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ANTARCTIC VICTIMS.

MISUNDERSTANDING EXPLAINED.

MELBOURNE, April 7.

A number of antarctic travellers were in Melbourne to-day. Among them was Mr. E. Priestly, who was a member of the recent Scott expedition, as well as having been associated with Sir Ernest Shackleton. Mr. Priestly is travelling to England in company with Mr. Griffith Taylor, to assist in collaborating the scientific results of the expedition. His attention was directed to the details published to-day relating to the finding of Capt. Scott and his comrades. He said:—"It is quite clear to me that the writer has altogether misunderstood Commander Evans's comments about Capt. Oates. Down south it is customary when frostbitten to refer to the particular feature as having 'gone.' For example, several of my fingers and toes 'went' many times, and they had to be nursed back to animation, which was very painful. I quite believe that even if Commander Evans said anything about it at all it was only to make reference to poor Oates's feet having 'gone' in that sense. In any case I should say that the details, even with reference to the state of the bodies, are much exaggerated."

in spite of all the winter hurricanes, and thinks that the communication will improve with the increased winter darkness. The auroral displays, which are now appearing nightly, are apparently not affecting the wireless, which is working well. Terrific whirlwinds experienced last night almost took the roof off the hut. The interior of the magnetic hut was deluged with snow owing to the ventilator having been blown away. Since the ship left us numerous bergs have broken off from the icecliffs with thunderous noise.

-A Wireless Bombardment.-

"We are assailed nightly by wireless signals from far and wide—so much so that it is usually difficult to pick out particular ones. Mr. Jefferies hears, besides our splendid relaying station at Macquarie Island, which is under Mr. Sawyer's care, messages from the Government stations at Wellington (New Zealand), Melbourne, Hobart, and Pennant Hills, from warships and from shipping along the south coast—for example, the German mail steamer Roon spoke from the Great Australian Bight several days ago.

-The Aurora's Programme.-

"I am anxious that the Aurora should leave Australia in November next, and proceed to Macquarie Island, pick up the party there, and reach Adelie Land about December 10. I anticipate that the ice conditions will be sufficiently far advanced at that date to allow the ship to reach here. Should the vessel find the pack too dense, she will carry on dredging, and prosecute sounding to establish the edge of the continental shelf. The ship will also drop bottles containing messages at frequent intervals on the way down to establish the direction and rate of the ocean currents. Soundings are to be taken as frequently as possible. I am particularly anxious to arrange for a competent physicist to join the ship, equipped with pendulum apparatus, prepared to swing at Macquarie Island, and here, so as to determine the figure of the earth. (Signed) Mawson."

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ANTARCTICA WINDS.

Effect on Australian Meteorology.

MELBOURNE, April 15.

Since March 24 the Commonwealth Meteorologist (Mr. Hunt) has been receiving daily, via Macquarie Island and Hobart, wireless weather reports from Dr. Mawson's party in Adelie Land. Mr. Hunt has been plotting the results, and endeavouring to connect up the isobars with those of Australia and New Zealand. "I am inclined to think," he said, "that the expedition has had singularly bad luck in camping upon one of the windiest spots on the antarctic continent. Scott's party met with high winds at times—60 miles an hour, or so—but all the reports we have received from Dr. Mawson point to hurricane winds with a velocity of from 90 to 95 miles. These records from the antarctic are interesting in this regard—they show that the winds from the antarctic circle may travel directly to southern Australia, and I think it will be found that our general meteorological knowledge will be greatly enhanced by these reports of the expedition. The unknown factor of the antarctic has always been a difficulty in dealing with the weather of Australia, and it always will be; but this has, it seems to me, settled one point in dispute—whether currents could come directly from the antarctic to Australia and affect our weather. The records show that they do."

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THE LATEST FROM MAWSON.

Useful Work in Adelie Land.

SYDNEY, April 8.

The following wireless message, dated April 2, has been received from Dr. Mawson by the Australian Cable Association:—"The land falls, which Mr. Wilkes, of the American expedition, located on the chart as being to the eastward of Adelie Land, do not exist. The work of the Australasian expedition clearly proves that the antarctic continent lies much further to the south than he had mapped it. The French explorer Dumont-Durville holds precedence in sighting Adelie Land. The Australians of this expedition are, however, the first people who have set foot on the mainland, as the French navigator landed only on a small rocky island off the coast. Wilkes's work to the westward of Adelie Land has yet to be considered. Dense snowdrifts and violent winds have become established as normal conditions at the camp. Winter is upon us. The last penguin left on Wednesday. Dr. Maclean is setting adrift at frequent intervals bottles containing slips of paper bearing the dates of dispatch, in order to ascertain the direction of the currents. I hope that if any of these are picked up by ships, the captains will immediately report the fact. We have had an addition to our family.

-A New Pet.-

"Hester, one of the dogs presented to us by Amundsen, gave birth a few days ago to five pups. Four of them promptly succumbed to the rigorous climate, but the remaining one is doing well, and is much petted.

-The Work of the Party.-

"Mr. Robert Bage (Vic.) is carrying on magnetic work effectively, and the Rhodes Scholar (Mr. Madigan) is struggling with the elements in obtaining meteorological records. The anemometer was actually carried away owing to the violence of the hurricanes. Mr. Bickerton is repairing it, but finds that the turning of copper cups on a small lathe is specially difficult here. The ubiquitous Hodgeman has set our household in thorough going order for the winter, and we shall live in greater comfort this year, though counterbalanced by the absence of many fine spirits we learned to appreciate last year. Sledging in this locality is rendered difficult and dangerous owing to the unusually heavy snow falls and the high winds. I can speak only in the highest terms of my comrades for the way they faced unprecedented conditions. It has been very fortunate that Capt. Davis had the wireless plant re-erected during my absence from the camp. Mr. Jefferies, who is appearing in his attention to his pet, anticipates being able to keep the mast up

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On the recommendation of the Public Examination Board of the University of Adelaide evening studentships, under regulations 441 to 449, have been awarded to the undermentioned persons for 1913:—
Arts Course.—Berry, Frances Winifred; Bulbeck, Arthur Leslie; Davey, Constance Muriel; Davies, George Francis; Gilbert, Walter Stanley Scollard; Hardy, Mabel Phyllis; Kelly, Ellen; McRostie, Ella Kate; Melnes, Catherine Isabella; Newman, Kathleen Mary; Phillips, Mary Scott; Sharman, Ethel Olive; Smith, Iris Eileen; Steward, Frederick John Harold; Timcke, Edward Waldemar; Williams, Caroline Margaret. Science Course.—Peters, Albion Marshall; Scarborough, William Leslie.

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CHIEF JUSTICE'S BIRTHDAY.

SUPREME COURT FELICITATIONS.

The Chief Justice (Sir Samuel Way) was cordially congratulated at the Supreme Court on Friday upon the attainment of his seventy-seventh birth anniversary. Before the business of the day was begun Mr. Paris Nesbit, K.C., the senior counsel present, tendered, in behalf of the Bar of South Australia, hearty good wishes to His Honor. With great good will he expressed their hope that he had many years of happy life still remaining.

Mr. Justice Gordon—I desire in behalf of my learned colleague (Mr. Justice Murray) and myself to join in the congratulations to the Chief Justice.

The Chief Justice—The very kind and cordial congratulations which have been offered me form the greatest example of the goodwill and kindly feelings which have always been displayed by the Bench and Bar of South Australia toward me. Mr. Nesbit has expressed his hope that I may be spared for many years longer. As I have often said, we are none of us anxious to leave the kindly land which we inhabit in South Australia. It is one of the most beautiful places on the face of the earth. We have had a very happy time on the Bench, and I have had quite my share of enjoyment, consideration, and kindness from my friends, and especially from my friends of the Bar. I thank you most heartily for your great kindness.

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LONDON UNIVERSITY.

DEFECTIVE AND NON-DEVELOPMENTAL.

LONDON, April 15.

The royal commission appointed to enquire into the University of London has reported that the institution is fundamentally defective, and incapable of developing upon its present lines. It recommends the abolition of the practice of holding in the colonies examinations for degrees at the London University. An additional £99,000 is required for professorships and laboratories.

The University of London Act, 1898, made provision for the reconstitution of the university as a teaching as well as an examining body, and it now undertakes teaching functions, both at university and King's Colleges and at several "schools" and other institutions, at which there are "recognised teachers of the university," in addition to its formerly exclusively examination work. The eight faculties are:—Theology, arts, laws, music, medicine, science, engineering, and economics. The teaching staff is organized under two categories:—(1) Appointed teachers, paid out of the university funds; (2) recognised teachers, appointed and paid by the schools of the university and other approved institutions, and recognised by the Senate as conducting work of university rank. Since 1900 the university, which formerly had its headquarters in Burlington Gardens, has been housed in the eastern and central portions of the main block and portions of the inner block of the buildings of which the whole were formerly occupied by the Imperial Institute at South Kensington. The degrees conferred are:—B.D., D.D., B.A., M.A., D.Lit., LL.B., LL.D., B.Mus., D.Mus., M.B., and B.S., M.D., M.S., B.Sc., D.Sc., B.Sc. (Eng.), D.Sc. (Eng.), B.Sc. (Econ), D.Sc. (Econ).