The Unknown Lands.

"The results of our two years' work supply information which fills this gap, and completes a survey of the salient feature of the quadrant. Surely it is only right that neighboring lands in the case of a natural heritage of Australians, should remain the ultimate custodians, with it be sealed up scientific facts of importance in the interpretation of probable events of the future, and also the Union Jack, and in particular the Australian flag, from the already explosive events in this distant part of the earth, the extremity of the quadrant, we have claimed a share in its future. In the Universities of the late American expeditions, we have desired to record data, accumulated by sea and land, that must eventually claim regard. The journey toward the north, which is a matter of great interest at a later date, when they have been elaborated. We are looking forward to making preliminary investigations and to bring them before the British Association at its meeting in Australia in August."

THE UNIVERSITY WELCOME

GOVERNOR-GENERAL WILL ATTEND.

The Acting-Governor (Sir Samuel Way) was in telephonic communication with the Governor-General yesterday in order to arrange, if possible, for Lord De Saunier's presence at the public welcome to Dr. Mawson. It was only possible to submit two dates—Monday afternoon, and Lord De Saunier accepted Monday, because he had to be back in Melbourne on Tuesday afternoon. It was fixed finally that the Governor-General should leave Melbourne to-day by the express. He will dwell at Mount Lofty, and will be the guest of Mr. Tom Barr Smith until Monday, when he will move into Adelaide, to be present at the welcome, which is scheduled to commence at 2.35 p.m., so that his Excellency may get away in good time to catch the Melbourne express.

Professor O. D. Masson, M.A., D.Sc., F.R.S. (Professor of Chemistry at the Melbourne University, acting-chairman of the Antarctic Exploration Committee, and a very distinguished scientist) will address the meeting on some scientific subject at the Mayor's function.

A special congregation of the members of the University of the University has been asked to attend. The council of the University for Monday, March 2, at 11.45 a.m., for the purpose of tendering a formal welcome to Dr. Mawson. His Excellency the Governor-General has accepted the invitation of the council to be present, and the Prime Minister and the Minister of External Affairs, the Governors of the States of New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australia have also been invited to attend. The attendance of members of the University is called to the official notice appearing in our advertising columns.

THE AURORA

WILL BE OPEN FOR INSPECTION.

The expeditionary vessel Aurora has been the subject of much attention since she was tied up in the South Australian Company's Basin shortly before 6 p.m. on Thursday, Dr. Mawson stated yesterday that she would be open for public inspection in a few days' time. Presently there is a special stew on board members of the party being engaged in getting out the collections.

MOVEMENTS OF THE AURORA.

Snugly berthed in the South Australian Company's Basin the Aurora was the cynosure of hundreds of pairs of eyes yesterday and the visitors displayed great interest in the vessel. How long the Aurora will remain at Port Adelaide is not yet certain, but it is understood that she will remain here until the end of next week. Her future movements have not been definitely fixed, but before returning to England it is likely that the vessel will go to one of the eastern Basses for docking. The Greenhills, dogs which were brought back from the North-West, have been disembarked in the members of the exploring party as a memento of their voyage to the Antarctic regions. During the evening several of the animals were taken ashore, and after being placed in quarantine for a week at the Zoological Gardens they will be claimed by their respective owners. The task of unloading the Aurora's cargo was speeded up early in the afternoon.

It consisted chiefly of sledges, skis, personal effects, and numerous cases of specimens belonging to the members of the party.

METHODIST CONGRATULATIONS.

At the opening of the Methodist Conference yesterday, the president of the conference suggested that a motion of congratulation should be presented to Dr. Mawson on his safe return from the Antarctic. This was heartily agreed to, and a motion of congratulation was carried.