MASON RELIEF EXPEDITION.

Pride in the daring achievements of Dr. Douglas Mawson and his brave companions, and sympathy with them in their protracted exile and severe hardships, are widespread among Australians. A comical and satisfactory response may therefore be expected to be heard at the appeal of Capt. J. K. Davis for funds needed for the equipment of the relief expedition and the publication of the scientific report of the operations and researches which have been conducted with so much gratifying success. The public were deeply moved by the appeal, and in spite of the Judith's message from Dr. Mawson of the disappearance in an unfathomed gulf, in December last, of Lieut. Nimni with a dog team and valuable food supplies, and of the death from malnutrition in January of Dr. Mertz. Of the party which engaged in exploring the coastline south-east of the winter quarters in Adele Land, Dr. Mawson notified—"On February 7 I alone reached the winter quarters, having travelled through snow and fog over badly-crevassed areas, miraculously guided by the Aurora." The Aurora had arrived in Commonwealth Bay until she was obliged hurriedly to depart on account of terrific gales. The party left the hut on the 22nd of last month by Dr. Mawson reached the hut and rejoined six members of his expedition. Eighteen men were brought back to Australia in March by the Aurora, and the duty devolves upon Australia of rescuing the other seven explorers as soon as climatic opportunities will permit. As the necessity of having to dispatch the Aurora to Antarctica was not then foreseen, the serious additional expense involved in that enterprise was not considered in framing the original estimate of the cost of the expedition; but the intervention of Dr. Mawson and his comrades for two years in Adele Land is a comparatively small matter to the further cheerful deeds of patriotic generosity towards the expedition. Capt. Davis proposes to start, with a trustworthy boat, in October, the Bromo, from Port Phillip, in Commonwealth Bay in November. He has secured handsome contributions towards the relief fund in England. Laid in the cold that in itself for further cheerful deeds of patriotic generosity towards the expedition. Capt. Davis proposes to start, with a trustworthy boat, in October, the Bromo, from Port Phillip, in Commonwealth Bay in November. He has secured handsome contributions towards the relief fund in England. Laid in the cold that in itself for further cheerful deeds of patriotic generosity towards the expedition. Capt. Davis proposes to start, with a trustworthy boat, in October, the Bromo, from Port Phillip, in Commonwealth Bay in November. He has secured handsome contributions towards the relief fund in England.

NEW DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION.

Interview with Mr. Maugham.

The formal appointment of Mr. M. Maugham, B.A., as Director of Education, was made in Executive Council on Thursday. During the day the new Director was the recipient of many congratulations on his promotion.