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THE ACCIDENT TO MR. FINLAYSON.

To the Editor.

Sir—As the statements in your issue of to-day having reference to the accident to Mr. Finlayson seem to me to be capable of misinterpretation, permit me to re-state the facts with some additions. It is quite true that Mr. Finlayson has given great promise of ability as a practical chemist, and it is also true that he has been assisting me in a chemical research, but the experiments he has been carrying on at the University have had no connection whatever with explosives. When the first accident happened I was in complete ignorance of the fact that he was carrying on at his home experiments with dangerous substances, and after the accident I warned him more than once that if he persisted in such experiments the results would probably be serious. Moreover, he was strictly forbidden to go on with anything of the kind within the University precincts. No one, outside of his immediate relatives and friends, regrets more deeply and feels more keenly than I do, that a very promising career has been, as far as one can see at present, abruptly cut short. At the same time I cannot allow to pass without comment a statement which, however unintentionally, might be supposed to imply that I had sanctioned the carrying on of experiments by an inexperienced youth with explosives not "invented," but quite well known and exceptionally dangerous.—I am, &c.,

EDWARD H. RENNIE.
Encounter Bay, May 26, 1913.

Mr. H. W. Smith, M.E., B.Sc., who won the Angus Scholarship from the Adelaide University in 1907, has recently received the appointment of electrical engineer to the Department of Home Affairs in the Federal Civil Service. After obtaining the scholarship Mr. Smith proceeded to the United States, where he continued his electrical studies, and obtained practical experience with the General Electric Company and elsewhere. Being anxious to settle in Australia, he returned to his native land a few months ago and obtained employment with Noves Bros., of Sydney. His new appointment gives him charge of practically all electrical engineering work of the Federal Government, exclusive of Post-Office work. He will chiefly be employed at the outset in providing for the construction and operation of an electric power plant for the



Mr. H. W. Smith.

new Federal capital. Mr. Smith, who is in his 27th year, was born in Kent Town, and is a son of Mr. W. Smith, head foreman of the Government Ways and Works Department. He was educated at the Lefevre's Peninsula and Port Adelaide State schools, but early in 1900 he won an entrance scholarship at Way College. He had a distinguished career there, and was dux for two years. He passed the senior examination with six credits, and also the higher public examination, and was awarded a Government scholarship of £90 at the Adelaide University. He took the electrical engineering course, which he completed with honor, obtaining the Bachelor of Science Degree, the Applied Science Diploma, and the Fellowship of the Adelaide School of Mines. After obtaining the Angus scholarship he went to America, further to equip himself for his professional work.

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THE SCOTT EXPEDITION.

GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY'S AWARDS.

DR. MAWSON'S WORK PRAISED.

LONDON, May 26.

Lord Curzon (president of the Royal Geographical Society), on behalf of that body, to-day presented to Lady Scott, the widow of the Antarctic explorer, a casket containing gold medals, which have been awarded to her husband for his achievements. He also presented the patron's medal to the widow of Dr. E. A. Wilson, who was chief of the scientific staff, zoologist, and artist (western party). A gold watch was presented to Lieutenant V. L. A. Campbell, R.N., the leader of the eastern party.

Lord Curzon said the money subscribed by the public would enable the scientific results of the expedition to be published on a scale never previously attempted. Lady Scott had promised the society her husband's diary after she had used it for the book which she intended publishing shortly.

Lord Curzon paid a high tribute to the work of Dr. Mawson. He had escaped, the speaker said, after a display of fortitude and endurance almost without parallel in the history of exploration. The society looked forward to opening the 1914 session with Dr. Mawson's story. He hoped others would be induced to follow Dr. Mawson in mapping out the contour of the Antarctic continent.

MUSIC EXAMINATIONS.

The examinations in music conducted in connection with the Australian Universities in May resulted as follows—

Theory of Music.
Pass List.

South Australian and Western Australian Candidates

Grade II.—Thrush, Annie Vera, Miss Florence Cook, Mus. Bac.

Grade III.—Bromley, Flora Sylvia, Miss A. Davy, Mus. Bac.; Featherstonhaugh, Veronica Philomena, Convent of Mercy, Angus-street; Munroe, Avelyn Handell James, Mr. T. H. Jones, Mus. Bac.; Simpson, Ralph James, private tuition.

Grade IV.—Honors—O'Reilly, Eileen Mary, Loreto Convent, Osborne, W.A.

Pass.

Bateman, Lilian, Convent of Mercy, Angus-street; Bolto, Enid Natalie, Miss Murray, Carrol, Barbara, Convent of Mercy, Angus-street; Chivell, Laura Naomi, Miss Grace Ledger; Dolan, Barbara Gladys, Mrs R. M. Hooper; Ford, Roule Elizabeth, Dominican Convent, Kapunda; McDonald, Adeline Margaret, Mr G. Truss, A. Mus., T.C.L.; Meehan, Alice, Convent of Mercy, Angus-street; Raymond, Mollie, Loreto Convent, Osborne, W.A.; Raymond, Annie Adelaide, Gwerdoline, Miss R. M. Hooper; Watson, Ethel Convent of Mercy, Angus-street; Willis, Florence, Convent of Mercy, Angus-street; Wilshire, Isabel Annie, St. Joseph's Convent, Mitcham.

Grade V.
Pass.

Alpers, Frieda Dorothea, Mr. G. Truss, A. Mus., T.C.L.; Atkins, Sylvia Alice, Dominican Convent, Franklin-street; Basch, Kate Alfreda, Mr. G. Truss, A. Mus., T.C.L.; Blencowe, Grace Elizabeth, Dominican Convent, Semaphore; Brindal, Ellen Grace, Miss G. Smith; Burrell, Amy, Convent of Mercy, Mount Gambier; Campbell, Adelaide, St. Joseph's Convent, Quorn; Cheyron, Florrie, Mrs R. Levasseur; Crowe, Eileen Mary, Dominican Convent, Franklin-street; Davenport, Stella, Convent of Mercy, Angus-street; Grubb, Myrtle Elizabeth, Miss Ella M. Molin, A. Mus., T.C.L.; Kennedy, Annie, Convent of Mercy, Mount Gambier; Kenny, Mary, Dominican Convent, Franklin-street; Lenzler, Rudolph Gustav Albert, Mr. G. Truss, A. Mus., T.C.L.; Leonard, Cecelia, Dominican Convent, Franklin-street; Longuire, Millie Mary, Miss R. M. Hooper; Lucas, Minna May, Miss Maud Muller; McArthur, Doris May, Dominican Convent, Semaphore; McElligott, Mary, St. Joseph's Convent, Mitcham; McGrath, Petronilla Paulina, Convent of Mercy, Angus-street; Mather, Margaret Winifred, Convent of Mercy, Mount Gambier; Morris, Alice Edith, Convent of Mercy, Mount Gambier; O'Connor, Olive Mary, Dominican Convent, Glenelg; Supple, Cissie, Dominican Convent, Franklin-street.

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Elder Conservatorium Concert.

The first students' concert for this season was given at the Elder Hall last night. From the newly-arranged string orchestral class, Dr. Ennis chose a string quartet, consisting of Miss Sylvia Whittington, Miss Hilda Riemann (violins), Mr. John Wilton (viola), and Mr. Fritz Homburg (cello). They played the first movement of a Beethoven quartet in G, which deserved much more enthusiastic recognition than it received. It was rendered in scholarly style and with expressive treatment. Mr. Frederick Booker sang a Handel aria, "Si tu mi cappi," with careful regard to phrasing and good tone. Miss Marguerite Clausen did not do herself justice in two songs, "Widmung" and "Er ist gekommen," by Franz, she was so extremely nervous. When this is overcome she should do good. Miss Dorothy Oldham played a Brahms' rhapsody with decided success. She gave a finished reading, which gave infinite pleasure. Miss Daisy Vardon was heard in Gounod's "Air de Stefano." Her soprano voice is of good quality, but uneven in tone, while her breathing wants more careful management. Miss Hilda Riemann played the first movement of de Beriot's seventh violin concerto with great art. The difficult double-stopping and many technical pitfalls were overcome with ease and good judgment. "Elizabeth's Prayer," from "Tannhauser," was quite the best vocal number. Miss Hilda Wheeler gave an impressive version, showing much study, and with a beautiful even tone. Miss Janet Morgan sang a bracket of two songs, "Figlia mia," by Handel, and "Im Herbst," by Franz. Miss Lena McLeay sang at the piano was very praiseworthy. She played the Scherzo and last movement from Beethoven's sonata, op. 31, No. 3, with grace, dexterity and fine perception. Miss Olive Bassett sang Brahms' "Sapphic ode" and an "Irish folk song," by Foote, in severe contrast, but with good effect. Miss Paula Mewkill (winner of the Elder violin scholarship this year) played a Wieniewski "Marurks," and displayed good technique and decided bowing. Miss Florence Rowe was a distinct success in Saint-Saens' beautiful writing, "Le Cloche." Her voice is, at times, of beautiful quality, and the song was well chosen for her particular style. Miss Lolla d'Arcy Letine played a piano solo, "Ballade, op. 20," by Reinecke, which was well interpreted, showing a good command of the instrument.

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ANTARCTIC EXPLORATION.

Scott and Mawson Expeditions.

LONDON, May 26.

It was announced two months ago that the Royal Geographical Society had decided to present Lady Scott, widow of Capt. R. F. Scott, of antarctic fame, with a casket containing her late husband's gold medals. It had awarded the Patron's medal to the late Dr. Edward Wilson, chief of the scientific staff, who perished with Capt. Scott, and a gold watch to Lieut. Campbell, who had charge of the party which wintered in Terra Nova Bay.

To-day those presentations were made by the President of the Royal Geographical Society (Earl Curzon).

In the course of his speech Lord Curzon said that the public subscription which had been raised would enable the scientific results of the Scott Expedition to be published on a scale that had never been attempted previously. Lady Scott had promised the Royal Geographical Society her late husband's diary after it had been used for the book which she intended to publish presently.

TRIBUTE TO DR. MAWSON.

Earl Curzon paid a high tribute to Dr. Douglas Mawson, of Adelaide, who he said had escaped after the display of fortitude and endurance almost without parallel in the history of exploration. The Royal Geographical Society looked forward to the opening of its session next year with Dr. Mawson's story of his expedition in the antarctic. He hoped that other explorers would be induced to follow the example of Dr. Mawson in the great work of mapping the contour of the antarctic continent.