originality. Its first movement speaks of agitation and distress, and the response comes by the voice of consolation and comfort in sorrow. Nothing could have been more impressive than the rendering of adagio from suite "L'Arlesienne." The work is by Bizet, the author of the popular opera "Carmen," and it lost none of its attractiveness by the manner in which it was given on Monday night. Unstinted applause was forthcoming when the orchestra gave excerpts from the opera "Rienzi"—the first of the series by which Wagner is known. The concluding item, the overture to the opera "William Tell" (Rossini), also proved exceedingly popular. Weber's "Concertstück in F," op. 79 (for piano and orchestra), with Miss Ethel Tod at the piano, was a pleasing feature, and the powerful conclusion was followed by an outburst of applause. The orchestral selections were interspersed with effectively rendered vocal items as follows:—Miss Dulcie Goss "She wandered down the mountain side" (Frederick Clay); and Mr. Francis Halls, "Maid of Athens" (Gounod) and "Fair is my love" (Hatton). The final concert of the session will be given on December 4.