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THE MAWSON EXPEDITION

THE AURORA TO BE DOCKED

CAPTAIN DAVIS APPEALS FOR HELP

MELBOURNE, August 27.

The Victorian Government will assist in the overhauling and fitting up of the steamer Aurora, which is to proceed to Adelie Land, in the Antarctic to bring back Dr. D. Mawson and his comrades, who have been marooned there during the winter. Captain J. K. Davis, who is to take command of the Aurora, had a second interview to-day with the Hon. W. A. Watt, the Premier. Subsequently Mr. Watt said:—"I told Captain Davis to bring the vessel around from Hobart. Space would be made available for her in the dock, and we would discuss the financial aspect when he sees what it will cost to do the overhauling."

Captain Davis expressed himself as very grateful for the way in which similar work was done before to the vessel by the Government. "The vessel was turned out in thoroughly seaworthy condition and was thus enabled to get through the stress of weather encountered down south. I had an opportunity of examining the finances of the expedition as they stand up to the present, and they do not look too bright. A special appeal is, however, I understand to be made and hopes are entertained that there will be a fitting response, and that the Commonwealth Government will also help."

representative called, but when he came it up to his satisfaction he was courteously willing to have a chat.

"No," he said in answer to an opening query, "we here are not like the Victorian folk—we do not allow what we know to be a good thing, and one which is appreciated by the public, to go back. Our motto is 'Progress,' with a capital P. Here a large amount of work is done in the country. During the May vacation Professor Henderson delivered a course of lectures in the country centres of Naracoorte, Mount Gambier, and Millicent. During the August vacation a course of lectures will be given in the country centres of Petersburg, Jamestown, and probably Burra, also by Professor Henderson, and during the same vacation Professor Chapman will deliver a course in Broken Hill. About the end of September or early in October Professor Henderson will carry out a programme of lectures in Stirling West, and about the end of the same month he will give a further course of lectures at the Bar. Other centres are now in correspondence with the University authorities with a view to having lectures delivered in the areas."

"The point I want to emphasise is that during the short vacation in May July the professors for some time have given their well-earned rest up—the purpose of supplying country and local institutes with extension lectures. It is impossible for them to do their University duties during the term."

"The professors actually forego their holidays to take up this work?"

"Yes. It is the only time they have to spare. So they are really hard at work during the time the students are resting or are away spending a happy time at their homes in the country."

"Do the professors get any financial reward for their work?"

"Not much. They receive a small fee and their travelling expenses."

"Do the country people respond well to the opportunities given to attend these lectures?"

"Most assuredly. There is a good response, and good audiences. That is evidenced by the fact that some of the centres have asked us to give a further course of lectures. The University is committed in 34 country centres. These are represented by a permanent extension committee which is appointed for the purpose of controlling the lectures and the examinations held by the University."

"And what about the work done at Adelaide?"

"During June Professor Henderson gave a series of three lectures on 'Hamlet, the Shakspearean Drama;' Professor Brown is now giving three lectures on 'Plant and its Environment. Some Aspects of Local Flora,' illustrated with lantern slides; and during July Professor Jethro Brown will lecture on 'Public Control of Industrial Combinations.' So you see we are not by any means idle."

UNIVERSITY EXTENSION.

STILL GOING STRONG.

LECTURES AS POPULAR AS EVER.

During last year the University extension movement in Victoria declined somewhat, but this year, from all accounts, a strong forward movement has been made. Though there is not the slightest doubt about the University extension movement in South Australia being as popular as ever, a representative of "The Mail" called on Mr. Charles R. Hodge, Registrar of the Adelaide University, on Wednesday to ascertain just how matters stand. Mr. Hodge was wrestling with his telephone, which had got out of order, when our reporter had fixed it.

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