IN THE ICE
SEEKING AN OUTLET
A TALE OF THE AURORA

Back from the ice. And what a wonder-world! It was. Information about Antarctic destinies was glad to placate the Aurora, but, from remarks made on board yesterday it was evident that the adventures which usually befell the Polar voyagers were not absent in the case of the Aurora's last journey to Adelaide Island. In the freezing land of the south rigging was transformed into wondrous crystal networks. Hope sparked with a border of fairytale in its formation, and the whole girth of the ship synchronised with the marvels of Antarctica. Between the great ice barrier and the floating pieces of water, extended into this the Aurora was taken through a passage way in the mass of pack ice. The great ice barrier was described as an astounding eight. Cliffs of crystal ranging from the land, were not uncommon, and impressed with their beautiful grandeur. The channel between the great barrier and the floating ice varied in width, and certain portions of the vessel's work were carried as inside the ice-protected sector, so said the narrator of a certain cadet. According to his account the Aurora endeavored to keep an opening other than the one she had entered by in the belt of pack ice which separated the channel from the outer seas. "Days of treading were incredulous. The ship was 'lured' almost closed in alarmingly, and fears were entertained. So narrow did the channel become that the hope of trying to find a new outlet was abandoned, and then followed a rapid race for the last remaining limits of water to the original entrance. The passage occupied about eight days. Some idea of the width of the ice-pack can be gained by consideration of the fact that the defects in some instances take about a day and a half to negotiate.

FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS
BIG UNIVERSITY FUNCTION
AND PUBLIC MEETING.

The Deputy-Governor and Chancellor of the Adelaide University, Mr. Adams Way has made arrangements for a grand public meeting to be held in the Town Hall at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, December 4th, at which the Governor will be present. The meeting will be preceded by an address by Dr. H. J. G. Martin, President of the South Australian Medical Society. The programme includes music, recitations, and a short address by the Governor. The meeting is open to the public and will be quite a social event.

TWO MEMBERS' DEATHS

It is sad to say that the members of the expedition did not anticipate that their stay in the Antarctic would be so brief. Two members died of injuries sustained during the voyage. Dr. Maxon and Mr. Scott were on the verge of a serious accident when they were rescued by the Aurora. Dr. Maxon, a prominent Antarctic explorer, died of his injuries, and Mr. Scott, a distinguished botanist, also died. The Aurora returned to Australia immediately after their deaths and the ship was greeted with great enthusiasm. The voyagers were determined to continue their researches and to make the most of their stay in the Antarctic regions.

Pleased to be Back

Everyone on board the Aurora was pleased to be back. Besides Dr. Maxon, who died, the following members of the crew were also lost: Dr. F. W. Schond (botanist), Dr. H. J. G. Martin (sailor), Dr. C. D. Hedges (scientist), Dr. W. S. Clark (sailor), Dr. W. T. Scott (botanist), and Dr. W. J. H. Martin (sailor). The Aurora was the first ship to explore the frozen wastes of the Antarctic, and its members were hailed as heroes by the people of Adelaide. The Aurora's journey to South Australia is detailed in another column.